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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**  
**&**  
**ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**B1” CATEGORY – MINOR MINERAL – CLUSTER – NON-FOREST LAND**

**VEERAPATTI ROUGH STONE AND GRAVEL CLUSTER QUARRIES**

**At**

Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu State

**For Obtaining**

**Environmental Clearance under EIA Notification – 2006**  
**Schedule Sl. No. 1 (a) (i): Mining Project**

**IN CLUSTER OVER AN EXTENT OF 7.80.5 Ha**

NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT PROPONENTS APPLYING IN CLUSTER

S.Nos.	Proponent Name	Extent (Ha)
1	Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran	0.87.5
2	Thiru.C. Selvaraj	2.17.0
3	Thiru. M.Karuppaiya	1.62.5
4	Thiru. T. Palanisamy	1.49.0

1. Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9247/ToR-1200/2022 Dated:14.07.2022 Thiru. D. Dineshwaran
2. Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022 - Thiru.C. Selvaraj
3. Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9249/ ToR-1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022- Thiru. M.Karuppaiya
4. Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9518/ ToR-1366/2023 Dated:09.02.2023- Thiru. T. Palanisamy

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**Baseline Monitoring Season – October 2022 to December 2022**

**MARCH 2023**

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For the easy representation the proposed, existing and expired quarries are designated as below –

<b>PROPOSED QUARRIES</b>				
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b>	<b>S.F. Nos, Village &amp; Taluk</b>	<b>Extent in Ha</b>	<b>Status</b>
P1	<b>Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran</b> S/o. Devadass, No,54/B, Periyasengapatti, Annavasal, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai	145/3A & 145/4A of Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	0.87.5	Obtained ToR vide, Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9247/SEAC/ToR- 1200/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P2	<b>Thiru.C. Selvaraj,</b> S/o.Chokkalingam, No.34/D, Sengapatti, Annavasal, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai	159/5B2, 160, 161/1, 159/3A, 159/3B, 159/3C,159/4A, 159/4B, 159/5A and 159/5B1, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	2.17.0	Obtained ToR vide, Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P3	<b>Thiru. M.Karuppaiya</b> S/o.Maduraiveeran, No.252, West Street, Mannavelampatti, Mangudi, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai	153/11, 153/9A2 & 153/7A1B2A, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	1.62.5	Obtained ToR Vide Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9249/SEAC/ToR- 1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P4	<b>Thiru. T. Palanisamy,</b> S/o.Thirumeni, No.15/2, Vadugar street, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	145/1, 144/4B, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	1.49.0	Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9518/2022 Dated:09.02.2023-
<b>Toatl Extent</b>			<b>6.16.0</b>	
<b>EXISTING QUARRIES</b>				
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b>	<b>S.F. Nos, Village &amp; Taluk</b>	<b>Extent in Ha</b>	<b>Lease Period</b>
E1	<b>Thiru.P.Sabapathi</b> S/o.Palaniyandi, Seethapatty, Kilikudi Post, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	153/2 & etc., Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	1.18.5	23.08.2017 to 22.08.2022
E2	<b>Thiru.D.Ramu Servai</b> S/O. Duraisamy Servai, Mannavelampatti, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	153/6B, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	0.46.0	29.09.2017 to 28.09.2022
<b>Toatl Extent</b>			<b>1.64.5</b>	
<b>EXPIRED QURRIES</b>				
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b>	<b>S.F. Nos, Village &amp; Taluk</b>	<b>Extent in Ha</b>	<b>Lease Period</b>
Ex-1	<b>Thiru.C. Shanmugam,</b> S/O. Chidambaram, Sivankoil Theru, IlluppurPost & Taluk, Pudukkottai District	532/3J, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.60.5</b>	19.01.2017 to 18.01.2022
Ex-2	<b>Thiru.A.Alagupandiyam</b> S/O.Alaguperumal, Poikadippatti, IlluppurPost & Taluk,	148/3A, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.33.0</b>	30.12.2016 to 29.12.2021

<b>Ex-3</b>	<b>Thiru.A.Alagupandiyan</b> S/O.Alaguperumal, Veerappatti, Illuppur Post & Taluk,	145/3A, 145/4A, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.87.5</b>	01.03.2016 to 28.02.2021
<b>Ex-4</b>	<b>Thiru.C. Chelladurai,</b> S/o, Chinnaiah, Poikadippatti, Illuppur Post & Taluk, Pudukkottai District	145/1 Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.88.0</b>	30.07.2016 to 29.07.2021
<b>Ex-5</b>	<b>Thiru.U.Ganasamoorthy</b> S/o.Umayan Sekey, Punginipatti, Irundhirapatti	153/1, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.41.0</b>	23.06.2016 to 22.06.2021
	<b>Toatl Extent</b>		<b>3.10.0</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT</b>			<b>7.80.5</b>	

**Note:-**

- **Cluster area is calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification – S.O. 2269 (E) Dated: 01.07.2016**

As per above notification S.O.2269(E) dated : 01.07.2016 in para (b) in Appendix XI,- (ii)(5): The lease not operative for three years or more and leases which have got environmental clearance as on 15th January, 2016 shall not be counted for calculating the area of cluster, but shall be included in the Environment Management Plan and the Regional Environmental Management Plan”

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) COMPLIANCE

**Thiru. D. Dineshwaran**

“ToR Obtained vide No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9247/ToR- 1200/2022 Dated: 14.07.2022.

<b>SPECIFIC CONDITIONS</b>		
1	In the case of proposed lease in an existing (or old) quarry where the benches are not formed (or) partially formed as per the approved Mining Plan, the Project Proponent (PP) shall prepare and submit an 'Action Plan' for carrying out the realignment of the benches in the proposed quarry lease after it is approved by the concerned Asst. Director of Geology and Mining during the time of appraisal for obtaining the EC.	Noted and agreed
2	The Proponent shall submit a conceptual 'Slope Stability Plan' for the proposed quarry during the appraisal while obtaining the EC, when the depth of the working is extended beyond 30 m below ground level.	Noted and agreed
3	The PP shall furnish the affidavit stating that the blasting operation in the proposed quarry is carried out by the statutory competent person as per the MMR 1961 such as blaster, mining mate, mine foreman, II/Ist Class mines manager appointed by the proponent	Noted and agreed
4	The PP shall present a conceptual design for carrying out only controlled blasting operation involving line drilling and muffle blasting in the proposed quarry such that the blast-induced ground vibrations are controlled as well as no fly rock travel beyond 30 m from the blast site.	Noted and agreed
5	The EIA Coordinators shall obtain and furnish the details of quarry/quarries operated by the proponent in the past, either in the same location or else where in the State with video and photographic evidences.	Noted and agreed

6	<p>If the proponent has already carried out the mining activity in the proposed mining lease area after 15.01.2016, then the proponent shall furnish the following details from AD/DD, mines</p> <p>a) what was the period of the operation and stoppage of the earlier mines with last work permit issued by the AD/DD mines?</p> <p>b) Quantity of minerals mined out</p> <p>c) Highest production achieved in any one year</p> <p>d) Detail of approved depth of mining</p> <p>e) Actual depth of the mining achieved earlier</p> <p>f) Name of the person already mined in that leases area</p> <p>g) If EC and CTO already obtained' the copy of the same shall be submitted</p> <p>h) whether the mining was carried out as per the approved mine plan (or EC if issued)</p> <p>with stipulated benches</p>	<p><b>Thiru. A. Alagupandian</b>, over an extent of 0.87.5hectares of Patta lands in S.F.Nos.145/3A &amp; 145/4A of Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.1505/2012 (G&amp;M), Dated:19.02.2016 for the period of five years from 01.03.2016 to 28.02.2021.</p> <p>2. The applicant has obtained Environmental Clearance from the SEIAA, Tamil Nadu vide Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.2966/EC/1(a)/2798/2015, Dated: 01.02.2018 for quarrying of Rough stone. As the lease granted vide Rc.No.1505/2012 (G&amp;M), Dated: 19.02.2016 expired on 28.02.2021.</p>
7	<p>All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High-Resolution Imagery/Topo sheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology, lithology and geology of the mining lease area should be provided. such an Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone)</p>	<p>Noted and agreed. Project area boundary coordinates superimposed on Toposheet – Figure No. 1.3.</p>
8	<p>he PP shall carry out Drone video survey covering the cluster, Green belt, fencing etc.,</p>	<p>Noted and agreed</p>
9	<p>The proponent shall furnish photographs of adequate fencing, green belt along the periphery including replantation of existing trees &amp; safety distance between the adjacent quarries &amp; water bodies nearby provided as per the approved mining plan.</p>	<p>Noted and agreed</p>
10	<p>The Project Proponent shall provide the details of mineral reserves and mineable reserves, planned production capacity, proposed working methodology with justifications, the anticipated impacts of the mining operations on the surrounding environment and the remedial measures for the same</p>	<p>Details of Geological Resources and Proposed reserves are discussed under Chapter No. 2.</p>
11	<p>The Project Proponent shall provide the organization chart indicating the appointment of various statutory officials and other competent persons to be appointed as per the provisions</p>	<p>Discussed about Organization chart in Chapter 6, Page No. 130.</p>

	of Mines Act'1952 and the MMR, 1961 for carrying out the quarrying operations scientifically and systematically in order to ensure safety and to protect the environment.	
12	The project proponent shall conduct the hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1km (radius) along with the collected water level data for both monsoon and non-monsoon seasons from the PWD/TWAD so as to assess the impacts on the wells due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided.	The hydro-geological study was conducted to evaluate the possible impact on the ground water table. No significant impacts are anticipated on the water bodies around the project area. Details are discussed under Chapter No. 3.
13	The proponent shall furnish the baseline data for the environmental and ecological parameters with regard to surface water/ground water quality, air quality, soil quality & Flora/fauna including traffic/vehicular movement study.	Baseline Data were collected for One Season (Post Monsoon) Oct to Dec 2022 as per CPCB Notification and MoEF & CC Guidelines. Details in Chapter No. 3.
14	The Proponent shall carry out the Cumulative impact study due to mining operations carried out in the quarry specifically with reference to the specific environment in terms of soil, health, biodiversity, air pollution, water pollution, climate change and flood control & health impacts. Accordingly, the Environment Management plan should be prepared keeping the concerned quarry and the surrounding habitations in the mind.	The Cumulative impact study due to mining operations is explained in chapter – 7
15	Rain water harvesting management with recharging details along with water balance (both monsoon & non-monsoon) be submitted.	Noted and agreed
16	Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass pre operational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.	Land use and land cover of the study area is discussed in Chapter No. 3. Land use plan of the project area showing pre-operational, operational and post-operational phases are discussed in Chapter No. 2, Table No 2.3.
17	Details of the land for storage of Overburden/Waste Dumps (or) Rejects outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be provided.	Not applicable

18	Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' (or) the Project areas which attracts the court restrictions for mining operations, should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the TNPCB (or) Dept. of Geology and Mining should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.	Not Applicable. Project area / Study area is not declared in 'Critically Polluted' Area and does not come under 'Aravalli Range.
19	Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.	Mine Closure in Chapter -2
20	Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated.	Transportation details mentioned in Chapter -2
21	A tree survey study shall be carried out (nos., name of the species, age, diameter etc.,) both within the mining lease applied area & 300m buffer zone and its management during mining activity	Details of the trees in the buffer zone given in Chapter No.3.
22	A detailed mine closure plan for the proposed project shall be included in EIA/EMP report which should be site-specific	Mine closure plan is detailed in Chapter:4.
23	Public Hearing points raised and commitments of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA./EMP Report of the Project and to be submitted to SEIAA/SEAC with regard to the Office Memorandum of MoEF& CC accordingly.	Noted and agreed
24	The Public hearing advertisement shall be published in one major National daily and one most circulated vernacular daily	Noted and agreed
25	The PP shall produce/display the EIA report, Executive summary and other related information with respect to public hearing in Tamil Language also.	Noted and agreed
26	As a part of the study of flora and fauna around the vicinity of the proposed site, the EIA coordinator shall strive to educate the local students on the importance of preserving local flora and fauna by involving them in the study, wherever possible.	Noted and agreed
27	The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions. carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics.	Species are proposed to plant in the safety barrier as mentioned in the ToR appendix. Proposed species are given in the Chapter No 4

	A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should	
28	Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags, preferably eco-friendly bags should be planted in proper espacement as per the advice of local forest authorities / botanist / Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.	It is an Existing Lease. Around 600 trees are proposed to plant
29	A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report	Disaster management Plan details in Chapter-7
30	A Risk Assessment and management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report	A Risk Assessment and management Plan Chapter-7
31	Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.	Occupational Health impacts chapter- 10
32	Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.	It is explained in Chapter -3
33	The Socio-economic studies should be carried out within a 5 km buffer zone from the mining activity. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation	Details are listed in Chapter:3.
34	Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.	No Litigation is pending
35	Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall	Noted and agreed



	clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc	
36	If any quarrying operations were carried out in the proposed quarrying site for which now the EC is sought, the Project Proponent shall furnish the detailed compliance to EC conditions given in the previous EC with the site photographs which shall duly be certified by MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai (or) the concerned DEE/TNPCB.	It is an Existing Lease
37	The PP shall prepare the EMP for the entire life of mine and also furnish the sworn affidavit stating to abide the EMP for the entire life of mine.	Noted and agreed
38	Concealing any factual information or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this Terms of Reference besides attracting penal provisions in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Noted and agreed
<b>ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS</b>		
1	Restricting the ultimate depth of mining up to 37 m and quantity of 88155 cu.m of Rough stone are permitted for mining over a period of five years considering the environmental impacts due to the mining, safety Precautionary measures of the working personnel and following the Principle of the sustainable mining.	Proposed depth is reduced to 37m as per the Mining the quantity will be 88,555 cu.m of Rough stone
2	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area on the nearby Villages, Water-bodies/ Rivers. & Any ecological fragile areas.	Details is discussed in chapter no.4, Nearest water bodies are Urani, Vellalar River etc
3	The project proponent shall furnish VAO certificate with reference to 300m radius regard to approved habitations, schools, Archaeological structures etc.	VAO certificate is Obtained
4	As per the MoEF& CC office memorandum F.No.22-6512017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall address the concerns raised during the public consultation and all the activities proposed shall be part of the Environment Management Plan	Noted and agreed
5	The Environmental Impact Assessment shall study in detail the carbon emission and also suggest the measures to mitigate carbon emission including development of carbon sinks and temperature reduction including control of other emission and climate mitigation activities.	Details of carbon emission and mitigation activities are given int the Chapter No.4

6	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study the biodiversity, the natural ecosystem, the soil micro flora, fauna and soil seed banks and suggest measures to maintain the natural Ecosystem.	Discussed in Chapter: 3.
7	Action should be specifically suggested for sustainable restoration of ecosystem for flow of goods and services.	The Eco System of the area will be retained during the mining operation by the way of planting trees in the boundary barrier and un utilized areas. After completion of mining operation, the quarried-out pit will be facilitated to collect the rainwater to pit act as temporary reservoir.
8	The project proponent shall study impact on fish habitats and food WEB/food chain in the water body and Reservoir	Nearest water bodies are Urani, Vellalar River etc
9	The Terms of Reference should specifically study impact on soil health, soil erosion. the soil physical, chemical components and microbial components	There is no Top soil in the project area, the overburden in the form of Gravel formation. The Gravel has been removed during the previous lease period. No proposal for the removal of Top soil in this plan period. Details of impact on soil environment is detailed in Chapter No.4.
10	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on forest, vegetation, endemic, vulnerable and endangered indigenous flora and fauna	The area is surrounded by quarries on the North, East, South side. Coconut plantation is the main agriculture activity in the study area. Details of flora and fauna studies given in the Chapter No.3.
11	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on standing trees and the existing trees should be numbered and action suggested for protection.	About 600 trees is planted in safety and along roads
12	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study on wetlands, water bodies, rivers streams, lakes and farmer sites	Details are discussed in the Chapter No 3.
13	The Environmental Impact Assessment should hold detailed study on EMP with budget for green belt development and mine closure plan including disaster management plan	Detailed Environmental Management plan with budgetary allocations given in the Chapter No. 10,
14	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on climate change, temperature rise, pollution and above soil & below soil carbon stock	The project will not cause significant impact on climatic change. Description about the project and climatic changes is described in Chapter No.3.
15	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on protected areas, Reserve Forests, National Parks, Corridors and Wildlife pathways, near project site.	Anticipated Environment Impact and Mitigation measures are detailed in Chapter No.4
16	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact of project on plantations in adjoining patta lands, Horticulture, Agriculture and livestock	The project area is bounded by Existing quarries on the East, South and west side and crusher located on North side.

		Nearest Coconut agriculture land is situated South side of the area. Proponent proposed to erect green mesh along with fencing on the South side besides, Budgetary allocation given in the Chapter No. 10.
17	The project proponent shall study and furnish the details on potential fragmentation impact of natural environment, by the activities	Noted and agreed
18	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact on aquatic plants and animals in water bodies and possible scars on the landscape, damages to nearby caves, heritage site, and archaeological sites possible land form changes visual and aesthetic impacts.	Noted and agreed
19	The project proponent shall study and furnish the possible pollution due to plastic and microplastic on the environment. The ecological risks and impacts of plastic & microplastics on aquatic environment and fresh water systems due to activities, contemplated during mining may be investigated and reported.	Plastic waste management plan has been suggested in Chapter:7.
20	The project proponent shall detail study on impact of mining on Reserve forests free ranging wildlife.	Noted and agreed
21	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued from reputed research institutions on the following a) Soil health & bio-diversity b) Climate change leading to Droughts, Floods etc. c) Pollution leading to release of Greenhouse gases (GHG), rise in Temperature' & Livelihood of the local people. d) Possibilities of water contamination and impact on aquatic ecosystem health' e) Agriculture, Forestry & Traditional practices. 1) Hydrothermal/Geothermal effect due to destruction in the Environment' g) Bio-geochemical processes and its foot prints including environmental stress' h) Sediment geochemistry in the surface steams'.	Noted and agreed
22	Hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1 km (radius) so as to assess the impacts on the nearby waterbodies due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided, covering the entire mine lease period.	Details given in Chapter:3

23	To furnish disaster management plan and disaster mitigation measures in regard to all aspects to avoid/reduce vulnerability to hazards & to cope with disaster/unfavorable accidents in & around the proposed mine lease area due to the proposed method of mining activity & its related activities covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:7
24	To furnish risk assessment and management plan including anticipated vulnerabilities during operational and post operational phases of Mining	Details given in Chapter:7
25	Detailed Mine Closure Plan covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:2
26	Detailed Environment Management plan along with adaptation, mitigation & remedial strategies covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:10

## TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) COMPLIANCE

**Thiru.C. Selvaraj,**

“ToR Obtained vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022

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	<p>c) Highest production achieved in any one year</p> <p>d) Detail of approved depth of mining</p> <p>e) Actual depth of the mining achieved earlier</p> <p>f) Name of the person already mined in that leases area</p> <p>g) If EC and CTO already obtained' the copy of the same shall be submitted</p> <p>h) whether the mining was carried out as per the approved mine plan (or EC if issued) with stipulated benches</p>	
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8	The PP shall carry out Drone video survey covering the cluster, Green belt , fencing etc.,	Noted and agreed
9	The proponent shall furnish photographs of adequate fencing, green belt along the periphery including replantation of existing trees & safety distance between the adjacent quarries & water bodies nearby provided as per the approved mining plan.	Noted and agreed
10	The Project Proponent shall provide the details of mineral reserves and mineable reserves, planned production capacity, proposed working methodology with justifications, the anticipated impacts of the mining operations on the surrounding environment and the remedial measures for the same.	Details of Geological Resources and Proposed reserves are discussed under Chapter No. 2.
11	The Project Proponent shall provide the organization chart indicating the appointment of various statutory officials and other competent persons to be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act'1952 and the MMR, 1961 for carrying out the quarrying operations scientifically and systematically in order to ensure safety and to protect the environment.	Discussed about Organization chart in Chapter 6
12	The project proponent shall conduct the hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water	The hydro-geological study was conducted to evaluate the possible impact on the ground water table. No significant impacts are anticipated on the

	pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1km (radius) along with the collected water level data for both monsoon and non-monsoon seasons from the PWD/TWAD so as to assess the impacts on the wells due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided.	water bodies around the project area. Details are discussed under Chapter No. 3.
13	The proponent shall furnish the baseline data for the environmental and ecological parameters with regard to surface water/ground water quality, air quality, soil quality & Flora/fauna including traffic/vehicular movement study.	Baseline Data were collected for One Season (Post Monsoon) Oct to Dec 2022 as per CPCB Notification and MoEF & CC Guidelines. Details in Chapter No. 3.
14	The Proponent shall carry out the Cumulative impact study due to mining operations carried out in the quarry specifically with reference to the specific environment in terms of soil, health, biodiversity, air pollution, water pollution, climate change and flood control & health impacts. Accordingly, the Environment Management plan should be prepared keeping the concerned quarry and the surrounding habitations in the mind.	The Cumulative impact study due to mining operations is explained in chapter – 7
15	Rain water harvesting management with recharging details along with water balance (both monsoon & non-monsoon) be submitted.	Noted and agreed
16	Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass pre operational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.	Land use and land cover of the study area is discussed in Chapter No. 3. Land use plan of the project area showing pre-operational, operational and post-operational phases are discussed in Chapter No. 2, Table No 2.3.
17	Details of the land for storage of Overburden/Waste Dumps (or) Rejects outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be provided.	Not applicable
18	Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' (or) the Project areas which attracts the court restrictions for mining operations, should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the TNPCB (or) Dept. of Geology and Mining	Not Applicable. Project area / Study area is not declared in 'Critically Polluted' Area and does not come under 'Aravalli Range.

	should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.	
19	Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.	Mine Closure in Chapter -2
20	Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated.	Transportation details mentioned in Chapter -2
21	A tree survey study shall be carried out (nos., name of the species, age, diameter etc.) both within the mining lease applied area & 300m buffer zone and its management during mining activity	Details of the trees in the buffer zone given in Chapter No.3.
22	A detailed mine closure plan for the proposed project shall be included in EIA/EMP report which should be site-specific	Mine closure plan is detailed in Chapter:4.
23	Public Hearing points raised and commitments of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project and to be submitted to SEIAA/SEAC with regard to the Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC accordingly.	Noted and Agreed
24	The Public hearing advertisement shall be published in one major National daily and one most circulated vernacular daily	Noted and Agreed
25	The PP shall produce/display the EIA report, Executive summary and other related information with respect to public hearing in Tamil Language also.	Noted and agreed
26	As a part of the study of flora and fauna around the vicinity of the proposed site, the EIA coordinator shall strive to educate the local students on the importance of preserving local flora and fauna by involving them in the study, wherever possible.	Noted and agreed
27	The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions. Carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should.	Species are proposed to plant in the safety barrier as mentioned in the ToR appendix. Proposed species are given in the Chapter No 4
28	Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags, preferably eco-friendly bags should be	It is an Existing Lease. Around 1300 trees are proposed to plant



	planted in proper espacement as per the advice of local forest authorities / botanist / Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.	
29	A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.	Disaster management Plan details in Chapter-7
30	A Risk Assessment and management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.	A Risk Assessment and management Plan Chapter-7
31	Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.	Occupational Health impacts chapter- 10
32	Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.	It is explained in Chapter -3
33	The Socio-economic studies should be carried out within a 5 km buffer zone from the mining activity. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.	Details are listed in Chapter:3.
34	Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.	No Litigation is pending
35	Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc	Noted and agreed
36	If any quarrying operations were carried out in the proposed quarrying site for which now the EC is sought, the Project Proponent shall furnish the detailed compliance to EC conditions given in the previous EC with the site photographs which shall duly be certified by MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai (or) the concerned DEE/TNPCB.	It is a Existing Lease

37	The PP shall prepare the EMP for the entire life of mine and also furnish the sworn affidavit stating to abide the EMP for the entire life of mine.	Noted and agreed
38	Concealing any factual information or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this Terms of Reference besides attracting penal provisions in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Noted and agreed
<b>ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS</b>		
1	Restricting the ultimate depth of mining up to 38 m removing last bench of (XY-CD, XY-AB, XY-EF, & XY-GH) and quantity of 283275 cu.m of Rough store 7161 Cum of Weathered Rock & 8598 Cu.m of Top Soil are permitted for mining over a period of five years considering the environmental impacts due to the mining, safety Precautionary measures of the working personnel and following the Principle of the sustainable mining.	Proposed depth is reduced to 38m as per the Mining the quantity will be 2,85,770 cu.m of Rough stone, 7161 Cum of Weathered Rock & 8598 Cu.m of Top Soil.
2	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area on the nearby Villages, Water-bodies/ Rivers. & Any ecological fragile areas.	Details is discussed in chapter no.4, Nearest water bodies are Urani, Vellalar River etc
3	The project proponent shall furnish VAO certificate with reference to 300m radius regard to approved habitations, schools, Archaeological structures etc.	VAO certificate is Obtained
4	As per the MoEF& CC office memorandum F.No.22-6512017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall address the concerns raised during the public consultation and all the activities proposed shall be part of the Environment Management Plan.	Noted and agreed
5	The Environmental Impact Assessment shall study in detail the carbon emission and also suggest the measures to mitigate carbon emission including development of carbon sinks and temperature reduction including control of other emission and climate mitigation activities.	Details of carbon emission and mitigation activities are given int the Chapter No.4
6	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study the biodiversity, the natural ecosystem, the soil micro flora, fauna and soil seed banks and suggest measures to maintain the natural Ecosystem.	Discussed in Chapter: 3.
7	Action should be specifically suggested for sustainable restoration of ecosystem for flow of goods and services.	The Eco System of the area will be retained during the mining operation by the way of planting trees in the boundary barrier and un utilized areas. After completion of mining operation, the quarried-out pit

		will be facilitated to collect the rainwater to pit act as temporary reservoir.
8	The project proponent shall study impact on fish habitats and food WEB/food chain in the water body and Reservoir	Nearest water bodies are Urani, Vellalar River etc
9	The Terms of Reference should specifically study impact on soil health, soil erosion. the soil physical, chemical components and microbial components	There is no Top soil in the project area, the overburden in the form of Gravel formation. The Gravel has been removed during the previous lease period. No proposal for the removal of Top soil in this plan period. Details of impact on soil environment is detailed in Chapter No.4.
10	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on forest, vegetation, endemic,vulnerable and endangered indigenous flora and fauna.	The area is surrounded by quarries on the North, East, South side. Coconut plantation is the main agriculture activity in the study area. Details of flora and fauna studies given in the Chapter No.3.
11	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on standing trees and the existing trees should be numbered and action suggested for protection.	About 1300 trees is planted in safety and along roads
12	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study on wetlands, water bodies, rivers streams,lakes and farmer sites.	Details are discussed in the Chapter No 3.
13	The Environmental Impact Assessment should hold detailed study on EMP with budget for green belt development and mine closure plan including disaster management plan.	Detailed Environmental Management plan with budgetary allocations given in the Chapter No. 10,
14	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on climate change, temperature rise,pollution and above soil & below soil carbon stock.	The project will not cause significant impact on climatic change. Description about the project and climatic changes is described in Chapter No.3
15	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on protected areas, Reserve Forests, National Parks, Corridors and Wildlife pathways, near project site.	Anticipated Environment Impact and Mitigation measures are detailed in Chapter No.4
16	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact of project on plantations in adjoining patta lands, Horticulture, Agriculture and livestock.	The project area is bounded by Existing quarries on the East, South and west side and crusher located on North side. Nearest Coconut agriculture land is situated South side of the area. Proponent proposed to erect green mesh along with fencing on the South side besides, Budgetary allocation given in the Chapter No. 10.
17	The project proponent shall study and furnish the details on potential fragmentation impact of natural environment, by the activities.	Noted and agreed
18	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact on aquatic plants and animals in water bodies	Noted and agreed

	and possible scars on the landscape, damages to nearby caves, heritage site, and archaeological sites possible land form changes visual and aesthetic impacts.	
19	The project proponent shall study and furnish the possible pollution due to plastic and microplastic on the environment. The ecological risks and impacts of plastic & microplastics on aquatic environment and fresh water systems due to activities, contemplated during mining may be investigated and reported.	Plastic waste management plan has been suggested in Chapter:7.
20	The project proponent shall detail study on impact of mining on Reserve forests free ranging wildlife.	Noted and agreed
21	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued from reputed research institutions on the following a) Soil health & bio-diversity b) Climate change leading to Droughts, Floods etc. c) Pollution leading to release of Greenhouse gases (GHG), rise in Temperature' & Livelihood of the local people. d) Possibilities of water contamination and impact on aquatic ecosystem health' e) Agriculture, Forestry & Traditional practices. 1) Hydrothermal/Geothermal effect due to destruction in the Environment' g) Bio-geochemical processes and its foot prints including environmental stress' h) Sediment geochemistry in the surface steams'.	Noted and agreed
22	Hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table derailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1 km (radius) so as to assess the impacts on the nearby waterbodies due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided, covering the entire mine lease period.	Details given in Chapter:3
23	To furnish disaster management plan and disaster mitigation measures in regard to all aspects to avoid/reduce vulnerability to hazards & to cope with disaster/untoward accidents in & around the proposed mine lease area due to the proposed method of mining activity & its related activities covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:7

24	To furnish risk assessment and management plan including anticipated vulnerabilities during operational and post operational phases of Mining	Details given in Chapter:7
25	Detailed Mine Closure Plan covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:2
26	Detailed Environment Management plan along with adaptation, mitigation & remedial strategies covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:10

## TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) COMPLIANCE

**Thiru. M.Karuppaiya**

“ToR Obtained vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9249/ ToR-1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022

<b>SPECIFIC CONDITIONS</b>		
1	In the case of proposed lease in an existing (or old) quarry where the benches are not formed (or) partially formed as per the approved Mining Plan, the Project Proponent (PP) shall prepare and submit an 'Action Plan' for carrying out the realignment of the benches in the proposed quarry lease after it is approved by the concerned Asst. Director of Geology and Mining during the time of appraisal for obtaining the EC.	Noted and agreed
2	The Proponent shall submit a conceptual 'Slope Stability Plan' for the proposed quarry during the appraisal while obtaining the EC, when the depth of the working is extended beyond 30 m below ground level.	Noted and agreed
3	The PP shall furnish the affidavit stating that the blasting operation in the proposed quarry is carried out by the statutory competent person as per the MMR 1961 such as blaster, mining mate, mine foreman, II/Ist Class mines manager appointed by the proponent	Noted and agreed
4	The PP shall present a conceptual design for carrying out only controlled blasting operation involving line drilling and muffle blasting in the proposed quarry such that the blast-induced ground vibrations are controlled as well as no fly rock travel beyond 30 m from the blast site.	Noted and agreed
5	The EIA Coordinators shall obtain and furnish the details of quarry/quarries operated by the proponent	Noted and agreed

	ill the past, either in the same location or else where in the State with video and photographic evidences.	
6	<p>If the proponent has already carried out the mining activity in the proposed mining lease area after 15.01.2016, then the proponent shall furnish the following details from AD/DD, mines</p> <p>a) what was the period of the operation and stoppage of the earlier mines with last work permit issued by the AD/DD mines?</p> <p>b) Quantity of minerals mined out</p> <p>c) Highest production achieved in any one year</p> <p>d) Detail of approved depth of mining</p> <p>e) Actual depth of the mining achieved earlier</p> <p>f) Name of the person already mined in that leases area</p> <p>g) If EC and CTO already obtained' the copy of the same shall be submitted</p> <p>h) whether the mining was carried out as per the approved mine plan (or EC if issued) with stipulated benches.</p>	It is Fresh Lease
7	All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High-Resolution Imagery/Topo sheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology, lithology and geology of the mining lease area should be provided. such an Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone).	Noted and agreed. Project area boundary coordinates superimposed on Toposheet – Figure No. 1.3.
8	The PP shall carry out Drone video survey covering the cluster, Green belt , fencing etc.,	Noted and agreed
9	The proponent shall furnish photographs of adequate fencing, green belt along the periphery including replantation of existing trees & safety distance between the adjacent quarries & water bodies nearby provided as per the approved mining plan.	Noted and agreed
10	The Project Proponent shall provide the details of mineral reserves and mineable reserves, planned production capacity, proposed working methodology with justifications, the anticipated impacts of the mining operations on the surrounding environment and the remedial measures for the same.	Details of Geological Resources and Proposed reserves are discussed under Chapter No. 2.
11	The Project Proponent shall provide the organization chart indicating the appointment of various statutory	Discussed about Organization chart in Chapter 6

	officials and other competent persons to be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act'1952 and the MMR, 1961 for carrying out the quarrying operations scientifically and systematically in order to ensure safety and to protect the environment.	
12	The project proponent shall conduct the hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1km (radius) along with the collected water level data for both monsoon and non-monsoon seasons from the PWD/TWAD so as to assess the impacts on the wells due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided.	The hydro-geological study was conducted to evaluate the possible impact on the ground water table. No significant impacts are anticipated on the water bodies around the project area. Details are discussed under Chapter No. 3.
13	The proponent shall furnish the baseline data for the environmental and ecological parameters with regard to surface water/ground water quality, air quality, soil quality & Flora/fauna including traffic/vehicular movement study.	Baseline Data were collected for One Season (Post Monsoon) Oct to Dec 2022 as per CPCB Notification and MoEF & CC Guidelines. Details in Chapter No. 3.
14	The Proponent shall carry out the Cumulative impact study due to mining operations carried out in the quarry specifically with reference to the specific environment in terms of soil, health, biodiversity, air pollution, water pollution, climate change and flood control & health impacts. Accordingly, the Environment Management plan should be prepared keeping the concerned quarry and the surrounding habitations in the mind.	The Cumulative impact study due to mining operations is explained in chapter – 7
15	Rain water harvesting management with recharging details along with water balance (both monsoon & non-monsoon) be submitted.	Noted and agreed
16	Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass pre operational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.	Land use and land cover of the study area is discussed in Chapter No. 3. Land use plan of the project area showing pre-operational, operational and post-operational phases are discussed in Chapter No. 2, Table No 2.3.
17	Details of the land for storage of Overburden/Waste Dumps (or) Rejects outside the mine lease, such as	Not applicable

	extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be provided.	
18	Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' (or) the Project areas which attracts the court restrictions for mining operations, should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the TNPCB (or) Dept. of Geology and Mining should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.	Not Applicable. Project area / Study area is not declared in 'Critically Polluted' Area and does not come under 'Aravalli Range.
19	Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.	Mine Closure in Chapter -2
20	Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated.	Transportation details mentioned in Chapter -2
21	A tree survey study shall be carried out (nos., name of the species, age, diameter etc.,) both within the mining lease applied area & 300m buffer zone and its management during mining activity	Details of the trees in the buffer zone given in Chapter No.3.
22	A detailed mine closure plan for the proposed project shall be included in EIA/EMP report which should be site-specific	Mine closure plan is detailed in Chapter:4.
23	Public Hearing points raised and commitments of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project and to be submitted to SEIAA/SEAC with regard to the Office Memorandum of MoEF & CC accordingly.	Noted and Agreed
24	The Public hearing advertisement shall be published in one major National daily and one most circulated vernacular daily	Noted and Agreed
25	The PP shall produce/display the EIA report, Executive summary and other related information with respect to public hearing in Tamil Language also.	Noted and agreed
26	As a part of the study of flora and fauna around the vicinity of the proposed site, the EIA coordinator shall strive to educate the local students on the importance of preserving local flora and fauna by involving them in the study, wherever possible.	Noted and agreed
27	The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions. Carbon sequestration	Species are proposed to plant in the safety barrier as mentioned in the ToR appendix.



	and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should.	Proposed species are given in the Chapter No 4
28	Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags, preferably eco-friendly bagsshould be planted in proper espacement as per the advice of local forest authorities / botanist / Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.	It is a fresh Lease. Around 980 trees are proposed to plant
29	A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.	Disaster management Plan details in Chapter-7
30	A Risk Assessment and management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.	A Risk Assessment and management Plan Chapter-7
31	Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.	Occupational Health impacts chapter- 10
32	Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed lemedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.	It is explained in Chapter -3
33	The Socio-economic studies should be carried out within a 5 km buffer zone from the mining activity. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.	Details are listed in Chapter:3.
34	Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.	No Litigation is pending
35	Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall	Noted and agreed

	clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc	
36	If any quarrying operations were carried out in the proposed quarrying site for which now the EC is sought, the Project Proponent shall furnish the detailed compliance to EC conditions given in the previous EC with the site photographs which shall duly be certified by MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai (or) the concerned DEE/TNPCB.	It is a Fresh Lease
37	The PP shall prepare the EMP for the entire life of mine and also furnish the sworn affidavit stating to abide the EMP for the entire life of mine.	Noted and agreed
38	Concealing any factual information or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this Terms of Reference besides attracting penal provisions in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Noted and agreed
<b>ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS</b>		
1	Restricting the ultimate depth of mining up to 28m quantity of 98,100 cu.m of Rough store 27296 Cum gravel are permitted for mining over a period of five years considering the environmental impacts due to the mining, safety Precautionary measures of the working personnel and following the Principle of the sustainable mining.	Proposed depth is reduced to 28m as per ToR but the Depth will be 27m as per mining plan
2	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area on the nearby Villages, Water-bodies/ Rivers. & Any ecological fragile areas.	Details is discussed in chapter no.4, Nearest water bodies are Urani, Vellalar River etc
3	The project proponent shall furnish VAO certificate with reference to 300m radius regard to approved habitations, schools, Archaeological structures etc.	VAO certificate is Obtained
4	As per the MoEF& CC office memorandum F.No.22-6512017-IA.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall address the concerns raised during the public consultation and all the activities proposed shall be part of the Environment Management Plan.	Noted and agreed
5	The Environmental Impact Assessment shall study in detail the carbon emission and also suggest the measures to mitigate carbon emission including development of carbon sinks and temperature reduction including control of other emission and climate mitigation activities.	Details of carbon emission and mitigation activities are given int the Chapter No.4

6	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study the biodiversity, the natural ecosystem, the soil micro flora, fauna and soil seed banks and suggest measures to maintain the natural Ecosystem.	Discussed in Chapter: 3.
7	Action should be specifically suggested for sustainable restoration of ecosystem for flow of goods and services.	The Eco System of the area will be retained during the mining operation by the way of planting trees in the boundary barrier and un utilized areas. After completion of mining operation, the quarried-out pit will be facilitated to collect the rainwater to pit act as temporary reservoir.
8	The project proponent shall study impact on fish habitats and food WEB/food chain in the water body and Reservoir	Nearest water bodies are Urani, Vellalar River etc
9	The Terms of Reference should specifically study impact on soil health, soil erosion. the soil physical, chemical components and microbial components	There is no Top soil in the project area, the overburden in the form of Gravel formation. The Gravel has been removed during the previous lease period. No proposal for the removal of Top soil in this plan period. Details of impact on soil environment is detailed in Chapter No.4.
10	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on forest, vegetation, endemic,vulnerable and endangered indigenous flora and fauna.	The area is surrounded by quarries on the North, East, South side. Coconut plantation is the main agriculture activity in the study area. Details of flora and fauna studies given in the Chapter No.3.
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14	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on climate change, temperature rise,pollution and above soil & below soil carbon stock.	The project will not cause significant impact on climatic change. Description about the project and climatic changes is described in Chapter No.3
15	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on protected areas, Reserve Forests, National Parks, Corridors and Wildlife pathways, near project site.	Anticipated Environment Impact and Mitigation measures are detailed in Chapter No.4
16	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact of project on plantations in adjoining patta lands, Horticulture, Agriculture and livestock.	The project area is bounded by Existing quarries on the East, South and west side and crusher located on North side.

		Nearest Coconut agriculture land is situated South side of the area. Proponent proposed to erect green mesh along with fencing on the South side besides, Budgetary allocation given in the Chapter No. 10.
17	The project proponent shall study and furnish the details on potential fragmentation impact of natural environment, by the activities.	Noted and agreed
18	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact on aquatic plants and animals in water bodies and possible scars on the landscape, damages to nearby caves, heritage site, and archaeological sites possible land form changes visual and aesthetic impacts.	Noted and agreed
19	The project proponent shall study and furnish the possible pollution due to plastic and microplastic on the environment. The ecological risks and impacts of plastic & microplastics on aquatic environment and fresh water systems due to activities, contemplated during mining may be investigated and reported.	Plastic waste management plan has been suggested in Chapter:7.
20	The project proponent shall detail study on impact of mining on Reserve forests free ranging wildlife.	Noted and agreed
21	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued from reputed research institutions on the following a) Soil health & bio-diversity b) Climate change leading to Droughts, Floods etc. c) Pollution leading to release of Greenhouse gases (GHG), rise in Temperature' & Livelihood of the local people. d) Possibilities of water contamination and impact on aquatic ecosystem health' e) Agriculture, Forestry & Traditional practices. 1) Hydrothermal/Geothermal effect due to destruction in the Environment' g) Bio-geochemical processes and its foot prints including environmental stress' h) Sediment geochemistry in the surface streams.	Noted and agreed
22	Hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1 km (radius) so as to assess the impacts on the nearby waterbodies due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided, covering the entire mine lease period.	Details given in Chapter:3

23	To furnish disaster management plan and disaster mitigation measures in regard to all aspects to avoid/reduce vulnerability to hazards & to cope with disaster/unfavorable accidents in & around the proposed mine lease area due to the proposed method of mining activity & its related activities covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:7
24	To furnish risk assessment and management plan including anticipated vulnerabilities during operational and post operational phases of Mining.	Details given in Chapter:7
25	Detailed Mine Closure Plan covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:2
26	Detailed Environment Management plan along with adaptation, mitigation & remedial strategies covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Details given in Chapter:10

## TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) COMPLIANCE

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“ToR Obtained vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9518/ ToR-1366/2023 Dated:09.02.2023

<b>SPECIFIC CONDITIONS</b>		
1	The proponent is requested to carry out a survey and enumerate on the structures located within 100m,200m,300m from the boundary of the mine lease area	Noted and agreed
2	The proponent shall submit clarification regarding reason for not leaving 7.5m safety distance for the adjacent patta land along with EIA Report.	Noted and agreed
3	The proponent shall furnish photographs of adequate fencing, green belt along the periphery including replantation of existing trees & safety distance between the adjacent quarries & water bodies nearby provided as per the approved mining plan.	Noted and agreed
4	The Project Proponent shall conduct the hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells. and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1 km (radius)	Hydro-geological study discussed in chapter :3

	along with the collected water level data for both monsoon and non-monsoon seasons from the PWD / TWAD so as to assess the impacts on the wells due to mining activity. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided	
5	The proponent shall submit the details regarding the nature of blasting activity which will be carried out.	Discussed in chapter :2
6	The PP shall furnish DFO letter stating that the proximity distance of Reserve Forests, Protected Areas, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserve etc., upto a radius of 25 km from the proposed site.	DFO Letter will be submitted during Final EIA
7	The PP shall provide individual notice regarding the Public Hearing to the nearby house owners located in the vicinity of the project site.	Noted and agreed
8	In the case of proposed lease in an existing (or old) quarry where the benches are nonexistent (or) partially formed critical of the bench geometry approved in the Mining Plan, the Project Proponent (PP) shall prepare and submit an 'Action Plan' for carrying out the realignment of the 'highwall' benches to ensure slope stability in the proposed quarry lease which shall be vetted by the concerned Asst. Director of Geology and Mining, during the time of appraisal for obtaining the EC.	Noted and agreed
9	The Proponent shall submit a conceptual 'Slope Stability Plan' for the proposed quarry during the appraisal while obtaining the EC, when the depth of the working is extended beyond 30 m below ground level.	Noted and agreed
10	The PP shall furnish the affidavit stating that the blasting operation in the proposed quarry is carried out by the statutory competent person as per the MMR 1961 such as blaster, mining mate, mine foreman, II/Ist Class mines manager appointed by the proponent	Noted and agreed
11	As the habitations are situated at a distance of 300 m, the PP shall present a conceptual design for carrying out the NONEL initiation based controlled blasting operation involving line drilling and muffle blasting in the proposed quarry such that the blast-induced ground vibrations are controlled within the permissible limits as stipulated by the DGMS as well as no fly rock travel beyond 20 m from the blast site.	Noted and agreed
12	Since the quarry lies in a cluster situation, the PP shall furnish a Standard Operating Procedure for carrying out the safe blasting operation while considering the adjacent quarries lies in a radial distance of 500 m from their quarry.	Noted and agreed

13	Details of Green belt & fencing shall be included in the EIA Report	A Green belt & fencing discussed in Chapter- 4
14	The EIA Coordinators shall obtain and furnish the details of quarry/quarries operated by the proponent in the past, either in the same location or else where in the State with video and photographic evidences.	Noted and agreed
15	<p>If the proponent has already carried out the mining activity in the proposed mining lease area after 15.01.2016, then the proponent shall furnish the following details from AD/DD, mines</p> <p>a) what was the period of the operation and stoppage of the earlier mines with last work permit issued by the AD/DD mines?</p> <p>b) Quantity of minerals mined out</p> <p>c) Highest production achieved in any one year</p> <p>d) Detail of approved depth of mining</p> <p>e) Actual depth of the mining achieved earlier</p> <p>f) Name of the person already mined in that leases area</p> <p>g) If EC and CTO already obtained' the copy of the same shall be submitted</p> <p>h) whether the mining was carried out as per the approved mine plan (or EC if issued) with stipulated benches</p>	<b>Thiru. C. Chelladurai</b> , 0.88.0 Ha, S.F.Nos.145/1 Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.372/2013 (G&M), Dated:04.06.2016 Lease period of five years from 30.07.2016 to 29.07.2021
16	All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High-Resolution Imagery/Topo sheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology, lithology and geology of the mining lease area should be provided. such an Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone)	Noted and agreed. Project area boundary coordinates superimposed on Toposheet – Figure No. 1.3.
17	The PP shall carry out Drone video survey covering the cluster, Green belt , fencing etc.,	Noted and agreed
18	The Project Proponent shall provide the details of mineral reserves and mineable reserves, planned production capacity, proposed working methodology with justifications, the anticipated impacts of the mining operations on the surrounding environment and the remedial measures for the same.	Details of Geological Resources and Proposed reserves are discussed under Chapter No. 2.

19	The Project Proponent shall provide the organization chart indicating the appointment of various statutory officials and other competent persons to be appointed as per the provisions of Mines Act'1952 and the MMR, 1961 for carrying out the quarrying operations scientifically and systematically in order to ensure safety and to protect the environment.	Discussed about Organization chart in Chapter 6
20	The proponent shall furnish the baseline data for the environmental and ecological parameters with regard to surface water/ground water quality, air quality, soil quality & Flora/fauna including traffic/vehicular movement study.	Baseline Data were collected for One Season (Post Monsoon) Oct to Dec 2022 as per CPCB Notification and MoEF & CC Guidelines. Details in Chapter No. 3.
21	The Proponent shall carry out the Cumulative impact study due to mining operations carried out in the quarry specifically with reference to the specific environment in terms of soil,health, biodiversity, air pollution, water pollution, climate change and flood control & health impacts. Accordingly, the Environment Management plan should be prepared keeping the concerned quarry and the surrounding habitations in the mind.	The Cumulative impact study due to mining operations is explained in chapter – 7
22	Rain water harvesting management with recharging details along with water balance (both monsoon & non-monsoon) be submitted.	Noted and agreed
23	Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass pre operational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.	Land use and land cover of the study area is discussed in Chapter No. 3. Land use plan of the project area showing pre-operational, operational and post-operational phases are discussed in Chapter No. 2, Table No 2.3.
24	Details of the land for storage of Overburden/Waste Dumps (or) Rejects outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be provided.	Not applicable
25	Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' (or) the Project areas which attracts the court restrictions for mining operations, should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the TNPCB (or) Dept. of Geology and Mining should be secured and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.	Not Applicable. Project area / Study area is not declared in 'Critically Polluted' Area and does not come under 'Aravalli Range.
26	Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of	Mine Closure in Chapter -2



	rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.	
27	Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated.	Transportation details mentioned in Chapter -2
28	A tree survey study shall be carried out (nos., name of the species, age, diameter etc.) both within the mining lease applied area & 300m buffer zone and its management during mining activity	Details of the trees in the buffer zone given in Chapter No.3.
29	A detailed mine closure plan for the proposed project shall be included in EIA/EMP report which should be site-specific	Mine closure plan is detailed in Chapter:4.
30	Public Hearing points raised and commitments of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project and to be submitted to SEIAA/SEAC with regard to the Office Memorandum of MoEF& CC accordingly.	Noted and Agreed
31	The Public hearing advertisement shall be published in one major National daily and one most circulated vernacular daily	Noted and Agreed
32	The PP shall produce/display the EIA report, Executive summary and other related information with respect to public hearing in Tamil Language also.	Noted and agreed
33	As a part of the study of flora and fauna around the vicinity of the proposed site, the EIA coordinator shall strive to educate the local students on the importance of preserving local flora and fauna by involving them in the study, wherever possible.	Noted and agreed
34	The purpose of green belt around the project is to capture the fugitive emissions. Carbon sequestration and to attenuate the noise generated, in addition to improving the aesthetics. A wide range of indigenous plant species should be planted as given in the appendix in consultation with the DFO, State Agriculture University. The plant species with dense/moderate canopy of native origin should.	Species are proposed to plant in the safety barrier as mentioned in the ToR appendix. Proposed species are given in the Chapter No 4
35	Taller/one year old Saplings raised in appropriate size of bags, preferably eco-friendly bags should be planted in proper spacing as per the advice of local forest authorities / botanist / Horticulturist with regard to site specific choices. The proponent shall earmark the greenbelt area with GPS coordinates all along the	It is an Existing Lease. Around 900 trees are proposed to plant

	boundary of the project site with at least 3 meters wide and in between blocks in an organized manner.	
36	A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.	Disaster management Plan details in Chapter-7
37	A Risk Assessment and management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.	A Risk Assessment and management Plan Chapter- 7
38	Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.	Occupational Health impacts chapter- 10
39	Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.	It is explained in Chapter -3
40	The Socio-economic studies should be carried out within a 5 km buffer zone from the mining activity. Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.	Details are listed in Chapter:3.
41	Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.	No Litigation is pending
42	Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc	Details discussed in chapter 8.
43	If any quarrying operations were carried out in the proposed quarrying site for which now the EC is sought, the Project Proponent shall furnish the detailed compliance to EC conditions given in the previous EC with the site photographs which shall duly be certified by MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai (or) the concerned DEE/TNPCB.	Noted and agreed
44	The PP shall prepare the EMP for the entire life of mine and also furnish the sworn affidavit stating to abide the EMP for the entire life of mine.	Details discussed in chapter 10.

45	Concealing any factual information or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this Terms of Reference besides attracting penal provisions in the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Noted and agreed
<b>ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS</b>		
1	Cluster Management Committee shall be framed which must include all the proponents in the cluster as members including the existing as well as proposed quarry.	Noted and agreed
2	The members must coordinate among themselves for the effective implementation of EMP as committed including Green Belt Development, water sprinkling, tree plantation, blasting etc.,	Noted and agreed
3	The List of members of the committee formed shall be submitted to AD/Mines before the execution of mining lease and the same shall be updated every year to the AD/Mines.	Noted and agreed
4	Detailed Operational Plan must be submitted which must include the blasting frequency with respect to the nearby quarry situated in the cluster, the usage of haul roads by the individual quarry in the form of route map and network.	Noted and agreed
5	The committee shall deliberate on risk management plan pertaining to the cluster in a holistic manner especially during natural calamities like intense rain and the mitigation measures considering the inundation of the cluster and evacuation plan.	Details discussed in chapter 7.
6	The Cluster Management Committee shall form Environmental Policy to practice sustainable mining in a scientific and systematic manner in accordance with the law. The role played by the committee in implementing the environmental policy devised shall be given in detail.	Noted and agreed
7	The committee shall furnish action plan regarding the restoration strategy with respect to the individual quarry falling under the cluster in a holistic manner	Noted and agreed
8	The committee shall furnish the Emergency Management plan within the cluster	Details discussed in chapter 7.
9	The committee shall deliberate on the health of the workers/staff involved in the mining as well as the health of the public.	Details discussed in chapter 10.

10	The committee shall furnish an action plan to achieve sustainable reference to water, sanitation & safety.	Noted and agreed
11	The committee shall furnish the fire safety and evacuation plan in the case of fire accidents.	Noted and agreed
12	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued from reputed research institutions on the following a) Soil health & soil biological, physical land chemical features. b) Climate change leading to Droughts, Floods etc. c) Pollution leading to release of Greenhouse gases (GHG), rise in Temperature, & Livelihood of the local people. d) Possibilities of water contamination and impact on aquatic ecosystem health. e) Agriculture, Forestry & Traditional practices. f) Hydrothermal & Geothermal effect due to destruction in the Environment' g) Bio-geochemical processes and its foot prints including environmental stress. h) Sediment geochemistry in the surface streams.	Noted and agreed. Study report will be submitted in the Final EIA/EMP report.
13	Impact on surrounding agricultural fields around the proposed mining Area	Noted and agreed
14	Impact on surrounding agricultural fields around the proposed mining Area	Noted and agreed
15	Details of type of vegetations including no. of trees & shrubs within the proposed mining area and. If so, transplantation of such vegetations all along the boundary of the proposed mining area shall be committed mentioned in EMP.	Noted and agreed
16	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study the biodiversity, the natural ecosystem, the soil micro flora, fauna and soil seed banks and suggest measures to maintain the natural Ecosystem.	There are some shrubs in the lease area. Trees are present in the 7.5m safety area, so it will be maintained good.
17	Action should specifically suggest for sustainable management of the area and restoration of ecosystem for flow of goods and services.	Detailed discussed in chapter 4.
18	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact of project on plantations in adjoining patta lands, Horticulture, Agriculture and livestock	Detailed discussed in chapter 4.
19	The project proponent shall detail study on impact of mining on Reserve forests free ranging wildlife.	Details discussed in the chapter No.3
20	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on forest, vegetation, endemic, vulnerable and endangered indigenous flora and fauna	Details discussed in the chapter No.4
21	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on standing trees and the existing trees should be numbered and action suggested for protection.	Noted and agreed
22	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on protected areas, Reserve Forests, National	Noted and agreed

	Parks, Corridors and Wildlife pathways, near project site.	
23	Hydro-geological study considering the contour map of the water table detailing the number of ground water pumping & open wells, and surface water bodies such as rivers, tanks, canals, ponds etc. within 1 km (radius) so as to assess the impacts on the nearby waterbodies due to mining activity. Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided, covering the entire mine lease period.	Details discussed in the chapter No.3
24	Erosion Control measures.	Details discussed in the chapter No.4
25	Detailed study shall be carried out in regard to impact of mining around the proposed mine lease area on the nearby villages, water-bodies/ Rivers, & any ecological fragile areas.	Noted and agreed
26	The project proponent shall study impact on fish habitats and the food WEB/ food chain in the water body and Reservoir	Noted and agreed
27	The project proponent shall study and furnish the details on potential fragmentation impact on natural environment, by the activities.	Noted and agreed
28	The project proponent shall study and furnish the impact on aquatic plants and animals in water bodies and possible scars on the landscape. damages to nearby caves, heritage site, and archaeological sites possible land form changes visual and aesthetic impacts.	Details discussed in the chapter No.3
29	The Terms of Reference should specifically study impact on soil health, soil erosion, the soil physical, chemical components and microbial components.	Detailed discussed in chapter 4.
30	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study on wetlands, water bodies, rivers streams, lakes and farmer sites.	Noted and agreed
31	The measures taken to control Noise, Air, water, Dust control and steps adopted to efficiently utilise the Energy shall be furnished.	Detailed discussed in chapter 4
32	The Environmental Impact Assessment shall study in detail the carbon emission and also suggest the measures to mitigate carbon emission including development of carbon sinks and temperature reduction including control of other emission and climate mitigation activities'	Detailed discussed in chapter 4.
33	The Environmental Impact Assessment should study impact on climate change, temperature rise, pollution and above soil & below soil carbon stock.	Detailed discussed in chapter 3.
34	Detailed Mine Closure Plan covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Detailed discussed in chapter 4.
35	Detailed Environment Management Plan along with adaptation, mitigation & remedial strategies covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Detailed discussed in chapter 4.
36	The Environmental Impact Assessment should hold detailed study on EMP with budget for green belt	Detailed discussed in chapter 10.

	development and mine closure plan including disaster management plan	
37	To furnish risk assessment and management plan including anticipated vulnerabilities during operational and post operational phases of Mining	Detailed discussed in chapter 7.
38	To furnish disaster management plan and disaster mitigation measures in regard to all aspects to avoid/reduce vulnerability to hazards & to cope with disaster/untoward accidents in & around the proposed mine lease area due to the proposed method of mining activity & its related activities covering the entire mine lease period as per precise area communication order issued.	Detailed discussed in chapter 7.
39	The project proponent shall furnish VAO certificate with reference to 300m radius regard to approved habitations, schools, Archaeological sites, Structures, railway lines, roads, water bodies such as streams, oadai, vaari. canal, channel, river, lake pond' tank etc'	Noted and agreed
40	As per the MoEF& cC office memorandum F.No.22-65120/7-14.III dated: 30.09.2020 and 20.10.2020 the proponent shall address the concerns raised during the public consultation and all the activities proposed shall be part of the Environment Management plan.	Noted and agreed
41	The project proponent shall study and furnish the possible pollution due to plastic and microplastic on the environment. The ecological risks and impacts of plastic & microplastics on aquatic environment and fresh water systems due to activities, contemplated during mining may be investigated and reported.	Detailed discussed in chapter 7.
<b>STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>		
1	Year-wise production details since 1994 should be given, clearly stating the highest production achieved in any one year prior to 1994. It may also be categorically informed whether there had been any increase in production after the EIA Notification 1994 came into force, w.r.t. the highest production achieved prior to 1994.	Not applicable.  This is Not a violation category project.  This proposal falls under B1 Category (Cluster Condition).
2	A copy of the document in support of the fact that the Proponent is the rightful lessee of the mine should be given.	The applied land for quarrying is a Patta Land.  Document is enclosed along with Approved Mining Plan as Annexure Volume 1.
3	All documents including approved mine plan, EIA and Public Hearing should be compatible with one another in terms of the mine lease area, production levels, waste generation and its management, mining technology etc. and should be in the name of the lessee.	Noted & agreed.
4	All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High-Resolution Imagery/toposheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology and geology of the area should be provided. Such an	Map showing –  Project area is superimposed on Satellite imagery is enclosed in Figure No. 2.1

	Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone).	Project area boundary coordinates superimposed on Toposheet – Figure No. 1.3 Surface Features around the project area covering 10km radius – Figure No. 2.2 Geology map of the project area covering 10km radius - Figure No. 2.7. Geomorphology Map of the Study Area covering 10 km radius – Figure No. 2.8.
5	Information should be provided in Survey of India Toposheet in 1:50,000 scale indicating geological map of the area, geomorphology of land forms of the area, existing minerals and mining history of the area, important water bodies, streams and rivers and soil characteristics.	Map showing – Geology map of the project area covering 10km radius - Figure No. 2.7. Geomorphology Map of the Study Area covering 10 km radius – Figure No. 2.8.
6	Details about the land proposed for mining activities should be given with information as to whether mining conforms to the land use policy of the State; land diversion for mining should have approval from State land use board or the concerned authority.	The applied area was inspected by the officers of Department of Geology along with revenue officials and found that the land is fit for quarrying under the policy of State Government.
7	It should be clearly stated whether the proponent Company has a well laid down Environment Policy approved by its Board of Directors? If so, it may be spelt out in the EIA Report with description of the prescribed operating process/procedures to bring into focus any infringement/deviation/ violation of the environmental or forest norms/conditions? The hierarchical system or administrative order of the Company to deal with the environmental issues and for ensuring compliance with the EC conditions may also be given. The system of reporting of non-compliances / violations of environmental norms to the Board of Directors of the Company and/or shareholders or stakeholders at large, may also be detailed in the EIA Report.	The proponent has framed their Environmental Policy and the same is discussed in the Chapter No 10.
8	Issues relating to Mine Safety, including subsidence study in case of underground mining and slope study in case of open cast mining, blasting study etc. should be detailed. The proposed safeguard measures in each case should also be provided.	It is an opencast quarrying operation proposed to operate in Mechanized method. The rough stone formation is a hard, compact and homogeneous body. The height and width of the bench will be maintained as 5m with 90 <sup>0</sup> bench angles. Quarrying activities will be carried out under the supervision of Competent Persons like Mines Manager, Mines Foreman and Mining Mate.

		Necessary permissions will be obtained from DGMS after obtaining Environmental Clearance.
9	The study area will comprise of 10 km zone around the mine lease from lease periphery and the data contained in the EIA such as waste generation etc., should be for the life of the mine / lease period.	Noted & agreed.  The study area considered for this study is 10 km radius and all data contained in the EIA report such as waste generation etc., is for the Life of the Mine / lease period.
10	Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass preoperational, operational and post operational phases and submitted. Impact, if any, of change of land use should be given.	Land use and land cover of the study area is discussed in Chapter No. 3.  Land use plan of the project area showing pre-operational, operational and post-operational phases are discussed in Chapter No. 2, Table No 2.3.
11	Details of the land for any Over Burden Dumps outside the mine lease, such as extent of land area, distance from mine lease, its land use, R&R issues, if any, should be given	Not Applicable.  There is no waste anticipated during this quarry operation. The entire quarried out rough stone will be transported to the needy customers.  No Dumps is proposed outside the lease area.
12	Certificate from the Competent Authority in the State Forest Department should be provided, confirming the involvement of forest land, if any, in the project area. In the event of any contrary claim by the Project Proponent regarding the status of forests, the site may be inspected by the State Forest Department along with the Regional Office of the Ministry to ascertain the status of forests, based on which, the Certificate in this regard as mentioned above be issued. In all such cases, it would be desirable for representative of the State Forest Department to assist the Expert Appraisal Committees.	Not Applicable.  There is no Forest Land involved in the proposed project area. The proposed project area is a patta land.  Approved Mining Plan is enclosed as Annexure Volume 1.
13	Status of forestry clearance for the broken-up area and virgin forestland involved in the Project including deposition of net present value (NPV) and compensatory afforestation (CA) should be indicated. A copy of the forestry clearance should also be furnished.	Not Applicable.  The proposed project area does not involve any Forest Land.
14	Implementation status of recognition of forest rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other	Not Applicable.  The project doesn't attract Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006.



	Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 should be indicated.	
15	The vegetation in the RF / PF areas in the study area, with necessary details, should be given.	No Reserve Forest within the Study Area.
16	A study shall be got done to ascertain the impact of the Mining Project on wildlife of the study area and details furnished. Impact of the project on the wildlife in the surrounding and any other protected area and accordingly, detailed mitigative measures required, should be worked out with cost implications and submitted.	Not Applicable.  There are No National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, and Tiger/Elephant Reserves within 10 km Radius from the periphery of the project area.
17	Location of National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, Ramsar site Tiger/ Elephant Reserves/(existing as well as proposed), if any, within 10 KM of the mine lease should be clearly indicated, supported by a location map duly authenticated by Chief Wildlife Warden. Necessary clearance, as may be applicable to such projects due to proximity of the ecologically sensitive areas as mentioned above, should be obtained from the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife and copy furnished	Not Applicable.  There are No National Parks, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, and Tiger/Elephant Reserves within 10 km Radius from the periphery of the project area.
18	A detailed biological study of the study area [core zone and buffer zone (10 KM radius of the periphery of the mine lease)] shall be carried out. Details of flora and fauna, endangered, endemic and RET Species duly authenticated, separately for core and buffer zone should be furnished based on such primary field survey, clearly indicating the Schedule of the fauna present. In case of any scheduled-I fauna found in the study area, the necessary plan along with budgetary provisions for their conservation should be prepared in consultation with State Forest and Wildlife Department and details furnished. Necessary allocation of funds for implementing the same should be made as part of the project cost.	Detailed biological study of the study area [core zone and buffer zone (10 km radius of the periphery of the mine lease)] was carried out and discussed under Chapter No. 3.  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.
19	Proximity to Areas declared as 'Critically Polluted' or the Project areas likely to come under the 'Aravalli Range', (attracting court restrictions for mining operations), should also be indicated and where so required, clearance certifications from the prescribed Authorities, such as the SPCB or State Mining Department should be secured	Not Applicable.  Project area / Study area is not declared in 'Critically Polluted' Area and does not come under 'Aravalli Range.

	and furnished to the effect that the proposed mining activities could be considered.	
20	Similarly, for coastal Projects, A CRZ map duly authenticated by one of the authorized agencies demarcating LTL, HTL, CRZ area, location of the mine lease w.r.t CRZ, coastal features such as mangroves, if any, should be furnished. (Note: The Mining Projects falling under CRZ would also need to obtain approval of the concerned Coastal Zone Management Authority).	Not Applicable. The project doesn't attract The C. R. Z. Notification, 2018.
21	R&R Plan/compensation details for the Project Affected People (PAP) should be furnished. While preparing the R&R Plan, the relevant State/National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy should be kept in view. In respect of SCs /STs and other weaker sections of the society in the study area, a need-based sample survey, family-wise, should be undertaken to assess their requirements, and action programmes prepared and submitted accordingly, integrating the sectoral programmes of line departments of the State Government. It may be clearly brought out whether the village(s) located in the mine lease area will be shifted or not. The issues relating to shifting of village(s) including their R&R and socio-economic aspects should be discussed in the Report.	Not Applicable. There are no approved habitations within a radius of 300 meters. Therefore, R&R Plan / Compensation details for the Project Affected People (PAP) is not anticipated and Not Applicable for this project.
22	One season (non-monsoon) [i.e. March-May (Summer Season); October-December (post monsoon season) ; December-February (winter season)]primary baseline data on ambient air quality as per  CPCB Notification of 2009, water quality, noise level, soil and flora and fauna shall be collected and the AAQ and other data so compiled presented date-wise in the EIA and EMP Report. Site-specific meteorological data should also be collected. The location of the monitoring stations should be such as to represent whole of the study area and justified keeping in view the pre-dominant downwind direction and location of sensitive receptors. There should be at least one monitoring station within 500 m of the mine lease in the pre-dominant downwind direction. The mineralogical composition of PM10, particularly for free silica, should be given.	Baseline Data were collected for One Season (Post Monsoon) Oct to Dec 2022 as per CPCB Notification and MoEF & CC Guidelines.  Details in Chapter No. 3.

23	Air quality modelling should be carried out for prediction of impact of the project on the air quality of the area. It should also take into account the impact of movement of vehicles for transportation of mineral. The details of the model used and input parameters used for modelling should be provided. The air quality contours may be shown on a location map clearly indicating the location of the site, location of sensitive receptors, if any, and the habitation. The wind roses showing pre-dominant wind direction may also be indicated on the map.	Air Quality Modelling for prediction of incremental GLC's of pollutant was carried out using AERMOD view 9.6.1 Model.  Details in Chapter No. 4.
24	The water requirement for the Project, its availability and source should be furnished. A detailed water balance should also be provided. Fresh water requirement for the Project should be indicated.	Total Water Requirement: 5.0 KLD  Discussed under Chapter 2, Table No 2.15 .
25	Necessary clearance from the Competent Authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the Project should be provided.	Not Applicable.  Water for dust suppression, greenbelt development and domestic use will be sourced from accumulated rainwater/seepage water in mine pits and purchased from local water vendors through water tankers on daily requirement basis.  Drinking water will be sourced from the approved water vendors.
26	Description of water conservation measures proposed to be adopted in the Project should be given. Details of rainwater harvesting proposed in the Project, if any, should be provided.	Part of the working pit will be allowed to collect rain water during the spell of rain will be used for greenbelt development and dust suppression.  The Mine Closure Plan is prepared for converting the excavated pit into rain water harvesting structure and serve as water reservoir for the project village during draught season.
27	Impact of the Project on the water quality, both surface and groundwater, should be assessed and necessary safeguard measures, if any required, should be provided.	Impact Studies and Mitigation Measures of Water Environment including Surface Water and Ground Water are discussed in Chapter 4.
28	Based on actual monitored data, it may clearly be shown whether working will intersect groundwater. Necessary data and documentation in this regard may be provided. In case the working will intersect groundwater table, a detailed Hydro Geological Study should be undertaken and Report furnished. The Report inter-alia, shall include details of the aquifers present and impact of mining activities on these	Not Applicable.  The ground water table inferred 68-73m below ground level.  P1 : The ultimate depth of quarry is 42m bgl. P2: The Ultimate depth of quarry is 43m bgl P3 : The Ultimate depth of quarry is 37m bgl P4: The Ultimate depth of quarry is 30m bgl

	aquifers. Necessary permission from Central Ground Water Authority for working below ground water and for pumping of ground water should also be obtained and copy furnished.	This proposal of 30 m below ground level will not intersect the ground water table, which is inferred from the hydro-geological carried out at the project site.  Discussed under Chapter 3
29	Details of any stream, seasonal or otherwise, passing through the lease area and modification / diversion proposed, if any, and the impact of the same on the hydrology should be brought out.	Not Applicable.  There is no stream, seasonal or other water bodies passing within the project area. Therefore, no modification/ diversion of water bodies is anticipated.
30	Information on site elevation, working depth, groundwater table etc. Should be provided both in AMSL and Bgl. A schematic diagram may also be provided for the same.	Highest elevation of the project area is 134m AMSL.  P1 to P4 :Ultimate depth of the mine is 30 to 43m BGL  Water level of the area is 68-73m BGL
31	A time bound Progressive Greenbelt Development Plan shall be prepared in a tabular form (indicating the linear and quantitative coverage, plant species and time frame) and submitted, keeping in mind, the same will have to be executed up front on commencement of the Project. Phase-wise plan of plantation and compensatory afforestation should be charted clearly indicating the area to be covered under plantation and the species to be planted. The details of plantation already done should be given. The plant species selected for green belt should have greater ecological value and should be of good utility value to the local population with emphasis on local and native species and the species which are tolerant to pollution.	Greenbelt Development Plan is discussed under Chapter 4.
32	Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the Project should be indicated. Projected increase in truck traffic as a result of the Project in the present road network (including those outside the Project area) should be worked out, indicating whether it is capable of handling the incremental load. Arrangement for improving the infrastructure, if contemplated (including action to be taken by other agencies such as State Government) should be covered. Project Proponent shall conduct Impact of Transportation study as per Indian Road Congress Guidelines.	Traffic density survey was carried out to analyse the impact of Transportation in the study area as per IRC guidelines 1961 and it is inferred that there is no significant impact due to the proposed transportation from the project area. Details in Chapter 2.
33	Details of the onsite shelter and facilities to be provided to the mine workers should be included in the EIA Report.	Infrastructure & other facilities will be provided to the Mine Workers after the grant of quarry lease and the same has been discussed in the Chapter No.2 .
34	Conceptual post mining land use and Reclamation and Restoration of mined out areas (with plans	Discussed under Chapter 2.

	and with adequate number of sections) should be given in the EIA report.	Mine Closure Plan is a part of Approved Mining Plan enclosed as Annexure Volume – 1.
35	Occupational Health impacts of the Project should be anticipated and the proposed preventive measures spelt out in detail. Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules should be incorporated in the EMP. The project specific occupational health mitigation measures with required facilities proposed in the mining area may be detailed.	Occupational Health Impacts of the project and preventive measures are detailed under Chapter 4.
36	Public health implications of the Project and related activities for the population in the impact zone should be systematically evaluated and the proposed remedial measures should be detailed along with budgetary allocations.	No Public Health Implications anticipated due to this project. Details of CER are discussed under Chapter 8..
37	Measures of socio-economic significance and influence to the local community proposed to be provided by the Project Proponent should be indicated. As far as possible, quantitative dimensions may be given with time frames for implementation.	No Negative Impact on Socio Economic Environment on the Study Area is anticipated and this project shall benefit the Socio-Economic Environment by ways of employment for 113 people directly and 200 people indirectly. Details in Chapter 2,.
38	Detailed environmental management plan (EMP) to mitigate the environmental impacts which, should inter-alia include the impacts of change of land use, loss of agricultural and grazing land, if any, occupational health impacts besides other impacts specific to the proposed Project.	Detailed Environment Management Plan for the project to mitigate the anticipated impacts described under Chapter 4 is discussed under Chapter 10.
39	Public Hearing points raised and commitment of the Project Proponent on the same along with time bound Action Plan with budgetary provisions to implement the same should be provided and also incorporated in the final EIA/EMP Report of the Project.	The outcome of public hearing will be updated in the final EIA/EMP report
40	Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction /order passed by any Court of Law against the Project should be given.	No litigation is pending in any court against this project.
41	The cost of the Project (capital cost and recurring cost) as well as the cost towards implementation of EMP should be clearly spelt out.	P1:Project Cost is Rs.18,53,000/- P2: Project Cost is Rs.47,72,000/- P3: Project Cost is Rs.45,93,000/- P4: Project Cost is Rs.23,04,000/- CER Cost is Rs 5,00,000 is for P1,P2,P3,P4.

42	A Disaster management Plan shall be prepared and included in the EIA/EMP Report.	Details in Chapter 7.
43	Benefits of the Project if the Project is implemented should be spelt out. The benefits of the Project shall clearly indicate environmental, social, economic, employment potential, etc.	Details in Chapter 8.
44	<b>Besides the above, the below mentioned general points are also to be followed: -</b>	
a	Executive Summary of the EIA/EMP Report	Enclosed as separate booklet.
b	All documents to be properly referenced with index and continuous page numbering.	All the documents are properly referenced with index and continuous page numbering.
c	Where data are presented in the Report especially in Tables, the period in which the data were collected and the sources should be indicated.	List of Tables and source of the data collected are indicated.
d	Project Proponent shall enclose all the analysis/testing reports of water, air, soil, noise etc. using the MoEF & CC/NABL accredited laboratories. All the original analysis/testing reports should be available during appraisal of the Project	Baseline monitoring reports are enclosed with This report in Chapter 3. Original Baseline monitoring reports will be submitted in the final EIA report during appraisal.
e	Where the documents provided are in a language other than English, an English translation should be provided.	Not Applicable.
f	The Questionnaire for environmental appraisal of mining projects as devised earlier by the Ministry shall also be filled and submitted.	Will be enclosed along with Final EIA /EMP Report.
g	While preparing the EIA report, the instructions for the Proponents and instructions for the Consultants issued by MoEF&CC vide O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA. II(I) Dated: 4th August, 2009, which are available on the website of this Ministry, should be followed.	Noted & agreed. Instructions issued by MoEF & CC O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA. II (I) Dated: 4th August, 2009 are followed.
h	Changes, if any made in the basic scope and project parameters (as submitted in Form-I and the PFR for securing the TOR) should be brought to the attention of MoEF&CC with reasons for such changes and permission should be sought, as the TOR may also have to be altered. Post Public Hearing changes in structure and content of the draft EIA/EMP (other than modifications arising out of the P.H. process) will entail conducting the PH again with the revised documentation	Noted & agreed.

i	As per the circular no. J-11011/618/2010-IA. II(I) Dated: 30.5.2012, certified report of the status of compliance of the conditions stipulated in the environment clearance for the existing operations of the project, should be obtained from the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as may be applicable.	Not Applicable.
j	The EIA report should also include (i) surface plan of the area indicating contours of main topographic features, drainage and mining area, (ii) geological maps and sections and (iii) sections of the mine pit and external dumps, if any, clearly showing the land features of the adjoining area.	Surface Plan – Figure No. 2.2. Geological Plan – Figure No 2.9. Working Plan – Figure No 2.9. Closure Plan – Figure No.2.10.

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## CHAPTER – 1: INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 Preamble

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the management tool to ensure the sustainable development and it is a process, used to identify the environmental, social and economic impacts of a project prior to decision-making. It is a decision-making tool, which guides the decision makers in taking appropriate decisions for any project. EIA systematically examines both beneficial and adverse consequences of the project and ensures that these impacts are taken into account during the project designing. It also reduces conflicts by promoting community participation, information, decision makers, and helps in developing the base for environmentally sound project.

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 Veerapatti Rough Stone and Gravel Cluster Quarries consisting of four Proposed and two Existing Quarries with total extent of Cluster of 7.80.5 Ha in Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District and Tamil Nadu State, cluster area calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269(E) Dated 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Oct 2022 -Dec 2022

**TABLE 1.1: ToR OBTAINED PROJECTS**

CODE	Name of the proponent	Extent (Ha)	Terms of Reference (ToR)
P1	Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran	0.87.5	Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.9247/SEAC/ToR-1200/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P2	Thiru.C. Selvaraj,	2.17.0	Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P3	Thiru. M.Karuppaiya	1.62.5	Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.9249/SEAC/ToR-1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P4	Thiru. T. Palanisamy,	1.49.0	SEIAA Ack: Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9518/2022 Dated:09.02.2023
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6.16.0</b>	

Source: ToR Letter's of the respective project proponents

### 1.1 Purpose of the report

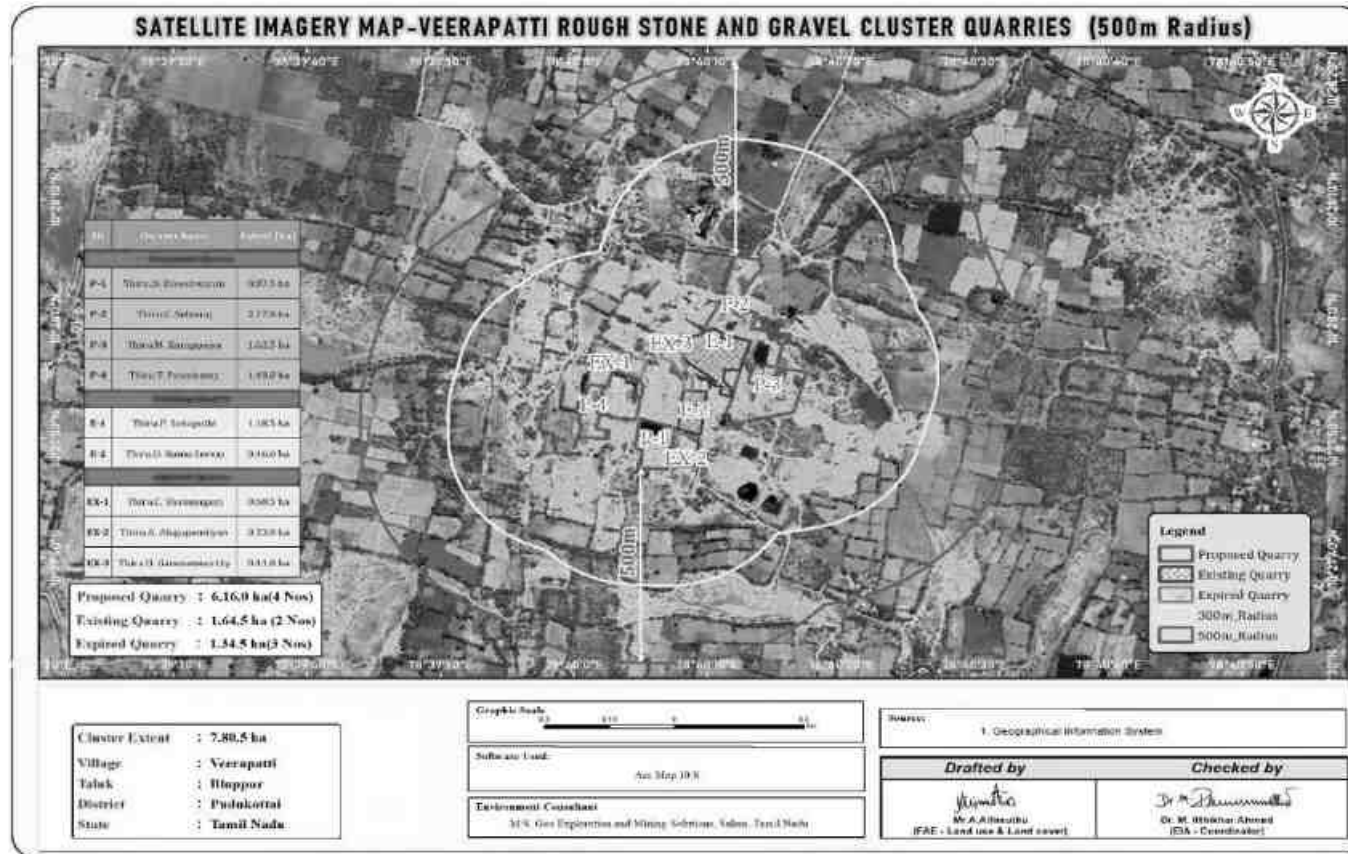
The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, through its EIA notification S.O. 1533(E) of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and its subsequent amendments as per Gazette Notification S.O. 3977 (E) of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Mining Projects are classified under two categories i.e. A (> 100 Ha) and B ( $\leq$  100 Ha), and Schematic Presentation of Requirements on Environmental Clearance of Minor Minerals including cluster situation in Appendix – XI.

Now, as per Order Dated: 04.09.2018 & 13.09.2018 passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in O.A. No. 173 of 2018 & O.A. No, 186 of 2016 and MoEF & CC Office Memorandum F. No. L-11011/175/2018-IA-II (M) Dated: 12.12.2018 clarified the requirement for EIA, EMP and therefore, Public Consultation for all areas from 5 to 25 ha falling in Category B - 1 and appraised by SEAC/ SEIAA as well as for cluster situation.

The proposed projects are categorized under category “B1” Activity 1(a) (mining lease area in cluster situation) and will be considered at SEIAA – TN after conducting Public Hearing and Submission of EIA/EMP Report for Grant of Environmental Clearance.

**“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”**

**FIG.1.1 SATELLITE IMAGERY CLUSTER QUARRIES**



**+Cluster area is calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification – S.O. 2269 (E) Dated: 01.07.2016**

Note: As per above notification S.O.2269(E) dated: 01.07.2016 in para (b) in Appendix XI, - (i)(6) A cluster shall be formed when the distance between the peripheries of one lease is less than 500 meters from the periphery of other lease in a homogeneous mineral area which shall be applicable to the mine lease or quarry licenses granted on and after 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

## 1.2 Identification of Project and Project Proponent

### 1.2.1 Identification of Project

The project areas in the cluster are Patta Land, no forest land is involved

**TABLE 1.2: PROPOSED PROJECTS IN THE CLUSTER**

Description	P1	P2	P3	P4
<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Thiru. D. Dineshwaran</b> Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry	<b>Thiru.C. Selvaraj,</b> Rough stone and Gravel quarry	<b>Thiru. M.Karuppaiya</b> Roughstone & Gravel quarry	<b>Thiru. T. Palanisamy,</b> Rough stone and Gravel quarry
S.F. No.	145/3A & 145/4A	159/5B2, 160, 161/1, 159/3A, 159/3B, 159/3C,159/4A, 159/4B, 159/5A and 159/5B1,	153/11, 153/9A2 & 153/7A1B2A	145/1, 144/4B,
Extent	<b>0.87.5 Ha</b>	<b>2.17.0 Ha</b>	<b>1.62.5 Ha</b>	<b>1.49.0 Ha</b>
Village Taluk and	Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk			
District	Pudukkottai District			

Source: Approved Mining Plan

### 1.2.2 Identification of Project Proponent

**TABLE 1.3: DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT**

<b>PROPOSAL – P1</b>	
<b>Name of the Company</b>	Thiru. D. Dineshwaran, Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry Project
<b>Address</b>	S/o. Devadass, No,54/B, Periyasengapatti, Annavasal, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District Tamil Nadu State – 622 101
<b>Mobile</b>	+91 90951 07542
<b>Status</b>	Proprietor
<b>PROPOSAL – P2</b>	
<b>Name of the Company</b>	Thiru.C. Selvaraj, Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry Project
<b>Address</b>	S/o.Chokkalingam, No.34/D, Sengapatti, Annavasal, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District -622 101
<b>Mobile</b>	+91 82488 84358
<b>Status</b>	Proprietor
<b>PROPOSAL – P3</b>	
<b>Name of the Company</b>	Thiru. M.Karuppaiya, Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry Project
<b>Address</b>	S/o.Maduraiveeran, No.252, West Street, Mannavelampatti, Mangudi, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District
<b>Mobile</b>	+91 99761 02852
<b>Status</b>	Proprietor
<b>PROPOSAL – P4</b>	
<b>Name of the Company</b>	Thiru. T. Palanisamy, Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry Project
<b>Address</b>	S/o.Thirumeni, No.15/2, Vadugar street, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District -622102
<b>Mobile</b>	+91 94436 46565
<b>Status</b>	Proprietor

Source: Approved Mining Plan of the respective projects



### 1.3 Brief description of the project

#### 1.3.1 Nature and size of the Project

The quarrying operation is proposed to be carried out by Opencast Mechanized Mining method with 5.0m bench height and 5.0m bench width by deploying Jack Hammer Drilling & Slurry Explosive during blasting. Hydraulic Excavator and tippers are used for Loading and transportation. Rock Breakers are deployed to avoid secondary blasting.

**TABLE 1.4: SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS IN CLUSTER**

SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P1"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru. D. Dineswaran, Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry Project	
Land Type	It is a Patta land. Jointly Registered in the name of Thiru. C. Selvaraj and Thiru. A. Alagu Pandiyan, vide Patta No. 3012. Project proponent obtained Consent Registered from Pattadhar	
S.F. Nos	145/3A & 145/4A	
Extent	0.87.5 Ha	
Previous quarry operation details	1. <b>Thiru. A. Alagupandian</b> , over an extent of 0.87.5ha of Patta lands in S.F.Nos.145/3A & 145/4A of Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.1505/2012 (G&M), Dated:19.02.2016 for the period of five years from 01.03.2016 to 28.02.2021.	
Existing pit dimensions	100m (L) x 80m (W) x15m(D)	
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	TopSoil
	2,84,101 m <sup>3</sup>	896 m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	90,755 m <sup>3</sup>	792 m <sup>3</sup>
Proposed production for five years upto the depth of 42m as per ToR	90,755 m <sup>3</sup>	
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years	
Depth restricted as per ToR	42m (2m Topsoil + 40m Rough stone) below the ground level	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	109m(L) x 81m (W) x42m(D)	
Toposheet No	58 J/11	
Latitude	10° 27' 47.37"N to 10° 27' 51.65"N	
Longitude	78° 40' 04.53"E to 78° 40' 07.51"E	
Highest elevation	116m 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	15 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 18,53,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-
	Total	Rs. 22,33,000/-
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-	
SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P2"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru.C. Selvaraj, Roughstone and gravel quarry	
Land Type	Thiru. C. Selvaraj, it is a Patta lands. Patta Land No.1351 Thiru.C. Chellaiah, vide Patta Nos. 3100, 1004, 3011 & 3069. Project proponent obtained Consent Registered from Pattadhar	

S.F. No.	S.F.Nos.159/3A (P), 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B1 (P) & 5B2, 160 & 161/1		
Extent	2.17.0 Ha		
Previous quarry operation details	<p>Operated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thiru. C. Selvaraj, 0.65.0 Ha, S.F.Nos.159/5B2, 160 &amp; 161/1 Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.3191/2004 (G&amp;M), Dated:02.12.2004 Lease period of five years.</li> <li>➤ Thiru. C. Chellaiah, Extent 0.76.0 Ha, S.F. Nos 159/3B, 3C, 4A, 4B &amp; 5A Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.2380/2007 (G&amp;M), Dated: 31.08.2007 Period of five years from 19.09.2007 to 18.09.2012 expired on 18.09.2012.</li> </ul>		
Existing pit dimension	<p>Pit I - 103m (L) X 52m (W) X 1m (D)</p> <p>Pit II - 90m (L) X 67m (W) X 5m (D)</p> <p>Pit III - 70m (L) X 86m (W) X 15m (D)</p>		
Depth restricted as per ToR	38m (2m Topsoil + 1m Weathered Formation + 35m Rough stone) below the ground level		
Geological Resources	Rough Stone	Weathered Rock	Topsoil
	7,13,270m <sup>3</sup>	7,161m <sup>3</sup>	8,598 m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Weathered Rock	Topsoil
	2,90,855m <sup>3</sup>	7,161m <sup>3</sup>	8,598 m <sup>3</sup>
Proposed production for five years	2,90,855m <sup>3</sup>		
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years		
Ultimate Pit Dimension	<p>Pit I - 131m (L) X 54m (W) X 33m (D)</p> <p>Pit II - 69m (L) X 93m (W) X 43m (D)</p> <p>Pit III - 89m (L) X 86m (W) X 43m (D)</p>		
Toposheet No	58 - J/11		
Latitude	10° 27' 55.92"N to 10° 28' 05.25"N		
Longitude	78° 40' 09.68"E to 78° 40' 16.09"E		
Highest Elevation	130m AMSL		
Machinery	Jack Hammer	7	
	Compressor	2	
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1	
	Tippers	3	
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators		
Manpower Deployment	14 Nos		
Total Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 47,72,000/-	
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-	
	Total	Rs. 51,52,000/-	
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-		
<b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P3"</b>			
Name of the Mine	Thiru. M.Karuppaiya, Rough stone and Gravel quarry		
Land Type	It is a Patta lands. Registered in the name of the applicant (Thiru.M. Karuppaiya), vide Patta No. 3974, Thiru.P. Chinnakannu, vide Patta No. 3972. Project proponent obtained Consent Registered from Pattadhar		
S.F. No.	153/7A1B2A, 153/9A2 & 153/11		
Extent	1.62.5 Ha		

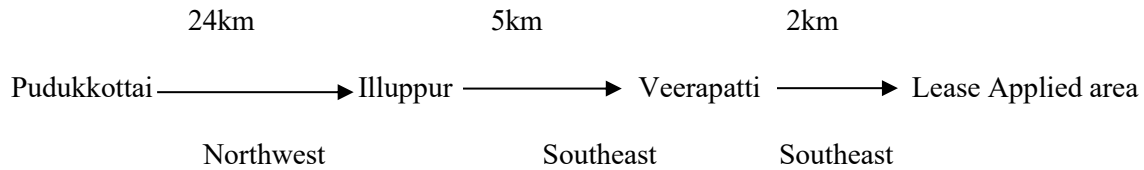
Previous quarry details	It is a fresh lease application	
Depth restricted as per ToR	27m bgl (2m Gravel + 25m Rough stone)	
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	5,68,750m <sup>3</sup>	32,500m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	1,96,175 m <sup>3</sup>	27,296
Proposed production for five years upto the depth of 27 m as per ToR	Roughstone	Gravel
	98,100 m <sup>3</sup>	27,296 m <sup>3</sup>
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	10 Years	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	134m (L) X 150m (W) X 37m (D)	
Toposheet No	58-J/11	
Latitude	10°27'51.07"N to 10°27'56.30"N	
Longitude	78°40'11.42"E to 78°40'17.37"E	
Highest Elevation	130m AMSL	
Machinery	Jack Hammer	3
	Compressor	1
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1
	Tippers	2
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	20 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 45,93,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 7,60,000/-
	Total	Rs. 53,53,000/-
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-	
<b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P4"</b>		
Name of the Mine	Thiru. T. Palanisamy, Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
Land Type	Patta land (Patta No.4244 & 377)	
S.F. No.	145/1 and 144/4B	
Extent	1.49.0 Ha	
Previous quarry details	Operated by Thiru.C. Chelladurai, over an extent of 0.88.0 ha, S.F.No.145/1, vide Rc.No.372/2013 (G&M), Dated:04.06.2016 for the period of five years from 30.07.2016 to 29.07.2021	
Existing pit dimension	92m (L) X 68m (W) X 25m (D)	
Proposed depth	30m (2m Gravel + 28m Rough stone) below the ground level	
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	2,18,287m <sup>3</sup>	12,408m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	71,512m <sup>3</sup>	9,310m <sup>3</sup>
Proposed production for five years	71,512m <sup>3</sup>	9,310m <sup>3</sup>
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	Pit I - 92m (L) X 68m (W) X 30m (D)	
	Pit II - 65m (L) X 47m (W) X 30m (D)	
	Pit III - 72m (L) X 27m (W) X 10m (D)	
Toposheet No	58-J/11	
Latitude	10° 27' 49.93"N to 10° 27' 55.85"N	
Longitude	78° 40' 00.42"E to 78° 40' 05.19"E	
Highest Elevation	134m AMSL	
Water Level	73m in summer and at 68m in rainy seasons	
Machinery	Hydraulic Excavator	1
	Tippers	2

Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	32 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 23,04,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-
	Total	Rs. 26,84,000/-
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-	

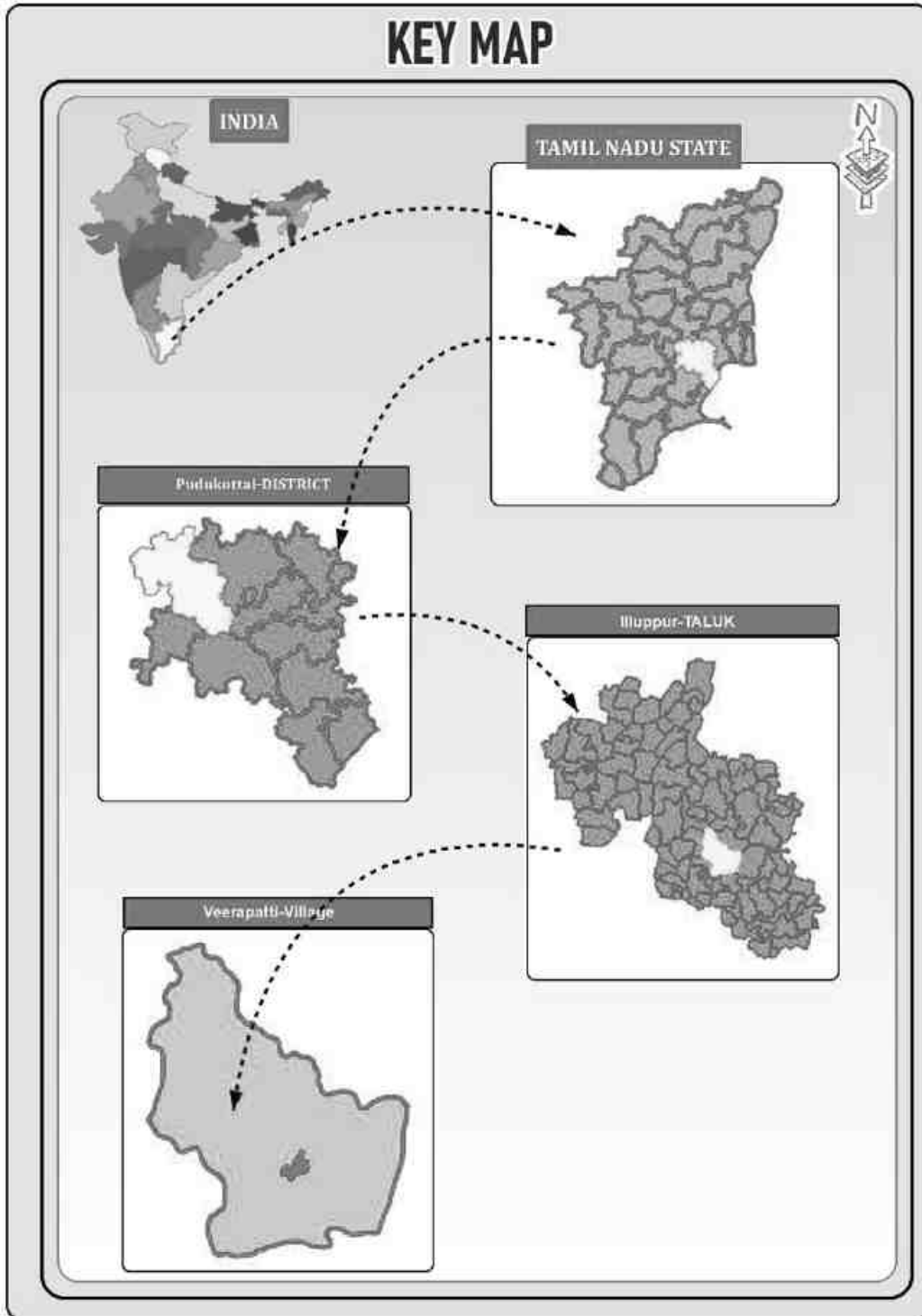
Source: Approved Mining Plan of the respective proposals

### 1.3.2 Location of the project

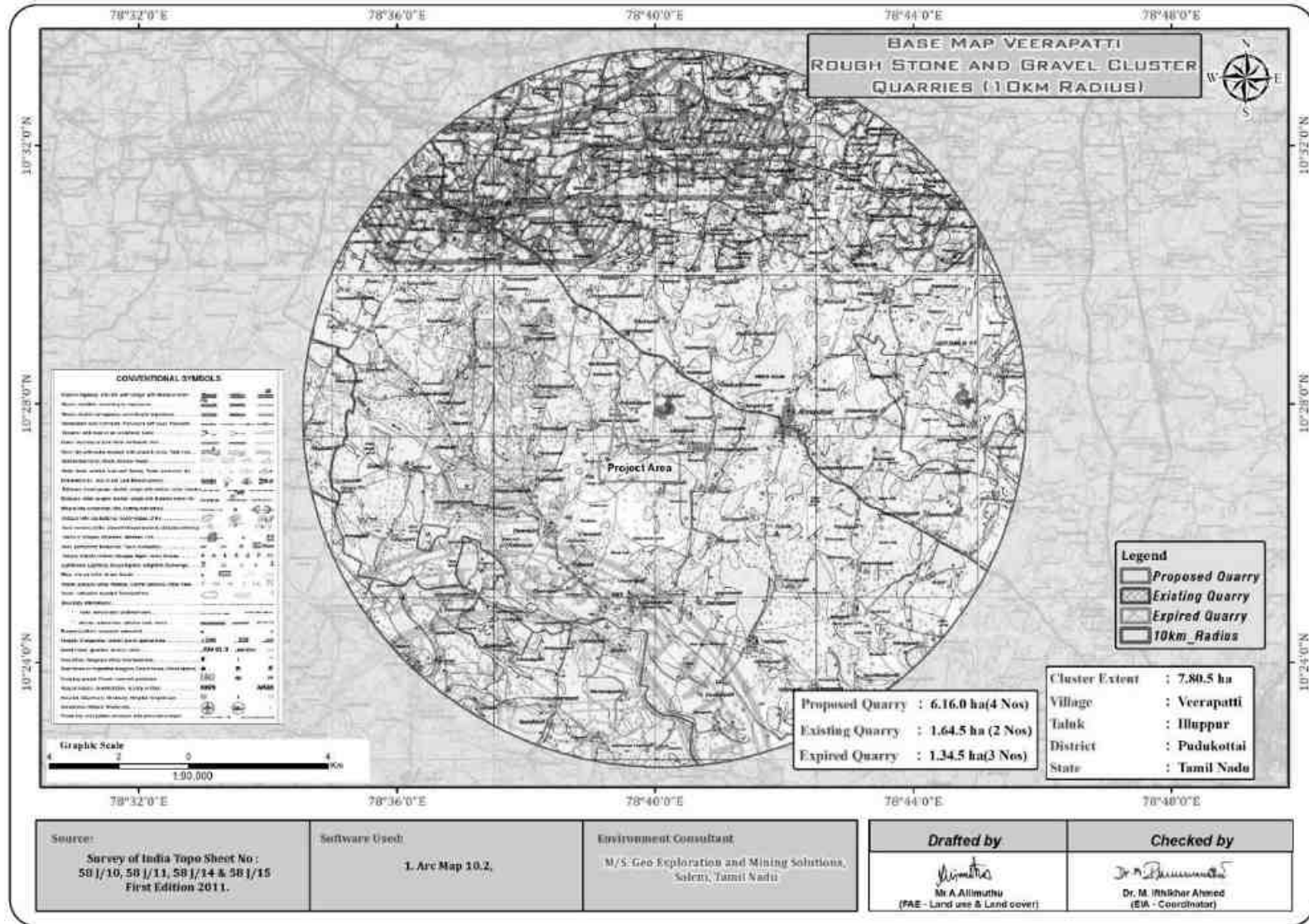
The lease applied area is located about 17km Northwest side of Pudukkottai town and 7km Southeast side of Illuppur town and 2km Southeast side of Veerapatti Village.



**FIG1.1A KEY MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT SITE**



**FIGURE 1.2: TOPOSHEET SHOWING LOCATION OF THE PROJECT SITE AROUND 10 KM RADIUS**



## 1.4 *Environmental Clearance*

The Environmental Clearance process for the project will comprise of four stages. These stages in sequential order are given below:-

1. Screening
2. Scoping
3. Public consultation &
4. Appraisal

### **SCREENING –**

#### **Project – P1 – Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran,**

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Dated: 21.12.2021.
- The precise area communication letter was received from the Assistant Director, Pudukkottai district Rc.No. Rc.No.718/2021 (G&M), Dated: 28.02.2022
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Recognized Qualified Person and approved by Joint Director / Assistant Director (i/c), Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukkottai district vide Rc.No.718/2021 (G&M), Dated: 28.02.2022
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vide online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/76826/2022, Dated:07.05.2022

#### **Project – P2 – Thiru.C. Selvaraj**

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Date from 28.02.2022.
- The precise area communication letter was received from the Assistant Director, Pudukkottai district vide. Rc.No.717/2021 (G&M), Dated: 28.02.2022
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Recognized Qualified Person and approved by Joint Director / Assistant Director (i/c), Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.717/2021 (G&M), Dated: 30.03.2022
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vide online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/76731/2022, Dated:08.05.2022

#### **Project – P3 – Thiru. M.Karuppaiya,**

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Dated: 28.02.2022.
- The precise area communication letter was received from the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.716/2021 (G&M), Dated: 28.02.2022
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Qualified Person and approved by Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukkottai vide Rc.No.716/2021 (G&M) Dated: 14.04.2022.
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vide proposal No SIA/TN/MIN/76816/2022, Dated:10.05.2022.

#### **Project – P4– Thiru. T.Palanisamy,**

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Dated: 04.07.2022
- the precise area communication letter was received from the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.284/2022 (G&M), Dated: 04.07.2022
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Recognized Qualified Person and approved by Joint Director / Assistant Director (i/c), Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.284/2022 (G&M), Dated: 28.07.2022.
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vide proposal No SIA/TN/MIN/402928/2022, Dated:13.10.2022.

### **SCOPING –**

#### **Project – P1 – Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran**

- The proposal was placed in 287<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 22.06.2022 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 532<sup>nd</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 14.07.2022 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9247/SEAC/ToR-1200/2022 Dated:14.07.2022

#### **Project – P2 – Thiru.C. Selvaraj,**

- The proposal was placed in 287<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 22.06.2022 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 532<sup>nd</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 14.07.2022 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022

#### **Project – P3 – Thiru. M.Karuppaiya**

- The proposal was placed in 287<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 22.06.2022 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 532<sup>nd</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 14.07.2022 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9249/SEAC/ToR-1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022.

### **Public Consultation –**

Application to The Member Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) to conduct Public Hearing in a systematic, time bound and transparent manner ensuring widest possible public participation at the project site or in its close proximity in the district is submitted along with this Draft EIA/ EMP Report and the outcome of public hearing proceedings will be detailed in the Final EIA/EMP Report.

### **Appraisal –**

Appraisal is the detailed scrutiny by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) of the application and other documents like the final EIA & EMP Report, outcome of the Public Consultations including Public Hearing Proceedings, submitted by the proponent to the regulatory authority concerned for grant of environmental clearance.

The report has been prepared using the following references:



- Guidance Manual of Environmental Impact Assessment for Mining of Minerals, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2010
- EIA Notification, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006
- ToR Letter No SEIAA-TN/F.No.9247/ ToR-1200/2022 Dated:14.07.2022- Thiru. D. Dineshwaran– P1
- ToR Letter No SEIAA-TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022- Thiru.C. Selvaraj, – P2
- ToR Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9249/ToR-1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022- Thiru. M.Karuppaiya– P3
- Approved Mining of P1 to P4 the Rough stone and Gravel quarry projects

### 1.5 *Post Environment Clearance Monitoring*

The Project Proponents in the Cluster will submit a half-yearly compliance report in respect of stipulated Environmental Clearance terms and conditions to MoEF & CC Regional Office & SEIAA after grant of EC on 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> December of every year.

### 1.6 *Generic Structure of EIA Document*

The overall contents of the EIA report follow the list of contents prescribed in the EIA Notification 2006 and the “Environmental Impact Assessment Guidance Manual for Mining of Minerals” published by MoEF & CC. A brief description of each Chapter is presented in Table No. 1.5.

**TABLE 1.5 – STRUCTURE OF THE EIA REPORT**

S. No	Chapters	Title	Particulars
1	Chapter 1	Introduction	Presents, an Introduction along with Scope and Objective of this EIA/EMP Studies
2	Chapter 2	Project Description	Presents the Technical Details of the Project
3	Chapter 3	Description of Environment	Presents the Baseline Status for various Environmental Parameters in the Study Area for One Season (3 Months)
4	Chapter 4	Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures	Presents the Identification, Prediction and Evaluation of overall Environmental Impacts due to the Proposed Projects Activities. Also presents Proposed Mitigation Measures.
5	Chapter 5	Analysis of Alternatives (Technology & Site)	Presents Analysis of alternatives with respect to site
6	Chapter 6	Environment Monitoring Programme	Present details of post project environment monitoring
7	Chapter 7	Additional Studies	Presents Public Consultation, Risk Assessment and Disaster Management Plan
8	Chapter 8	Project Benefits	Presents project benefits as: Improvements in the Physical Infrastructure, Social Infrastructure Employment Potential –Skilled; Semi-Skilled and Unskilled etc.,

9	Chapter 9	Cost Benefit Analysis	Environmental Cost Benefit Analysis has not been recommended at Scoping Stage – thus no analysis carried out separately in this EIA/EMP Report
10	Chapter 10	Environmental Management Plan	Description of the administrative aspects to ensure the Mitigation Measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored, after approval of the project.
11	Chapter 11	Summary & Conclusion	Summary of the EIA Report
12	Chapter 12	Disclosure of Consultants Engaged	Disclosure of the Consultants

Source:

### 1.7 Scope of the Study

The main scope of the EIA study is to quantify the cumulative impact in the study area due to cluster quarries and formulate the effective mitigation measures for each individual leases. A detailed account of the emission sources, emissions control equipment, background Air quality levels, Meteorological measurements, Dispersion model and all other aspects of pollution like effluent discharge, Dust generation etc., have been discussed in this report. The baseline monitoring study has been carried out during the pre monsoon season (Oct 2022 – Dec 2022) for various environmental components so as to assess the anticipated impacts of the cluster quarry projects on the environment and suggest suitable mitigation measures for likely adverse impacts due to the proposed project.

**TABLE 1.6 – ENVIRONMENT ATTRIBUTES**

Sl.No.	Attributes	Parameters	Source and Frequency
1	Ambient Air Quality	PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub>	24 hourly samples twice a week for three months at 7 locations
2	Meteorology	Wind speed and direction, temperature, relative humidity and rainfall	Near project site continuous for three months with hourly recording and from secondary sources of IMD station, Coimbatore
3	Water quality	Physical, Chemical and Bacteriological parameters	Grab samples were collected at 4 ground water and 2 surface water locations once during study period.
4	Ecology	Existing terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna within 10 km radius circle.	Limited primary survey and secondary data was collected from the Forest department.
5	Noise levels	Noise levels in dB(A)	At 7 locations data monitored once for 24 hours during EIA study.
6	Soil Characteristics	Physical and Chemical Parameters	Once at 5 locations during study period
7	Land use	Existing land use for different categories	Based on Survey of India topographical sheet and satellite imagery and primary survey.
8	Socio-Economic Aspects	Socio-economic and demographic characteristics, worker characteristics	Based on primary survey and secondary sources data like census of India 2011.
9	Hydrology	Drainage pattern of the area, nature of streams, aquifer characteristics, recharge and discharge areas	Based on data collected from secondary sources as well as hydro-geology study report prepared.
10	Risk assessment and Disaster Management Plan	Identify areas where disaster can occur by fires and explosions and release of toxic substances	Based on the findings of Risk assessment done for the mining associated activities

Source: Field Monitoring Data

The data has been collected as per the requirement of the ToR issued by SEIAA – TN and Standard ToR Published by MoEF & CC.

**1.7.1 Regulatory Compliance & Applicable Laws/Regulations**

- Application for Quarrying Lease as per Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959
  - Obtained Precise Area Communication Letter as per Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 for Preparation of Mining Plan and obtaining Environmental Clearance
  - The Mining Plan of Rough Stone and Gravel quarry has been approved under Rule 41 & 42 as amended of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959
  - ToR from SEIAA –
  - ToR Letter No SEIAA-TN/F.No.9247/ ToR-1200/2022 Dated:14.07.2022- Thiru. D. Dineshwaran– P1
  - ToR Letter No SEIAA-TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022- Thiru.C. Selvaraj – P2
  - ToR Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9249/ ToR-1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022- Thiru. M.Karuppaiya– P3
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## CHAPTER – 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### 2.0 General

The Proposed Rough Stone and Gravel Quarries requires Environmental Clearance. There are four proposed and two existing quarry forming a cluster; calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269(E) Dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and the total extent of cluster is 7.80.5 ha.

As the extent of cluster are more than 5 ha, the proposal falls under B1 Category as per the Order Dated: 04.09.2018 & 13.09.2018 passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in O.A. No. 173 of 2018 & O.A. No, 186 of 2016 and MoEF & CC Office Memorandum F. No. L-11011/175/2018-IA-II (M) Dated: 12.12.2018, and requirement for EIA, EMP and Public Consultation for obtaining Environmental Clearance.

### 2.1 Description of the Project

The proposed projects are site specific and there is no additional area required for this project. There is no effluent generation/discharge from the proposed quarries.

Method is mining is common for all the proposed quarries in the cluster. 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.

### 2.2 Location of the Project

- The Cluster quarries are located in Veerapatti village, Illuppur taluk, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu State.
- The project falls in Toposheet No: 58 J/11. The cluster areas fall in the Latitude between 10<sup>0</sup>27'47.37" N to 10<sup>0</sup>28'05.25" N and Longitude between 78<sup>0</sup>40'04.53" E to 78<sup>0</sup>40'17.37" E
- The projects under the cluster are classified as patta land (Non-Forest Land) & does not fall within 10 km radius of any Eco – sensitive zone, Wild life Sanctuary, National Park, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor and Biosphere Reserves.

**TABLE 2.1: SITE CONNECTIVITY TO THE CLUSTER QUARRIES**

Nearest Roadway	NH210 - Pudukottai – Madurai Road -16km-SE SH71 - Kulithalai – Manaparai Road – 32km-NW
Nearest Village	Therkukalam village – 400m-NW
Nearest Town	Illuppur – 7.0km – NW
Nearest Railway	Pudukkottai – 17km-SE
Nearest Airport	Trichy Airport – 32 km – North
Seaport	Karaikal- 135 Km-NE

Source: Google image, Survey of India Toposheet

The cluster quarries coners coordinates are given below.

**TABLE 2.2 – BOUNDARY CO-ORDINATES OF PROPOSED PROJECTS**

<b>BOUNDARY CO-ORDINATES OF PROJECT – P1</b>		
<b>Corner Nos.</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
1	10° 27' 47.47"N	78° 40' 04.87"E
2	10° 27' 48.96"N	78° 40' 05.08"E
3	10° 27' 49.18"N	78° 40' 04.53"E
4	10° 27' 51.65"N	78° 40' 04.91"E
5	10° 27' 50.86"N	78° 40' 07.51"E
6	10° 27' 47.37"N	78° 40' 06.91"E
<b>BOUNDARY CO-ORDINATES OF PROJECT – P2</b>		
<b>Corner Nos.</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
1	10° 27' 59.13"N	78° 40' 09.68"E
2	10° 28' 02.26"N	78° 40' 11.36"E
3	10° 28' 02.30"N	78° 40' 11.22"E
4	10° 28' 05.25"N	78° 40' 12.04"E
5	10° 28' 04.88"N	78° 40' 13.87"E
6	10° 28' 04.46"N	78° 40' 13.85"E
7	10° 28' 04.47"N	78° 40' 14.16"E
8	10° 28' 04.10"N	78° 40' 13.94"E
9	10° 28' 03.45"N	78° 40' 13.43"E
10	10° 28' 01.21"N	78° 40' 12.17"E
11	10° 28' 00.38"N	78° 40' 13.76"E
12	10° 27' 59.10"N	78° 40' 13.17"E
13	10° 27' 59.10"N	78° 40' 14.06"E
14	10° 27' 58.49"N	78° 40' 16.09"E
15	10° 27' 57.88"N	78° 40' 15.96"E
16	10° 27' 57.97"N	78° 40' 15.61"E
17	10° 27' 55.92"N	78° 40' 15.11"E
18	10° 27' 56.03"N	78° 40' 14.62"E
19	10° 27' 58.09"N	78° 40' 12.58"E
20	10° 27' 58.09"N	78° 40' 13.19"E
21	10° 27' 58.69"N	78° 40' 11.20"E
22	10° 27' 59.22"N	78° 40' 10.34"E
23	10° 27' 58.93"N	78° 40' 09.97"E
<b>BOUNDARY CO-ORDINATES OF PROJECT – P3</b>		
<b>Corner Nos.</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
1	10° 27' 51.07"N	78° 40' 11.43"E
2	10° 27' 52.47"N	78° 40' 11.42"E
3	10° 27' 52.51"N	78° 40' 11.52"E
4	10° 27' 53.52"N	78° 40' 11.88"E
5	10° 27' 54.44"N	78° 40' 12.03"E
6	10° 27' 56.30"N	78° 40' 12.58"E
7	10° 27' 56.19"N	78° 40' 13.39"E
8	10° 27' 54.66"N	78° 40' 13.03"E
9	10° 27' 54.20"N	78° 40' 15.14"E
10	10° 27' 55.88"N	78° 40' 15.30"E
11	10° 27' 55.50"N	78° 40' 17.37"E
12	10° 27' 52.14"N	78° 40' 16.37"E
13	10° 27' 51.61"N	78° 40' 13.50"E
<b>BOUNDARY CO-ORDINATES OF PROJECT – P4</b>		
<b>Corner Nos.</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>

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1	10°27'50.07"N	78°40'00.42"E
2	10°27'52.08"N	78°40'00.42"E
3	10°27'54.47"N	78°40'01.04"E
4	10°27'54.33"N	78°40'02.51"E
5	10°27'55.85"N	78°40'02.88"E
6	10°27'54.62"N	78°40'04.99"E
7	10°27'54.36"N	78°40'05.19"E
8	10°27'51.51"N	78°40'04.55"E
9	10°27'51.62"N	78°40'04.18"E
10	10°27'51.47"N	78°40'04.10"E
11	10°27'51.99"N	78°40'01.94"E
12	10°27'50.74"N	78°40'01.63"E
13	10°27'50.61"N	78°40'02.60"E
14	10°27'49.93"N	78°40'02.54"E

Source: Quarry Lease Plan of the respective proposals

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**FIGURE 2.1: TOPOGRAPHICAL VIEW OF THE PROJECT SITE**



**P1– Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran project Site**



**P2– Thiru.C. Selvaraj, project Site**



**P3 – Thiru. M.Karuppaiya Project Site**



**P4 – Thiru. T.Palanisamy Project Site**



**FIGURE 2.2: SHOWING GOOGLE IMAGE ROUGH STONE AND GRAVEL QUARRY PROJECT AREAS**



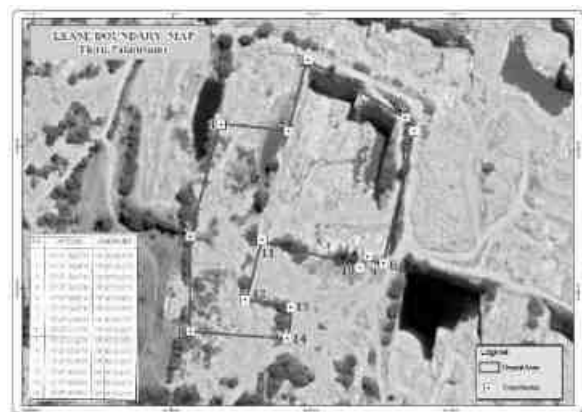
**SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P1**



**SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P2**



**SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P3**



**SATELLITE IMAGE OF P4**

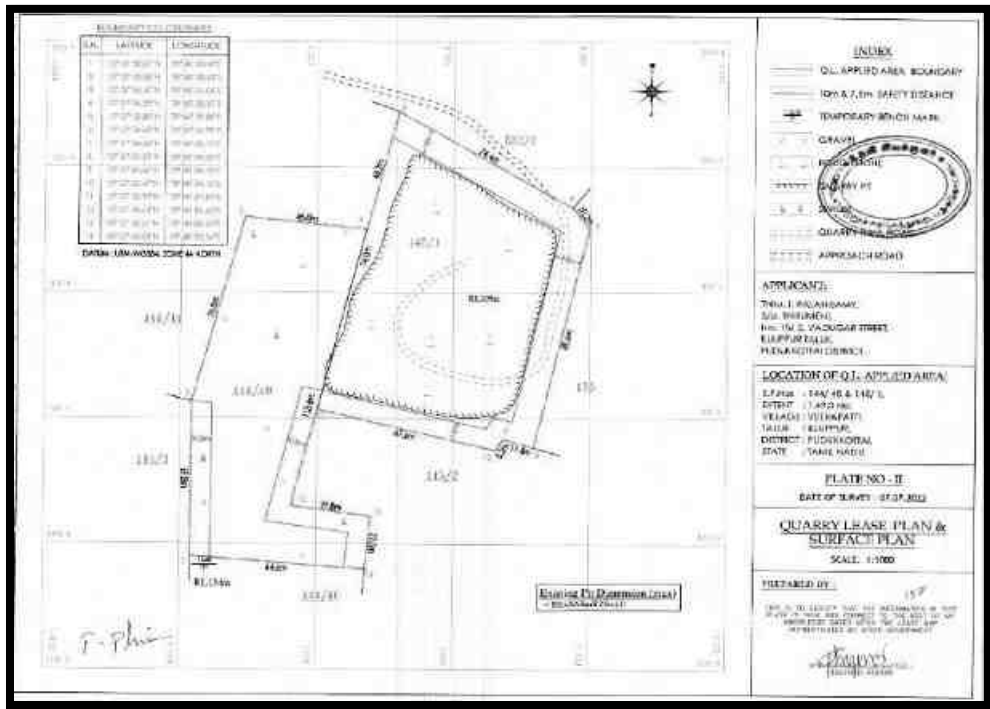




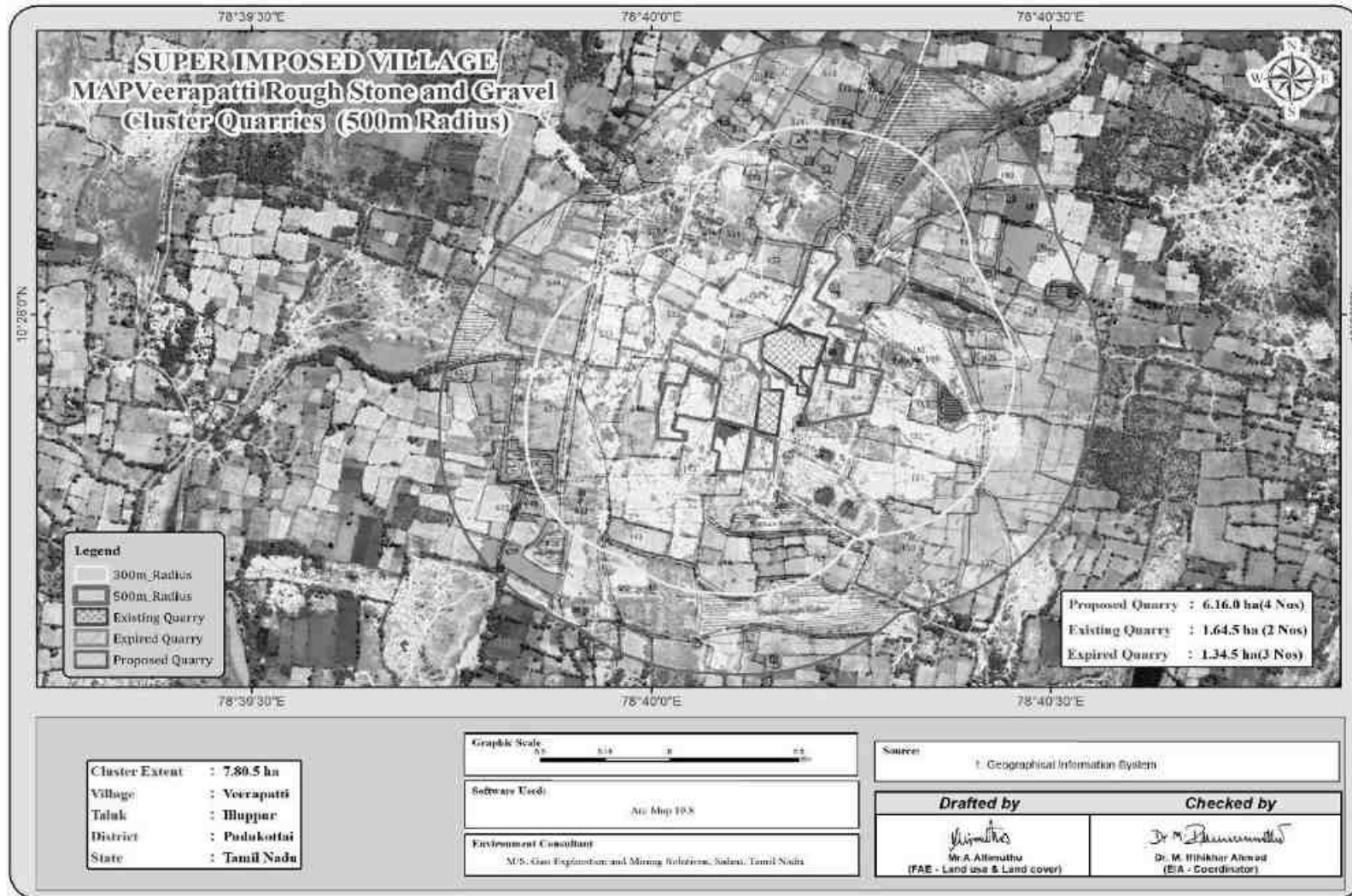
**P3- Thiru. M.Karuppaiya**



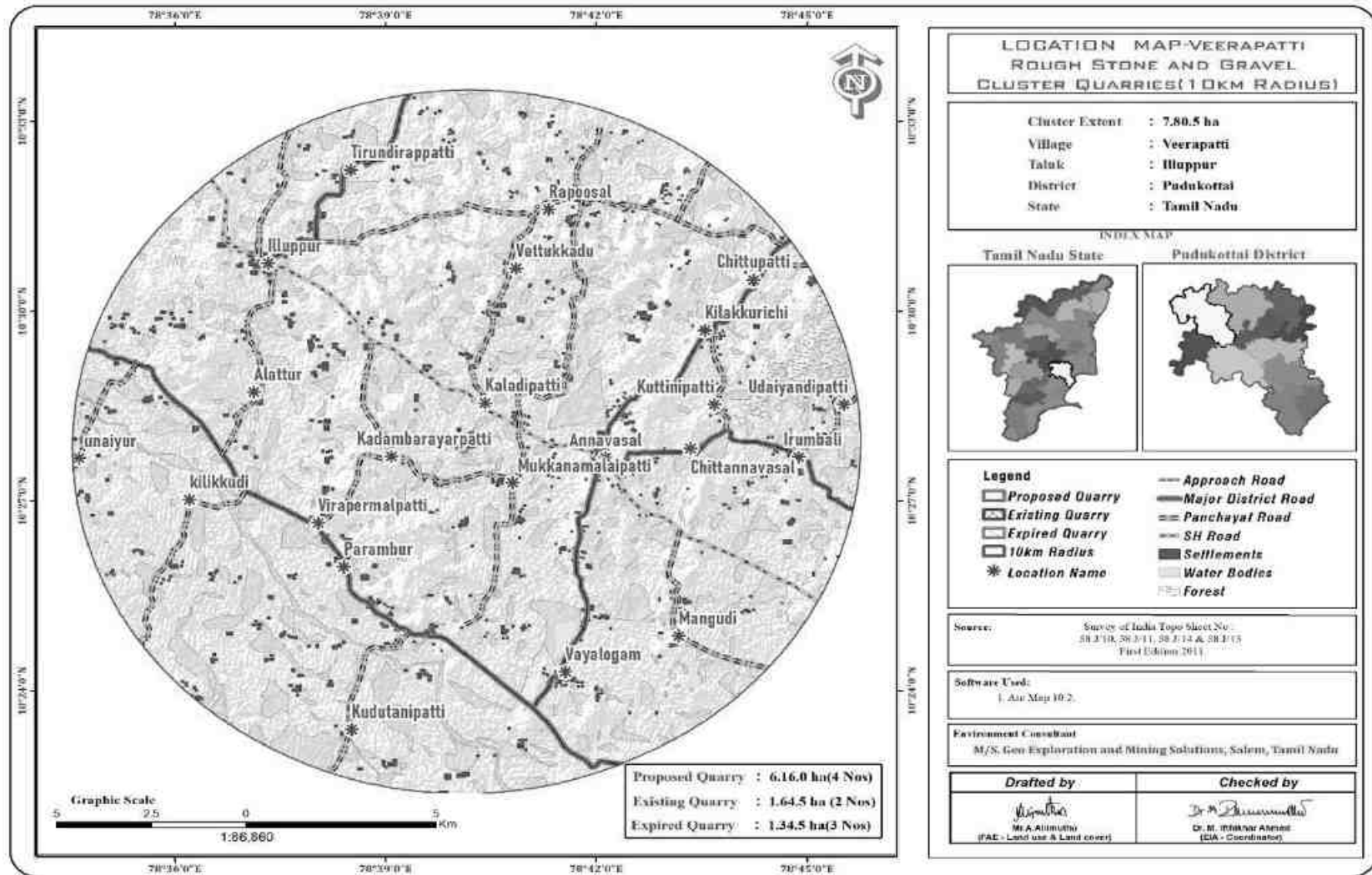
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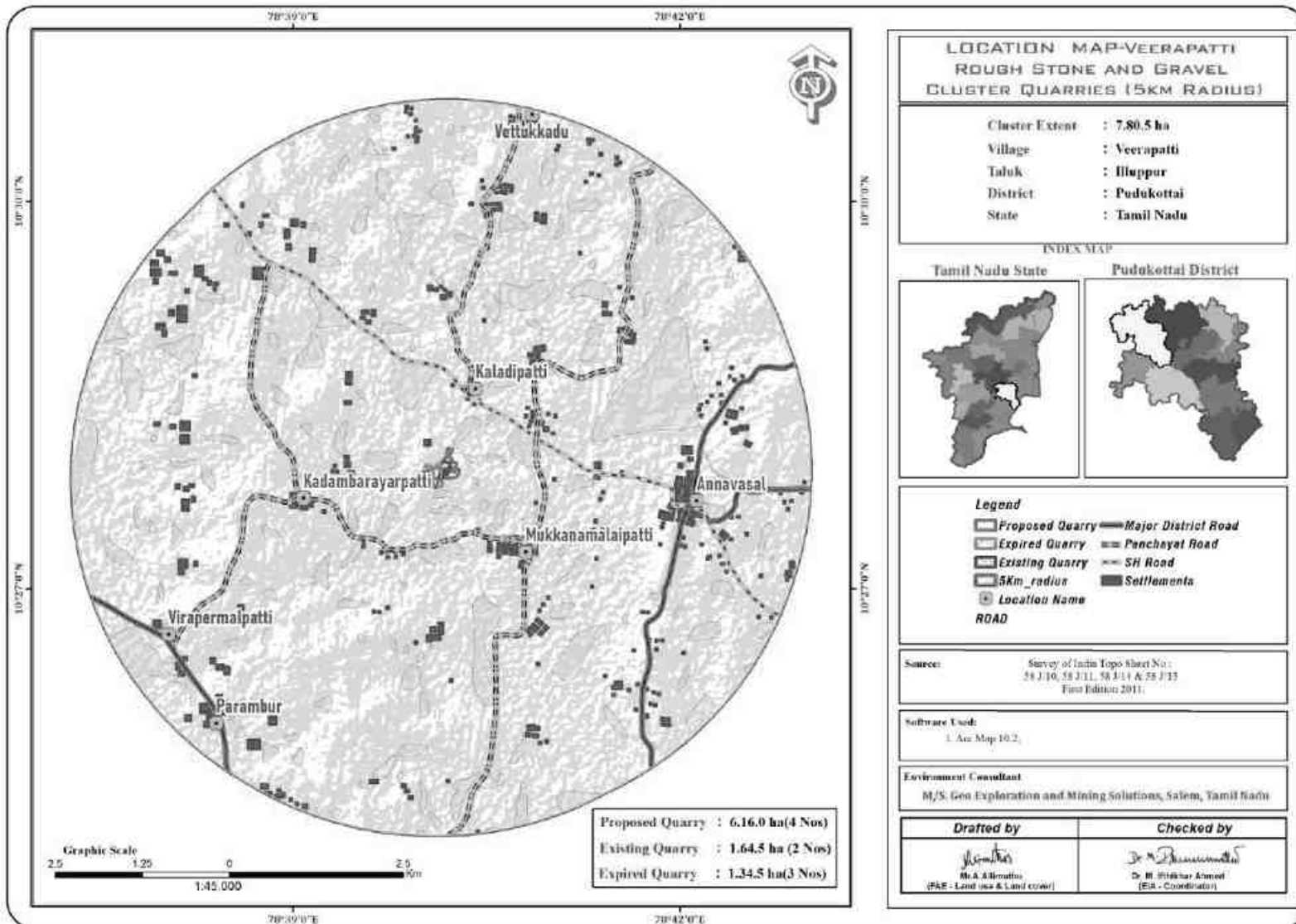
**FIGURE 2.4: SATELLITE IMAGERY OF CLUSTER QUARRIES**



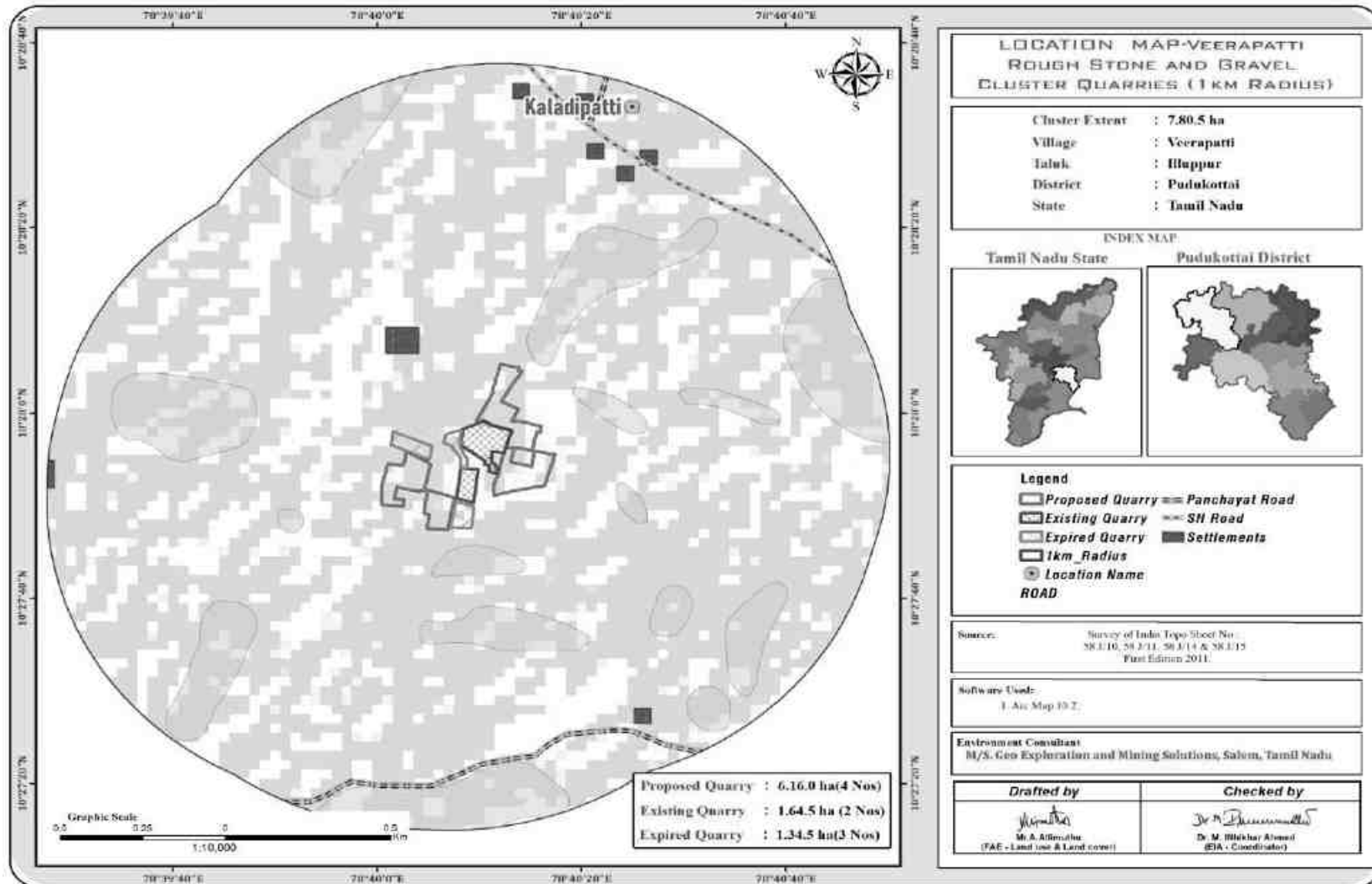
**FIGURE 2.5: DIGITIZED MAP OF THE STUDY AREA (10 KM RADIUS FROM PROJECT SITE)**



**FIGURE 2.6: DIGITIZED MAP OF THE STUDY AREA (5 KM RADIUS FROM PROJECT SITE)**



**FIGURE 2.7: DIGITIZED MAP OF THE STUDY AREA (1 KM RADIUS FROM PROJECT SITE)**



### 2.2.1 Project Area

- (i) All the projects under cluster are site specific, there is No beneficiation or processing proposed inside the project area.
- (ii) There is no forest land involved in the proposed project area and is devoid of major vegetation and trees.

**TABLE 2.3 – LAND USE PATTERN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS**

<b>LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P1</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Present area in (ha)</b>	<b>Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha)</b>
Quarrying Pit	0.67.5	0.75.0
Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
Roads	0.02.0	Nil
Green Belt	Nil	Nil
Un – utilized area	0.18.0	0.11.5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0.87.5</b>	<b>0.87.5</b>
<b>LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P2</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Present area in (ha)</b>	<b>Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha)</b>
Quarrying Pit	1.62.0	2.03.0
Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
Road	0.02.0	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	Nil
Unutilized area	0.53.0	0.11.0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2.17.0</b>	<b>2.17.0</b>
<b>LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P3</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Present area in (ha)</b>	<b>Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha)</b>
Area under quarry	Nil	Nil
Infrastructure	Nil	Nil
Roads	Nil	Nil
Green Belt	Nil	Nil
Un – utilized area	1.62.5	Nil
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1.62.5</b>	<b>1.62.5</b>
<b>LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P4</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Present area in (ha)</b>	<b>Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha)</b>
Quarrying Pit	0.58.0	1.07.0
Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
Roads	0.02.00	0.02.00
Green Belt	Nil	0.20.00
Un – utilized area	0.89.0	0.19.0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1.49.0</b>	<b>1.49.0</b>

Source: Approved Mining Plan

## 2.2.2 Size or Magnitude of Operation

**TABLE 2.4: OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS**

<b>OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P1</b>			
<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>		
	<b>Rough Stone (m<sup>3</sup>) (5Year Plan period)</b>	<b>Weathered Rock (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Gravel (m<sup>3</sup>) (3 Years Plan per iod)</b>
Geological Resources	2,84,101 m <sup>3</sup>	-	896 m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	90,755 m <sup>3</sup>	-	792 m <sup>3</sup>
Production for five-year plan period After bench reduction	87,345 m <sup>3</sup>		
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	5Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days		
Production per day	58	-	1
No of Lorry loads (12m <sup>3</sup> per load)	5	-	1 lorry load per week
Total Depth of Mining	37m (2m Topsoil + 35m Rough stone) below the ground level		
<b>OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P2</b>			
<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>		
	<b>Rough Stone (m<sup>3</sup>) (5Year Plan period)</b>	<b>Weathered Rock (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Gravel (m<sup>3</sup>) (3 Years Plan period)</b>
Geological Resources	7,13,270m <sup>3</sup>	7,161m <sup>3</sup>	8,598 m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	2,90,855m <sup>3</sup>	7,161m <sup>3</sup>	8,598 m <sup>3</sup>
Production for five years Plan After bench reduction	2,81,705m <sup>3</sup>		
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	5Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days		
Production per day	187	8	10
No of Lorry loads (12m <sup>3</sup> per load)	15	1	2
Total Depth of mining	38m (2m Topsoil + 1m Weathered Formation + 40m Rough stone) below the ground level		
<b>OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P3</b>			
<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>		
	<b>Rough Stone (m<sup>3</sup>) (5Year Plan period)</b>	<b>Weathered Rock (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Gravel (m<sup>3</sup>) (3 Years Plan period)</b>
Geological Resources	5,68,750m <sup>3</sup>	-	32,500m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	1,96,175 m <sup>3</sup>	-	27,296
Production for five- year plan period	98,100 m <sup>3</sup>	-	27,296 m <sup>3</sup>
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	10 Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days		
Production per day	65m <sup>3</sup>	-	30
No of Lorry loads (12m <sup>3</sup> per load)	6	-	3
Proposed Depth for Mining Plan Period	27m bgl (2m Gravel + 25m Rough stone)		



<b>OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P4</b>			
<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>		
	<b>Rough Stone (m<sup>3</sup>) (5 Year Plan period)</b>	<b>Weathered Rock (m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Gravel (m<sup>3</sup>) (3 Years Plan period)</b>
Geological Resources	2,18,287m <sup>3</sup>	-	12,408m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	71,512m <sup>3</sup>	-	9,310m <sup>3</sup>
Production for five-year plan period	71,512m <sup>3</sup>	-	9,310m <sup>3</sup>
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	5 Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days		
Production per day	48 m <sup>3</sup>	-	10 m <sup>3</sup>
No of Lorry loads (6m <sup>3</sup> per load)	4 Nos	-	2 lorry load per week
Proposed Depth for Mining Plan Period	30m (2m Gravel + 28m Rough stone) below the ground level		

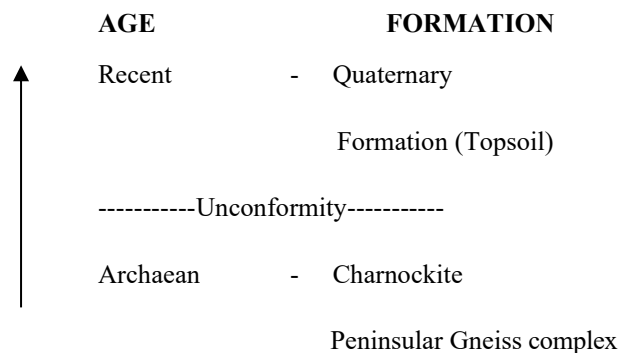
Source: approved mining plan

\* Gravel and weathered formation are proposed to excavate for first year, second year and third years only

## 2.3 Geology

### 2.3.1 Regional Geology

Peninsular gneiss forms the oldest rock formations, in which the massive formation of Charnockite lies over with rich accumulation of recent quaternary formation. On regional scale of the Charnockite body is N – S with dipping towards E40°. The general geological sequences of the rocks in this area are given below:



The geological formation of Pudukkottai District comprises of the hard rocks formed in the Archean age to the sedimentary deposits of the Quaternary period. Geologically the entire study area can be divided into hard rock and sedimentary rock regions. The hard rocks are found on the western side and sedimentary formation towards the eastern direction of the study area. About 45 per cent of the study area is under hard massive formation of Archean age and the rest 55 per cent comprises of the sedimentary formation ranging from Pre-Cambrian to Quaternary period.

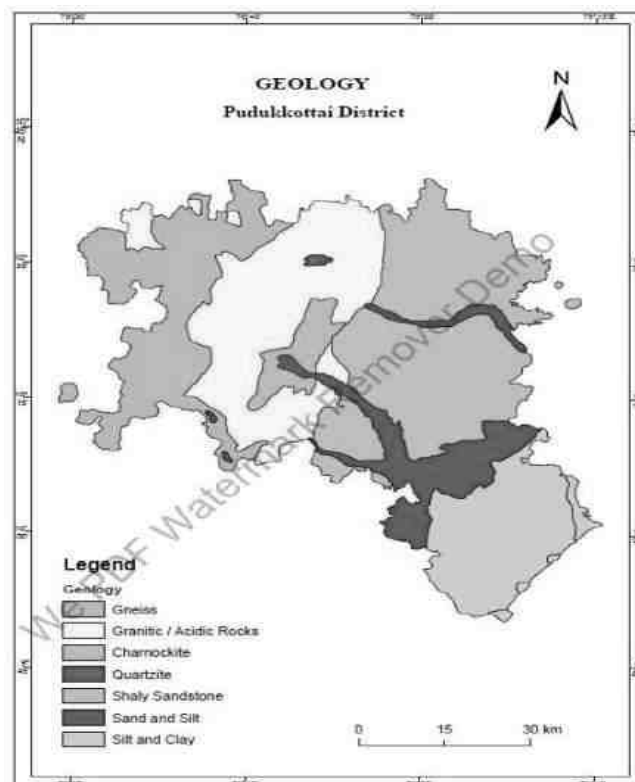
Source: <https://pudukkottai.nic.in/document-category/mineral-survey-report/>

### 2.3.2 Local Geology: -

The various types of hard rocks found here are Charnockites, Hornblende Gneiss, Biotite Gneiss, Granite and Quartzite's. Various types of Gneiss rocks are found in the western part of Pudukkottai District. Charnockites and granites rocks are mostly found in the central part including the blocks of Kunnandavarkoil, Thirumayam and the southern parts of Pudukkottai Block. The various types of Gneiss rocks are found in the western part of the study area, consisting the blocks of Viralimalai, Annavasal and Ponamaravathy. Quartzite deposits are found in small quantity in some parts of Annavasal and Thirumayam Blocks. In the Blocks of Kulathur, Thirumayam and parts of Pudukkottai crystalline rocks are found.

The sedimentary deposits found in this region consist of shaly sandstone, sand, clay and gravels. The sedimentary deposits formed during the Tertiary period consist of laterite, arenaceous and argillaceous sandstone clay. These deposits are found in the Blocks of Arantangi, Gandarvakottai, Alangudi and Thiruvarankulam. Cretaceous deposits consisting of clay, limestone, sand stone and clayey sand stone are found in some parts of Gandarvakottai, Thirumayam and Pudukkottai. Unconsolidated coastal alluvial deposits consisting of sand gravel and silt are found along the river bed.

Source: <https://pudukkottai.nic.in/document-category/mineral-survey-report/>



**Lithology Map of Pudukkottai district**

### 2.3.3 Hydrogeology

Geology Geologically the entire district can be broadly classified into hard rock and sedimentary regions.

- a) Hard rock regions Around 45% of this district is underlain by hard massive formations of Archaean age. Granitic gneiss, hornblende biotite gneiss, charnockites, pegmatites and quartzites are the various types of rocks encountered in the hard rock region. Kulathur, major part of Thirumayam and parts of Pudukottai taluk are occupied by crystalline rocks.
- b) Sedimentary regions the area occupied by sedimentary formations belonging to 1. Cretaceous 2. Tertiary and 3. Recent ages fall on the eastern half of the district. The total extent occupied by sedimentary formations amounts to 55% of the total geographical area of the district. Tertiary deposits of Pudukottai district consists of laterite, arenaceous and argillaceous sand stone and clay.

The State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre, during the course of investigation has drilled more than 92 boreholes spread over the entire district to find out the nature and behaviour of the subsurface material and their water holding

and water yielding capability. The weathering zone in the district varies from 7 to 22 metres below ground level.

#### Aquifer Systems:

##### a) Hard rock

The thickness of aquifer in Pudukottai district varies between 12 m to 45 m below G.L. The intensity and degree of weathering and fracture development in the crystalline 5 formations play a vital role in the development of intergranular porosity. Whenever gneissic formations occur deep and very high intensity of weathering is observed. While in charnockite area weathering is moderate. The aquifer parameter in hard rock region of the district is observed to be as follows: **Source:** <https://nwm.gov.in/sites/default/files/Notes%20on%20Pudukottai%20District.pdf>

Parameters	Range
Well yield in LPM	1-2 lpm
Transmissivity (T) m <sup>2</sup> /day	5-25 m <sup>2</sup> /day
Permeability (K) m/day	3-16 m/day

##### b) Sedimentary formations

###### i) Cretaceous formations

The cretaceous formations are the oldest among the sedimentary formations occurring in the district, cropping out along a narrow belt of 6-8 kms width adjoining the archaean complex. These formations are found in the eastern parts of Thirumayamtaluk and nearly in the half of pudukottai, alangudi and Gandarakottai. Taluks, consists mainly of coarse-grained sand, clay, clayey sand stone associated with kankar and gravel. The aquifer parameter values of the cretaceous formations are given below.

Parameters	Range
Well yield in LPM	3-4 lpm
Transmissivity (T) m <sup>2</sup> /day	9-47 m <sup>2</sup> /day
Permeability (K) m/day	0.5-2.80 m/day

ii) *Tertiary formations:*

The tertiary formations encountered in this district are of Miocene and Pliocene ages and are found in the entire Aranthangi and Avudaiyarkoil taluks and also along the eastern parts of the Pudukottai and Alangud taluks consisting mainly of sandstones, clay bound sands, sandy clay, shales, etc., The aquifer parameters values of tertiary formations are given below:

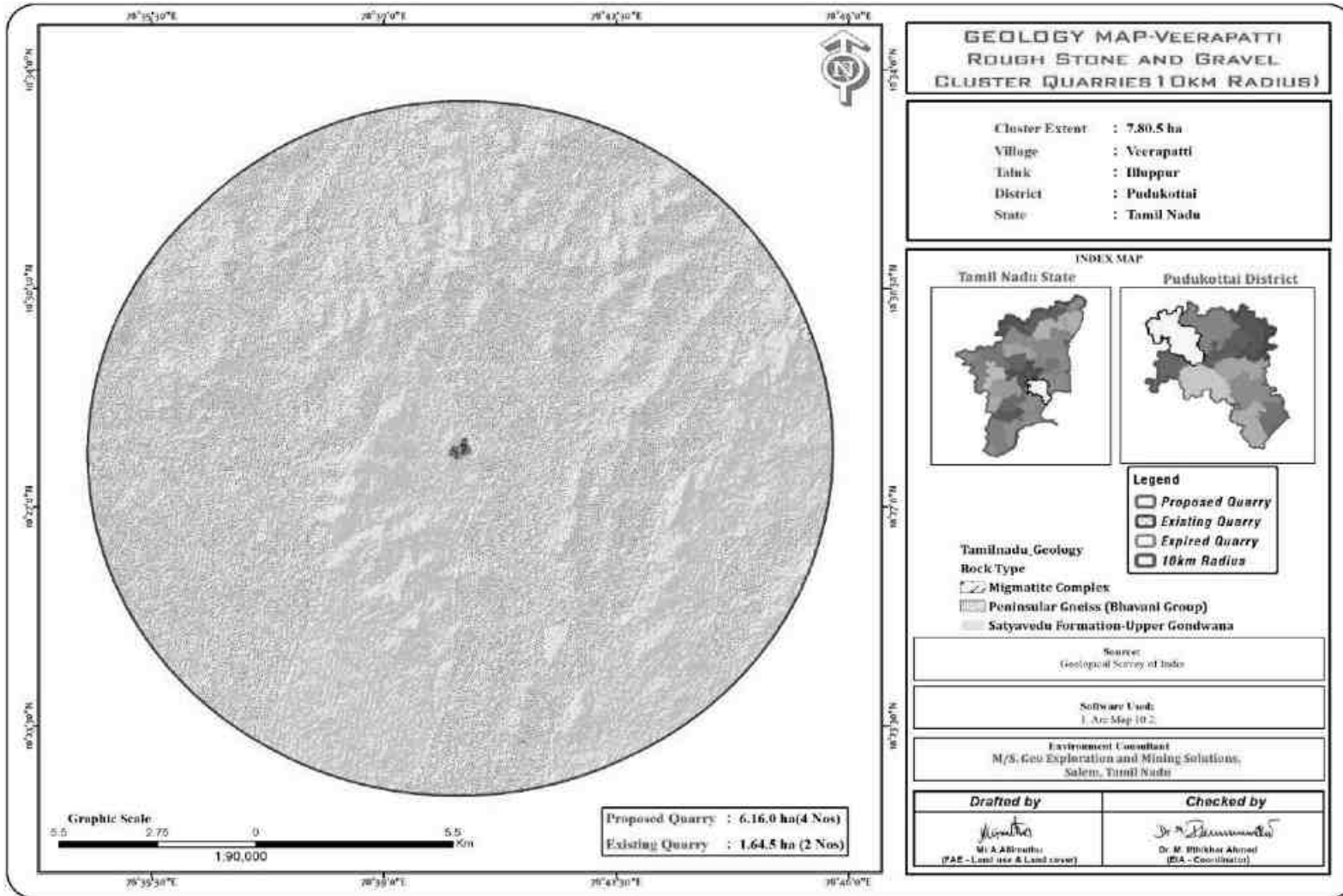
Parameters	Range
Well yield in LPM	5-10 lpm
Transmissivity (T) m <sup>2</sup> /day	89-157 m <sup>2</sup> /day
Permeability (K) m/day	1.5-3 m/day

**TABLE 2.5: GROUND WATER LEVEL VARIATIONS OF PUDUKOTTAI DISTRICT**

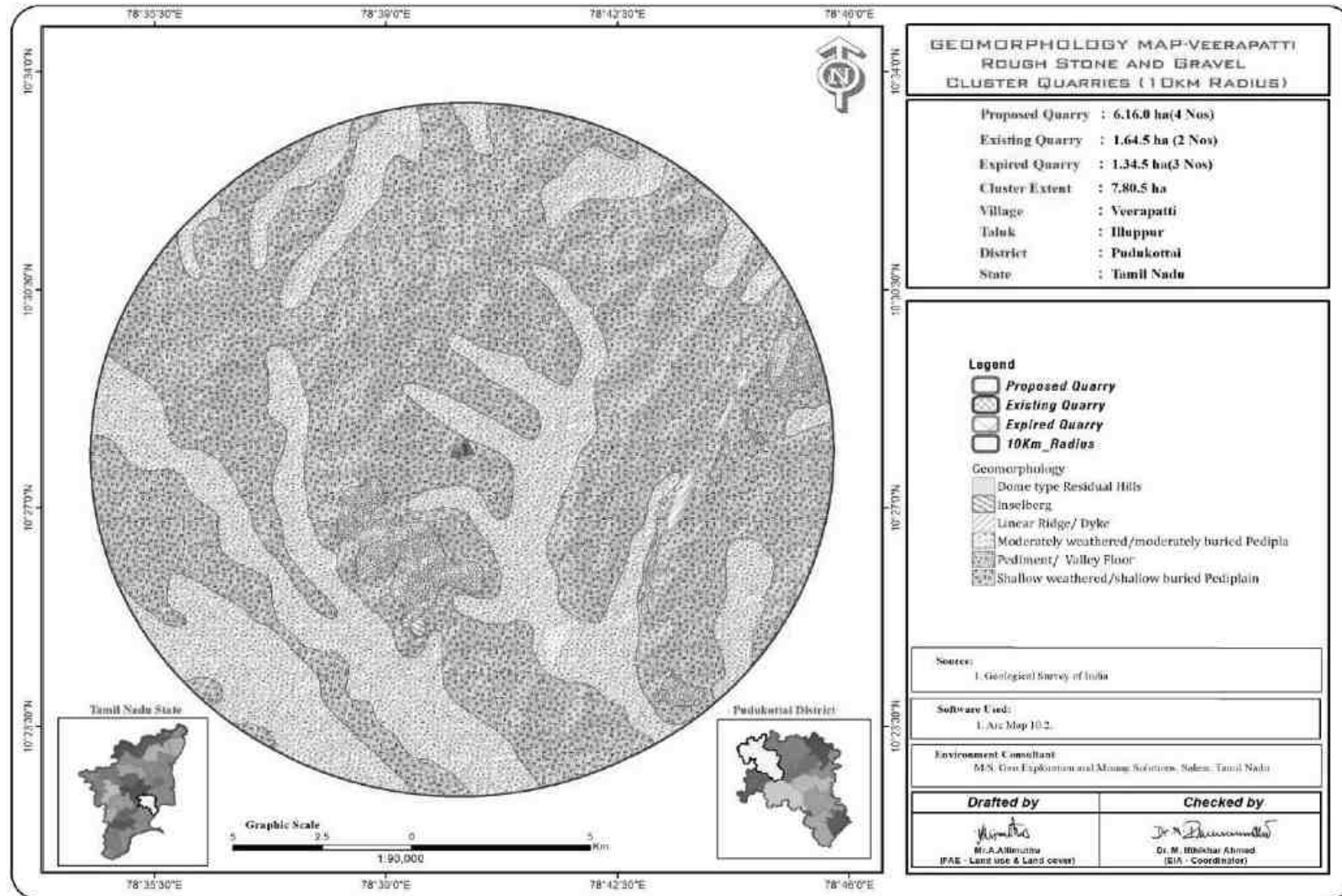
Jan 2017	May 2017	Jan 2018	May 2018	Jan 2019	May 2019	Jan 2020	May 2020	Jan 2021	May 2021	5 Years Pre Monsoon Average	5 Years Post Monsoon Average
30.2	35.5	33.8	32.2	41.0	43.9	38.7	25.3	30.3	22.3	27.0	30.4

Source: <https://www.twadboard.tn.gov.in/content/Pudukottai>

**FIGURE 2.11: REGIONAL GEOLOGY MAP**

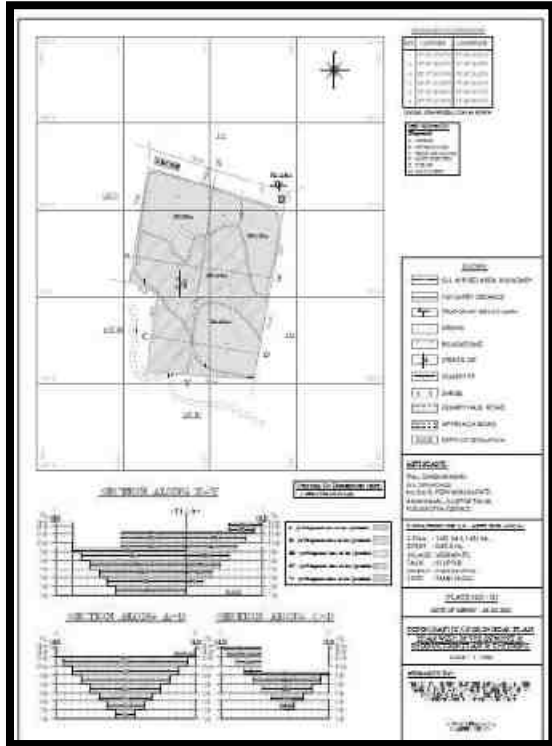


**FIGURE 2.12: GEOMORPHOLOGY MAP**

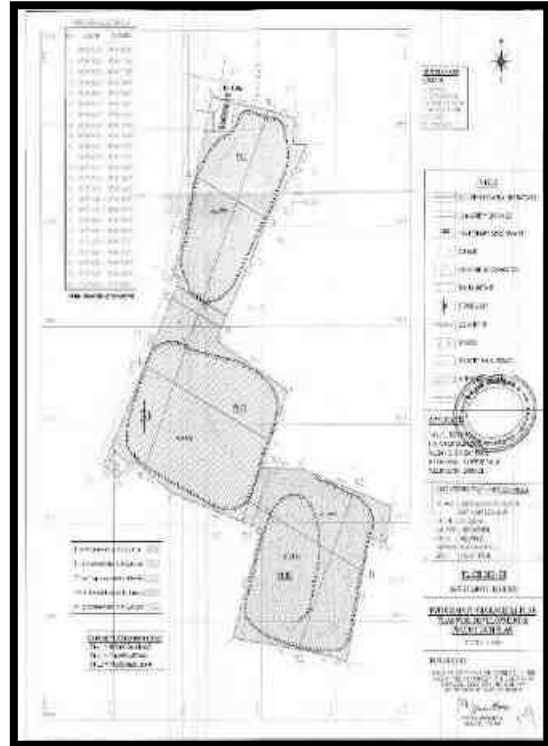


**FIGURE 2.13: TOPOGRAPHY, GEOLOGICAL, YEARWISE DEVELOPMENT PRODUCTION PLAN AND SECTION**

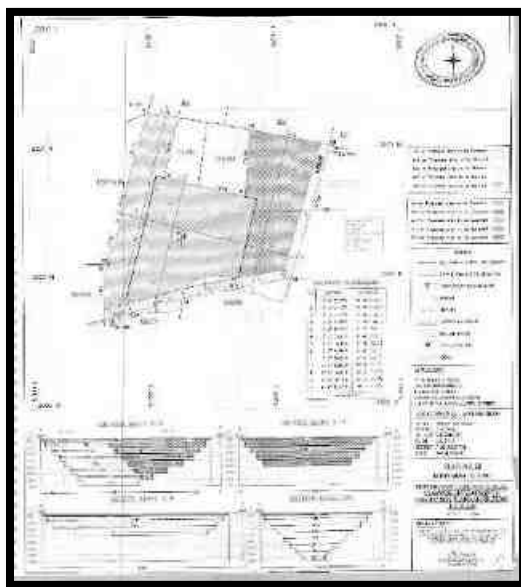
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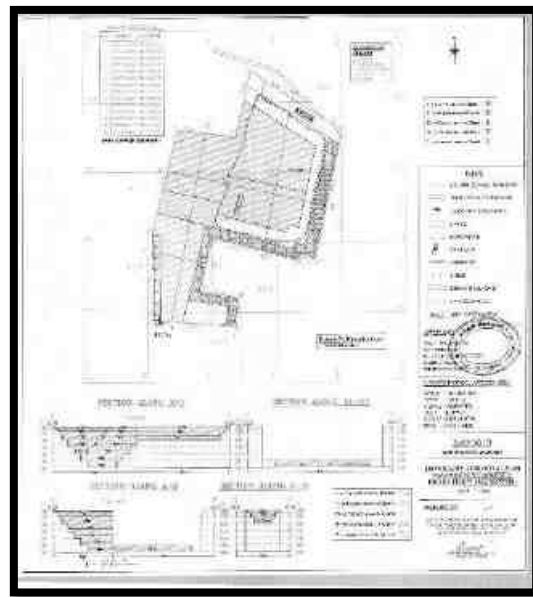
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**Thiru. M.Karupaiya-P3**



**Thiru. T. Palanisamy, -P4**



## 2.4 Resources and Reserves of the Cluster quarries

The available mineable reserves are calculated after leaving necessary safety distances prescribed in the Precise area communication letter.

**TABLE 2.6: CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF ROUGH STONE IN CLUSTER**

Quarry	Production for five-year plan period	Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Day Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Number of Lorry Load Per Day @ 12m <sup>3</sup> per load
P1	90,755	18,151	61	5 Trips /Day
P2	2,90,855	58,171	194	16 Trips /Day
P3	1,96,175	39,235	131	11 Trips /Day
P4	71,512	14,302	48	4 Trips /day
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,49,297</b>	<b>1,29,859</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>36Trips /Day</b>

**TABLE 2.7: CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF GRAVEL IN CLUSTER**

Quarry	Mineable Reserves in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Day in m <sup>3</sup>	Number of Lorry Load @ 12m <sup>3</sup> per load
P1	896	299	1	1 Trips /Day
P2	8,598	2,866	10	1- Trips /week
P3	32,500	10,833	36	3 Trips/ week
P4	2,640	880	3	1- Trips /week
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,634</b>	<b>14,878</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6 Trips/ week</b>

### Disposal of Waste

In the entire cluster quarries no waste is anticipated, quarried out materials (Rough stone and Gravel) will be utilized (100%).

## 2.5 Method of Mining

The method of mining is common for all the proposed projects – The method of mining is 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 overburden (Gravel) will be Excavate directly by Hydraulic Excavators and loaded into tippers directly and sold to needy customers. 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.

### 2.5.1 Drilling



Drilling will be carried out as per parameters given below: -

Spacing – 1.2m, Burden –1.0, Depth of hole - 1.5m

### 2.5.2 Blasting

Blasting will be done as per details below: -

- Controlled blasting parameter: -

Spacing – 0.3m

Burden – 1.0 m

Depth of hole – 0.15m

Charge per hole – 50grams

Powder factor – 6.0 tonnes/kg

Dia of hole – 32 mm

Details of blasting design and parameters are discussed in approved mining plan.

No of Holes to be drilled per day: -

Volume of Rough Stone will be excavated from one hole	=	3 Tonnes
Total Volume from four proposed quarries	=	6,49,297 m <sup>3</sup>
	=	6,49,297 /5
	=	1,29,859 /300
	=	433* 2.6
	=	1,125 Tonnes per day
Therefore, Number of Holes per day	=	611/3
	=	40 Holes per day (for 4 Quarries)

### Type of Explosives to be used –

Slurry explosives (An explosive material containing substantial portions of a liquid, oxidizers, and fuel, plus a thickener), NONEL / Electric Detonator & Detonating Fuse.

### 2.5.3 Extent of Mechanization

TABLE 2.8 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	Tippers	1	20 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
PROPOSAL – P2				
S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Jack hammers	7	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	2	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker Unit 4	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	3	20 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
PROPOSAL – P3				
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
<b>PROPOSAL – P4</b>				
S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Jack hammers	-		
2	Compressor	-		
3	Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker Unit 4	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	2	10 Tonnes	Diesel Drive

Source: Approved Mining Plan of the respective projects.

## 2.6 General Features

### 2.6.1 Existing Infrastructures

Infrastructures like Mine office, Temporary Rest shelters for workers, Latrine and Urinal Facilities are available in the Existing quarries and the same infrastructure as per the Mine Rule will be arranged after the grant of quarry lease in the proposed quarries.

### 2.6.1 Drainage Pattern

The general drainage pattern of the area is dendritic. There are no streams, canals or water bodies crossing within the project area, hence there is no requirement of stream or canals diversion in the near future.

### 2.6.2 Traffic Density

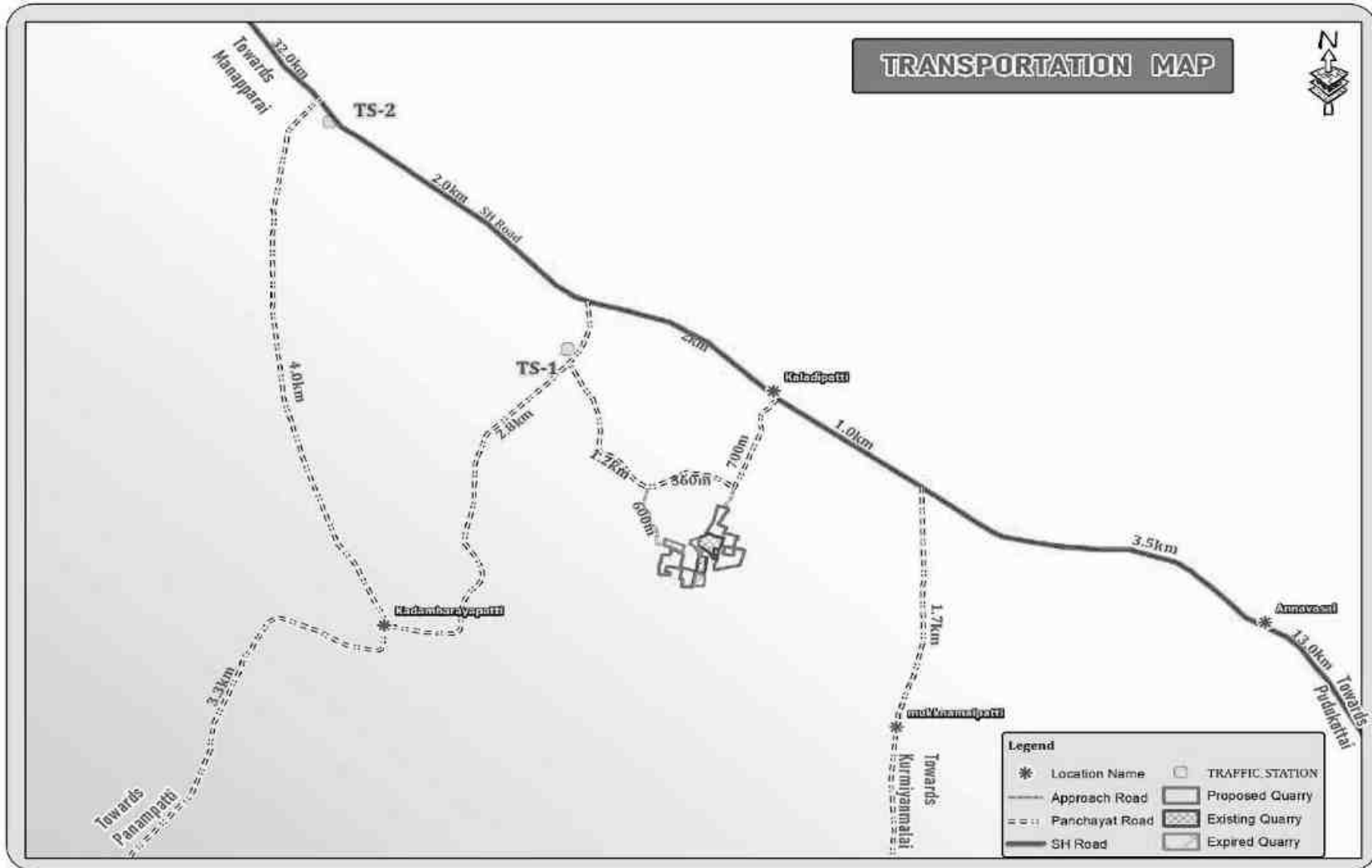
Traffic density measurements were performed as per IRC 1960 Guidelines at three locations based on the transportation route. Traffic density measurement were made continuously for 24 hours by visual observation and counting of vehicles under three categories, viz., heavy motor vehicles, light motor vehicles and two/three wheelers. As traffic densities on the roads are high, two skilled persons were deployed simultaneously at each station during each shift- one person on either direction for counting the traffic. At the end of each hour, fresh counting and recording was undertaken.

**TABLE 2.9 – TRAFFIC SURVEY LOCATION'S**

Station code	Station location	Distance and Direction	Type of Road
TS1	kadambarayapatti Village Road	1.5 km- SE	Village Road
TS2	SH Road–Manappari -Annavaasal- Pudukottai Road	3.5 Km-SE	District Road

Source: On-site monitoring by GEMS FAE & TM

**FIGURE 2.14: TRAFFIC SURVEY LOCATIONS & TRANSPORTATION ROUTE MAP**



(Source: Survey of India Toposheet)

**TABLE 2.10 – EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUME**

Station code	HMV (Hourly Average)		LMV hourly average		2/3 Hourly average		Total PCU per hour
	No	PCU	No	PCU	No	PCU	
TS1	45	135	25	25	40	20	180
TS2	75	225	100	100	100	50	375

Source: On-site monitoring by GEMS FAE & TM

- PCU conversion factor for HMV (Trucks and Bus) = 3, LMV (Car, Jeep and Auto) = 1 and 0.5 for Motor Vehicles (2/3 Wheelers)

**TABLE 2.11 – ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC DUE TO THIS PROPOSED PROJECT**

Transportation of Rough stone per day		
Capacity of trucks	Cumulative Trips	Volume in PCU
10/20 tonnes	25 Trips	25

Source: Anticipated based on Approved Mining Plan Production

**TABLE 2.12 – SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC VOLUME**

Route	Existing traffic value in PCU	Incremental traffic from the quarry in PCU	Total traffic volume	Hourly Capacity in PCU as per IRC guidelines
Village road	180	25	205	500
District Road	375	25	400	1200

Source: On-site monitoring analysis summary by GEMS FAE & TM

- As per the IRC 1960 this existing District Road can handle 1200 PCU in hour in hour & village road 500 PCU hence there will not be any conjunction due to this proposed transportation.

### 2.6.3 Mineral Beneficiation and Processing

There is no proposal for the mineral processing or ore beneficiation in this project

### 2.6.4 Existing Infrastructure

It is a new quarry, no infrastructural facility available within the project area. The infrastructural facilities to be made after the start of the quarrying operations will be prepared outside limit as per the rules and safe distance to be adopted.

### 2.6.2 Drainage Pattern

The drainage pattern of the area is dendritic – sub dendritic.

## 2.7 Project Requirement

### 2.7.1 Water Source & Requirement

Detail of Total water requirements in KLD as given below:

**TABLE 2.13 – WATER REQUIREMENT FOR THE CLUSTER PROJECT -P1-P4**

<b>PROPOSAL – P1</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	0.5 KLD	from bore well and open well from nearby area through tankers
Green Belt development	0.3 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Drinking and Domestic purpose	0.4KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors.
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.2 KLD</b>	
<b>PROPOSAL – P2</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	1.3 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Green Belt development	1.0 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Domestic purpose	0.7 KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors.
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.0 KLD</b>	
<b>PROPOSAL – P3</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	1.4 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Green Belt development	0.3 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Domestic purpose	0.3 KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors.
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0 KLD</b>	
<b>PROPOSAL – P4</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	1.5 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Green Belt development	0.5 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Domestic purpose	0.5 KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.5 KLD</b>	

Source: Prefeasibility Report

About 50% water will be required for the suspension of the dust, Water shall be obtained from accumulated rainwater/seepage water in quarry pits. Packaged Drinking Water is available from the nearby approved water vendors.

### 2.7.2 Power and Other Infrastructure Requirement

The project's does not require power supply for the quarry operation. The quarrying activity is proposed during day time only (General Shift 8 AM – 5 PM, Lunch Break 1 PM – 2 PM). Electricity for use in office and other internal infrastructure will be obtained from TNEB. For the quarrying operation like compressor for drilling Diesel will be utilized.

The temporary infrastructures such as Mine Office, First Aid Room, Rest Shelter etc., will be constructed within the project area before commencing the quarry operation. No workshops are proposed inside the project area hence there will not be any process effluent generation from the project area. Domestic effluent from the mine office will be discharged to septic tank and soak pit. There is no toxic effluent expected to generate in the form of solid, liquid or gaseous form hence there is no requirement of waste treatment.

### 2.7.3 Fuel Requirement

High speed Diesel (HSD) will be used for mining machineries. Diesel will be brought from nearby Fuel Stations.

Average diesel consumption is around = 300 Liters of HSD / day per project  
= Total of 1,200 Liters of HSD per day for four proposed projects

### 2.7.4 Employment Requirement:

The skilled, competent qualified statutory persons will be engaged for quarrying operation, preference will be given to the local community.

**TABLE 2.14: EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL FOR PROPOSED QUARRIES**

Identification code	Employment in Nos
P1	15
P2	14
P3	20
P4	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

A total of 81 people will get employment due to these 4 quarries in the cluster quarries.

### 2.7.5 Project Cost

**TABLE 2.15 – PROJECT COST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS**

Identification code	Project Cost
P1	Rs. 18,53,000/-
P2	Rs. 47,72,000/-
P3	Rs. 45,93,000/-
P4	Rs. 23,04,000/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 1,35,22,000 /-</b>

Source: Approved Mining Plan & Prefsability Report of the respective projects

### 2.8 Project Implementation Schedule

The commercial operation will commence after the grant of Environmental Clearance. CTO will be obtained from the Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board. The conditions imposed during the Environmental Clearance will be compiled before the start of mining operation.

**TABLE 2.16 – EXPECTED TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE PROPOSED QUARRIES**

S. No	Particulars lease execution	Time schedule (in month)					Remarks if any
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	
1	Environmental Clearance						
2	Consent to operate						Production start period

Source: Anticipated based on Timelines framed in EIA Notification & CPCB Guidelines.

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## CHAPTER – 3: DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

### 3.0 General

This chapter presents a regional background to the baseline data at the very onset, which will help in better appreciation of micro-level field data, generated on several environmental and ecological attributes of the study area. 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 Oct, Nov & Dec 2022 with CPCB guidelines. Environmental data has been collected with reference to cluster quarries by **Chennai Mettex lab** private Limited– Approved by AAI, AGMARK, APEDA, BIS, [IC, FSSAI, GAFTA, IOPEPC, MOEF & TEA BOARD, for the below attributes-

- Land
- Water
- Air
- Noise
- Biological
- Socio-economic status

#### Study Area

An area of 10 km radius (aerial distance) from the periphery of the cluster is considered for EIA study. The data collection has been used to understand the existing environment scenario around the cluster quarries against which the potential impacts of the project can be assessed. The study area has been divided into two zones viz **core zone** and **buffer zone** where core zone is considered as cluster and buffer zone taken as 10km radius from the periphery of the Cluster. Both Core zone and Buffer zone is taken as the study area.

#### Study Period

The baseline study was conducted during the pre-monsoon season i.e. Oct 2022 – Dec 2022.

#### Study Methodology

Baseline data was generated for various environmental parameters including Land, Soil, Water (surface and groundwater), Air, Noise, Ecology & Biodiversity and Socio-economic status to determine the quality of the prevailing environmental settings. A MoEF accredited Laboratory was used for generating the baseline data.

1. The project area (Core zone) was surveyed in detail with the help of Total Station survey instrument and the boundary pillars were picked up with the help of handheld GPS. The boundary coordinates were superimposed on the satellite imagery to understand the relief of the area, besides Land use pattern of the area was studied through the Bhuvan (ISRO).



2. Soil samples were collected and analysed for relevant physico-chemical characteristics, exchangeable cations, nutrients & micro nutrients etc., in order to assess the impact of mining activities and proposed greenbelt development
3. Ground water samples were collected during the study period from the open wells and bore wells, while surface water was collected from river and lake in the buffer zone. The samples were analysed for parameters necessary to determine water quality (based on IS: 10500:2012 criteria) and those which are relevant from the point of view of environmental impact of the proposed quarries.
4. A meteorological station was setup in pachapalayam village. Wind speed, Wind direction, Dry and wet bulb temperature, Relative humidity, Rainfall with cloud cover and general weather conditions were recorded throughout the study period.
5. In order to assess the Ambient Air Quality (AAQ), samples of Ambient Air were collected by installation of Respiratory Dust Samplers (RDS) for Fugitive dust, PM<sub>10</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> with gaseous attachments & Fine Dust Samplers (FDS) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and other parameters as per NAAQ norms and analysed for primary air pollutants to work out the existing status of air quality
6. The noise level measurements were also made at various locations in different intervals of time with the help of sound level meter to establish the baseline noise levels in the impact zone
7. Baseline biological studies were carried out to assess the ecology of the study area to study the existing flora and fauna pattern of the area
8. Socio-Economic survey was conducted at village and household level in the study area to understand the present socio-economic conditions and assess the extent of impact due to the proposed mining project

The sampling methodologies for the various environmental parameters required for the study, frequency of sampling, method of samples analysis, etc., are given below Table 3.1.

**TABLE 3.1 – ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING ATTRIBUTES AND FREQUENCY OF MONITORING**

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 (1 surface water & 5 ground water)	IS 10500& CPCB Standards

Meteorology	Wind Speed Wind Direction Temperature Cloud cover Dry bulb temperature Rainfall	1 Hourly Continuous Mechanical/Automatic Weather Station	1	Site specific primary data & Secondary Data from IMD Station
*Ambient Air Quality	PM <sub>10</sub> PM <sub>2.5</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>x</sub> Fugitive Dust	24 hourly twice a week (Oct – Dec 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.

Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by Chennai Mettex Lab Private Limited in association with GEMS

\* All monitoring and testing are been carried out as per the Guidelines of CPCB and MoEF & CC.

### 3.1 LAND ENVIRONMENT

The main objective of this section is to provide a baseline status of the study area covering 10km radius around the proposed mine site so that temporal changes due to the mining activities on the surroundings can be assessed in future.

#### 3.1.1 LAND USE/ LAND COVER

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 no. 4 & 10 Stating:**

Point No. 4 All corner coordinates of the mine lease area, superimposed on a High-Resolution Imagery/ topo sheet, topographic sheet, geomorphology and geology of the area should be provided. Such an Imagery of the proposed area should clearly show the land use and other ecological features of the study area (core and buffer zone).

Point No. 10. Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary, national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features should be indicated. Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass preoperational, operational and post operational phases and submitted.

Current vintage data of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite ResourceSat-2A L4FMX (False Color Composite) has been used for Land Use / Land Cover study. Satellite image has been procured from National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad.

#### 3.1.2 OBJECTIVE

*The objectives of the LULC study are as follow:*

- ☞ To develop the Land use & Land cover map using land coordinates of the plant area (Core Zone) and 10 km radius from the plant site (Buffer area).
- ☞ To Identify and mark the important Land use and Land cover features using the primary and secondary data collected.
- ☞ To evaluate the impacts on existing land use/cover features of the buffer area by the Proposed Project activities.
- ☞ To identify the mitigative measures for the sustainable use of land and to protect the buffer zone from the adverse impacts.

#### **Technical specification of Satellite imagery Data Used:**

Current vintage data of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite RESOURCESAT-2A (L4FMX) digital FCC (False Color Composite) has been used for preparation of Land use/ Land cover thematic map of study area. Satellite image has been procured from National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad. Survey of India Toposheet as a reference map on 1:50,000 scale has been used for preparation of base layer data like road, rail network; village for geo-referencing of satellite image.

- ☞ Satellite Image - Resourcesat1-LISSIII, 23.5m Resolution
- ☞ Satellite Data Source - NRSC, Hyderabad
- ☞ Satellite Vintage - 14st July 2020, Swath 141km wide.
- ☞ SOI Toposheet No - 58 J/10, 11,14 &15
- ☞ Software Used - ArcGIS 10.8

The satellite image (FCC color 3,2,1) of the buffer zone is given in 3.1

The spatial resolution and the spectral bands in which the sensor collects the remotely sensed data are two important parameters for any land use survey. Resourcesat1-LISSIII, 23m Resolution of 23.5m and a 141 km wide swath of the earth in 23.5m resolution covering wide areas the data is collected in 4 visible bands namely band number and Resolution.

**TABLE 3.2: Resourcesat1-LISSIII SENSOR characteristics**

Band Number	Description	Wavelength	Resolution
Band 1	Green	0.52-0.59 $\mu\text{m}$	23.5 meters
Band 2	Red	0.62-0.68 $\mu\text{m}$	23.5meters
Band 3	NIR	0.77-0.86 $\mu\text{m}$	23.5meters
Band 4	SWIR	1.55-1.70 $\mu\text{m}$	70meters

Source: NRSC, Hyderabad

### 3.1.3 METHODOLOGY

The land use / land cover map is prepared by adopting the interpretation techniques of the Satellite image in combination with collateral data such as Survey of India topographical maps. Image classification is done by using visual interpretation techniques and digital classification using any of the image processing software. The various activities for preparation of LULC include preprocessing, rectification, image enhancements and classifying the satellite data for assessing the change in land use land cover due to proposed developmental activities.

- ☞ Preliminary/primary data collection of the study area
- ☞ Satellite data procurement from NRSC
- ☞ Secondary data collection from authorized bodies
- ☞ Survey of India Toposheet (SOI)
- ☞ Mine Layout
- ☞ Cadastral / Khasra map
- ☞ GPS Coordinates of Lease Boundary
- ☞ Processing of satellite data using ArcGIS 10.8 and preparing the Land Use & Land cover maps (e.g. Plant/Mine area, Existing Quarries, Settlements, Agriculture land, Non agriculture land, water bodies, etc.) by Digital Image Processing (DIP) technique.
- ☞ Geo-Referencing of the Survey of India Toposheet
- ☞ Geo-Referencing of satellite Imagery with the help of Geo-Referenced Toposheets

- ☞ Enhancement of the Satellite Imagery
- ☞ Base Map layer creation (Roads, Railway, Village Names, and other Secondary data, etc.)
- ☞ Data analysis and Classification using Digital interpretation techniques.
- ☞ Ground truth studies or field Verification.
- ☞ Error fixing / Reclassification
- ☞ Final Map Generation.

The land use/Land cover Map of the buffer zone is given in 3.4(b).

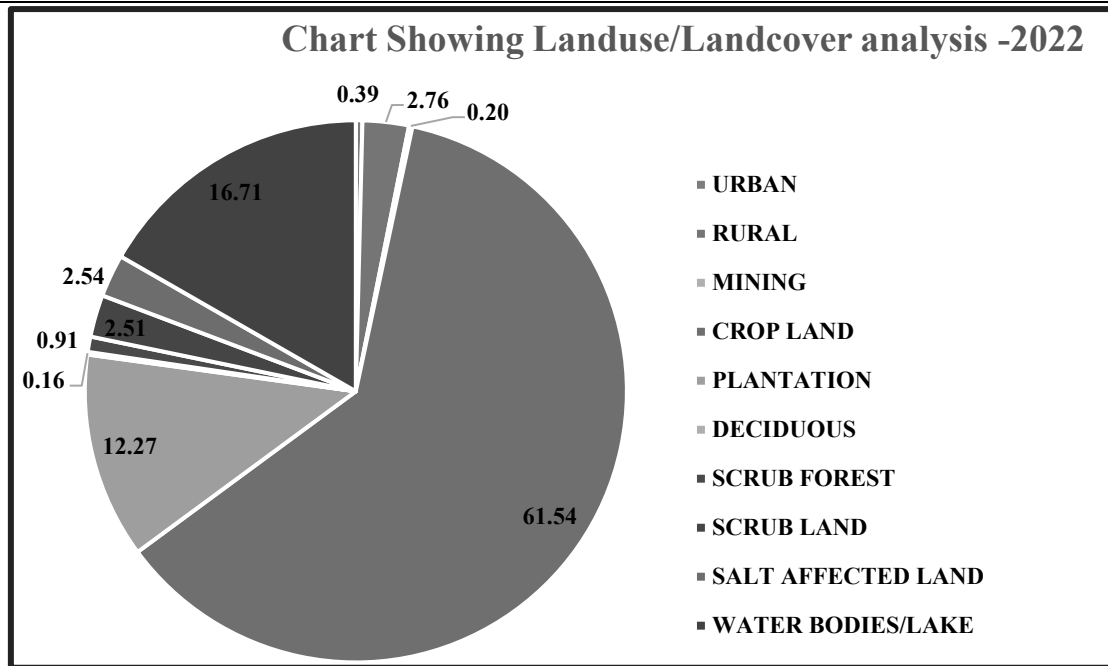
Land Use Pattern of the Buffer Zone (Study area)

Details of the same are given in Table - 3.3 and the map is shown in Figure - 3.2

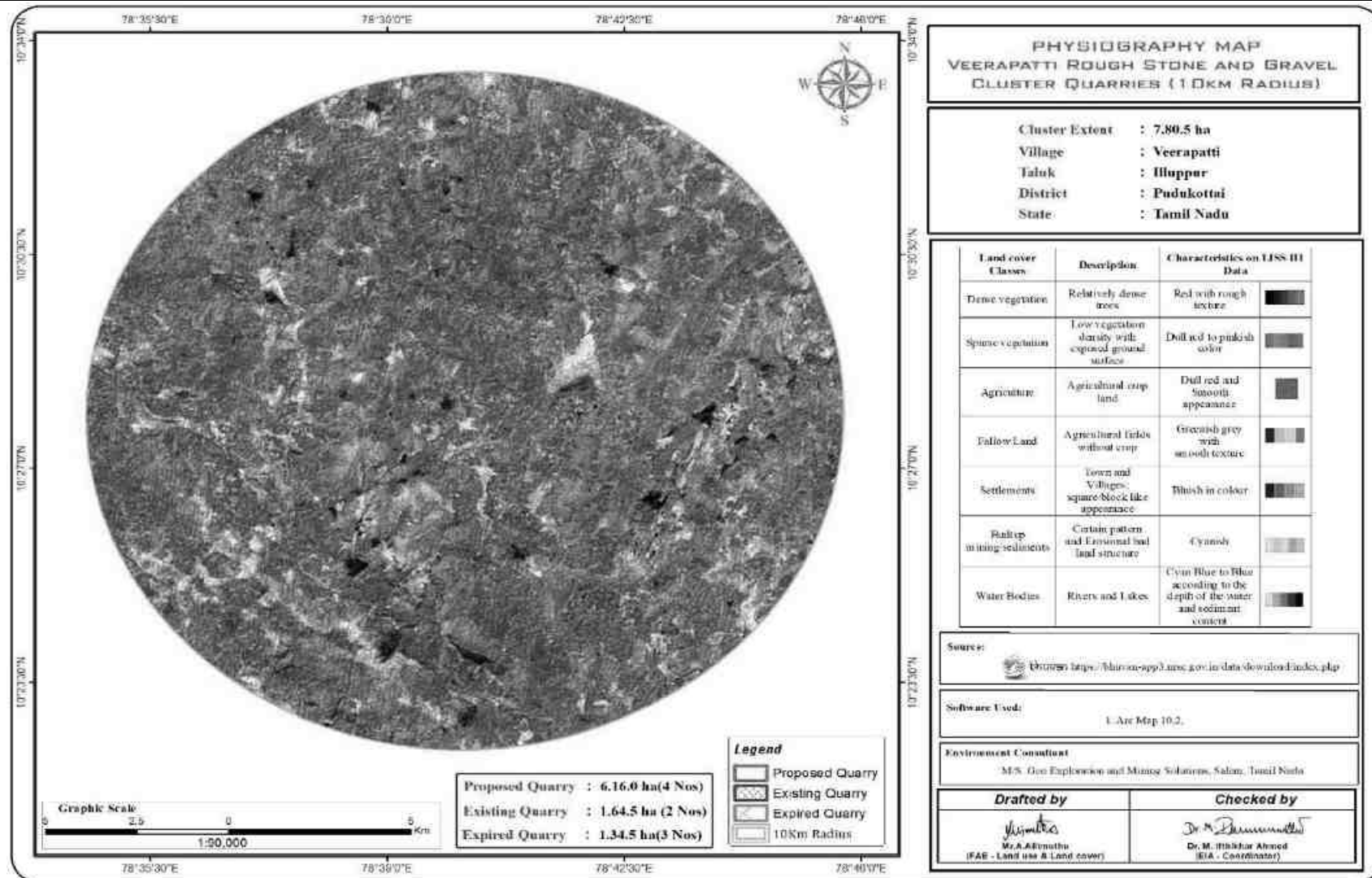
**TABLE: 3.3 LAND USE / LAND COVER DETAILS OF STUDY AREA**

S.No	CLASSIFICATION	AREA HA	AREA %
<b>BUILTUP</b>			
1	URBAN	124.66	0.39
2	RURAL	879.48	2.76
3	MINING	65.20	0.20
<b>AGRICULTURAL LAND</b>			
4	CROP LAND	19602.34	61.54
5	PLANTATION	3907.72	12.27
<b>FOREST</b>			
6	DECIDUOUS	50.85	0.16
7	SCRUB FOREST	290.48	0.91
<b>BARREN/WASTE LANDS</b>			
8	SCRUB LAND	800.76	2.51
9	SALT AFFECTED LAND	808.57	2.54
<b>WETLANDS/ WATER BODIES</b>			
10	WATER BODIES/LAKE	5320.74	16.71
<b>TOTAL</b>		31850.80	100.00

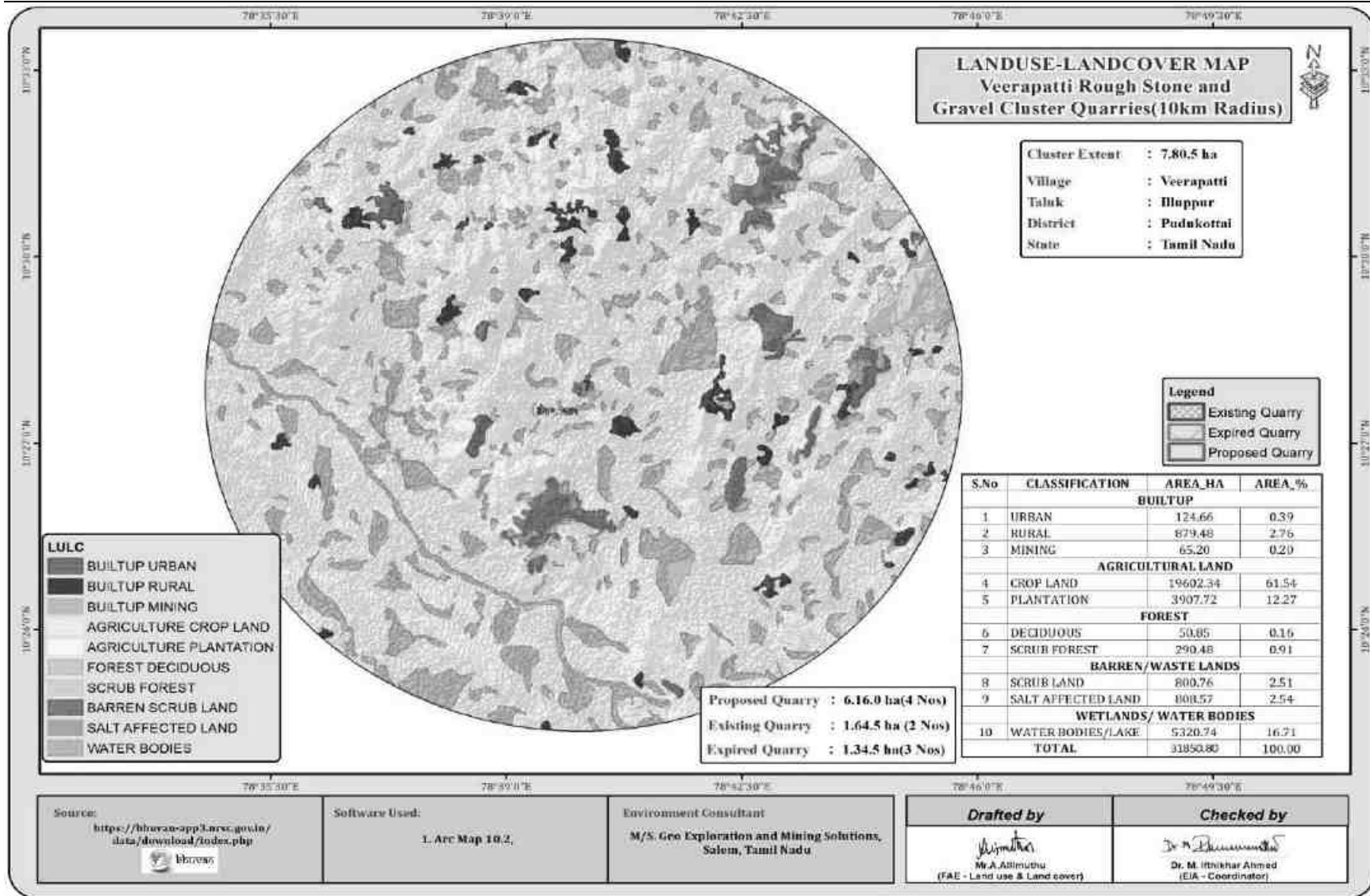
*Source: USGS-Earth Explorer, LU/LC Map for Buffer Zone.*



**FIGURE 3.1: CHART SHOWING LANDUSE/LANDCOVER ANALYSIS USING LISS III Data**



**FIGURE 3.2: MAP SHOWING FALSE COLOR COMPOSITE (3,2,1) SATELLITE IMAGERY OF THE STUDY AREA**



**FIGURE 3.3: LAND USE LAND COVER MAP 10KM RADIUS**



### 3.1.4 Interpretation

- ☞ The 10 km radius study area mainly comprises of Agricultural land & open Scrub land accounting of 61% & 2.51% of the total study area. The study area also consists of vegetation/plantation of 12.27%.
- ☞ The buffer zone studied has no ecological sensitive area (National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve/ etc.). 5.701 % of the total project area is occupied by the Reserve Forest land such as Perambur RF (2.2 Km in SW direction) and Narthamalai PF (7.5 Km in NorthEast direction)
- ☞ Water Bodies such as ponds/ lakes comprises of 16.71% of the total buffer area. The two seasonal rivers such as Annavasal Periyakulam Lake at 2.5 Km in NE direction and Vellar River at 6.5 Km in SSW direction of the total study area.
- ☞ The Scrub land accounts of 2.51%. 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.
- ☞ 0.20% of the total study area is occupied by the mine industries of captive mines. 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 marble and small Brick kiln industries also located in the study area.
- ☞ 3.15% of the area is covered under the human Settlement. The nearest village within the 3 km radius from the project site boundary is observed to be villages Veerapatti, Madakoil and Muknamalpatti etc.,

### 3.1.5 Cropping Pattern of the Buffer Zone

The productivity of Agriculture in the Southern and Northern part of the Tamil Nadu is comparatively like the Pudukottai district has more favorable conditions for the agriculture. As observed, within the study area agriculture is the dominant occupation. As observed during the primary survey conducted during the month of Nov. majority of the crops were Major horticulture crops cultivated in this district are fruits crops like mango, guava, jack, sapota and banana, vegetables like brinjal, bhendi, pumpkin and tapioca, spices like chillies, tamarind and turmeric and plantation crops like cashew and cocoa and flowers like tuberose and marigold and rose. The major source of irrigation within the study area was observed to be done by the stored ground water such as tube/ bore wells and tanks and not by the running surface water as the study area. Also observed, to conserve the ground water agricultural farmers are using sprinkling system technology to irrigate their agriculture fields.

### 3.1.6 Interpretation and Conclusion

- ☞ Veerapatti Village Roughstone and gravel quarries has proposed Project which will be done within the existing mines.
- ☞ Out of the total project area i.e. 31850 ha, 12% (i.e., 3907.72 ha) will be developed under greenbelt development/ plantation.
- ☞ As new Proposed mine is coming in the area, percentage of human settlement will be increased in surrounding of project site and Infrastructure facilities also will be developed on the basis of requirement.
- ☞ The 10 km study area mostly covers of agricultural land 61.54%. As per current study 0.16% of the area is occupied by deciduous land 0.91% in Scrub Forest in 10 km study area land use into quarrie purpose land for this proposed project.
- ☞ The project site falls under the Roughstone and gravel region. Therefore, the area is appropriate for developing Road development and building etc., it shows that the region has good prospects in the future. Due to

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proposed Roughstone and gravel in this region, economic condition of locals is expected to be improved directly & indirectly. Hence project will prove to be the best economic proposal for the coming times.

### 3.1.7 TOPOGRAPHY

The lease applied area exhibits flat terrain. The area has gentle sloping towards North eastern side from Pudukottai district. The altitude of the area is 145-150 m above Mean Sea level. The area is covered by 2m thickness of Gravel formation. Massive Charnockite which is clearly inferred from the existing and proposed quarry pits.

### 3.1.7 DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL

Digital Elevation Model (DEM) has been prepared for the project at veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukottai District for a 10 km radius study area.

#### Data Used

- ☞ DEM Data : SRTM (DEM) -1ArcSecond-90m Resolution
- ☞ Data Source : <https://urs.earthdata.nasa.gov/>
- ☞ Software Used : Arc GIS 10.8

#### Methodology

SRTM (DEM) data has been used for the creation of the Digital Elevation Model of the study area. IRS Satellite-derived DEM with 30m or coarser posting shall be made available as a free download. IRS Satellite-derived DEM less than 30m and more than 10m postings may be made available at par with the base price for all categories of users.

Source: <https://urs.earthdata.nasa.gov/>

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> Stage:***

The first processing stage involves importing and merging the 7.5' x 7.5' tiles into continuous elevation surfaces in DEM format.

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Stage:***

Re-sampling the data at 15 m is done and a contour interval of 10 m through the usual process of interpolation is created.

#### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Stage:***

DEM data is converted in grid format through Arc GIS 10.8 to obtain elevation information of the study area. Contours are then generated at 10 m intervals through spatial analysis of Arc GIS and with SRTM DEM data.

#### ***4<sup>th</sup> Stage:***

Integration of DEM with contour map showing spatial analyst is done.

*The Digital Elevation Model (DEM) of the Study Area with Contour Map DEM is given in Figure - 3.3.*

## *Slope*

The slope map was derived from SRTM DEM data of the study area. The slope of the study area was classified into four classes: less than 2 Percent/degree Flat to almost flat, and no meaningful denudation process. More gentle low speed ground motion, sheet erosion and soil erosion in the 2 to 7%. Slope zone 0-3°, 3.1-10.2°, 10.2-21.2° and 21.2-66.9° in steep, intensive denudation processes and ground movements are common.(Fig.3.5)

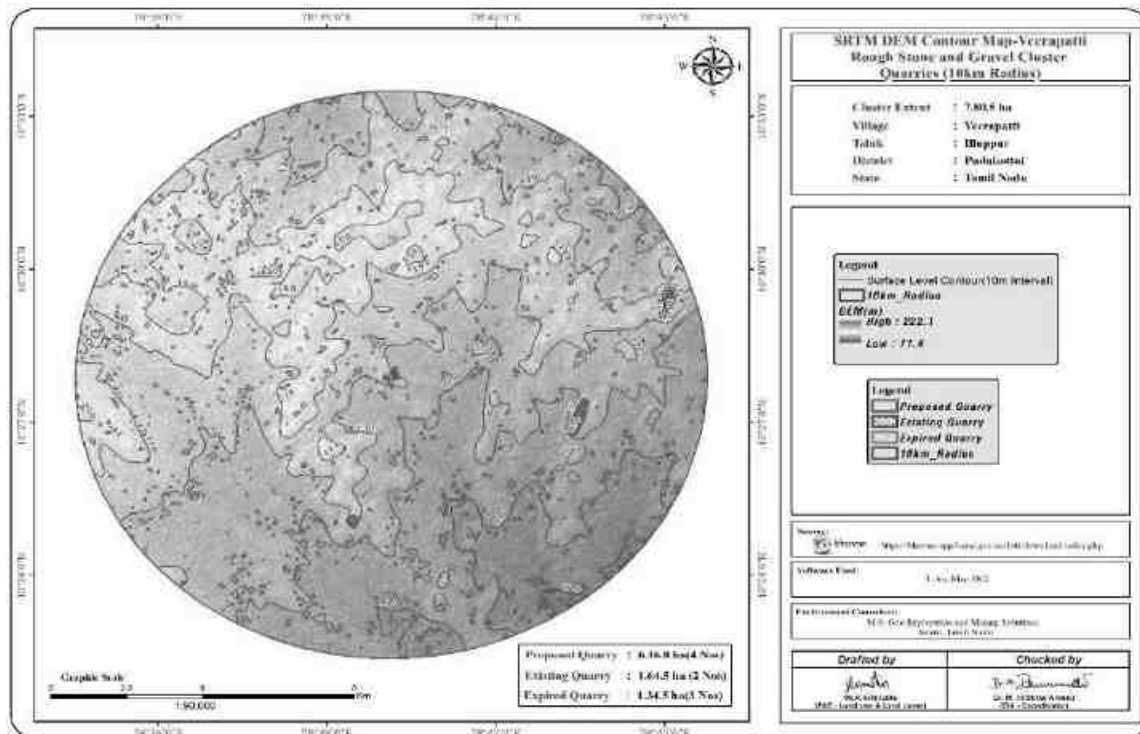
<b>Slope Class</b>	<b>Nature, Process and Natural Conditions</b>
0 <sup>0</sup> -2 <sup>0</sup> (0-2%)	Flat to almost flat, no meaningful denudation process
2 <sup>0</sup> - 4 <sup>0</sup> (2-7%)	Gentle, low-speed ground motion, sheet erosion and soil erosion (sheet & rill erosion), erosion swamps.
4 <sup>0</sup> - 8 <sup>0</sup> (7-15%)	More Gentle, the same as above, but with a higher magnitude.
8 <sup>0</sup> - 16 <sup>0</sup> (15-30%)	Slightly steep, a lot of ground movement and erosion, especially landslides that are flat.
16 <sup>0</sup> - 35 <sup>0</sup> (30-70%)	Steep, intensive denudation processes and ground movements are common.
35 <sup>0</sup> - 55 <sup>0</sup> (70-140%)	Very steep, rocks generally begin to unfold, a very intensive denudational process, have begun to produce rework material.
> 55 <sup>0</sup> >140%	Very steep, exposed rocks, a very strong denudational process and prone to falling rocks, rarely grown plants (limited)

*Source: Calculation of this slope using van Zuidam classification, 1985*

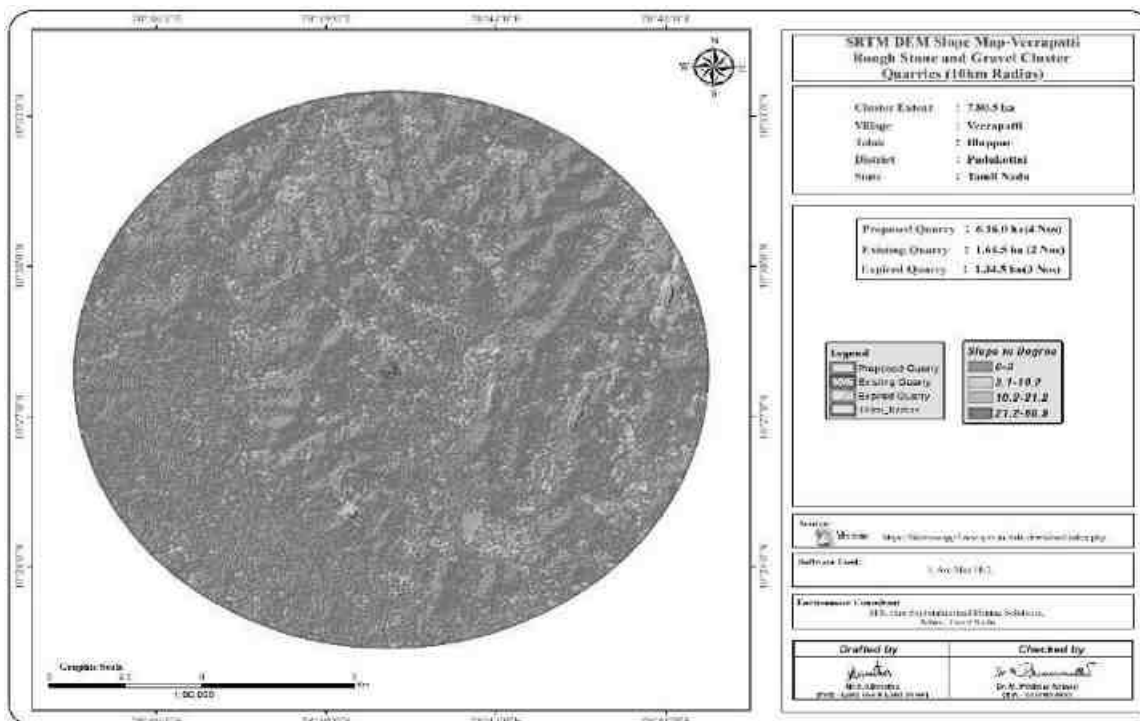
### **Interpretation & Conclusion**

It is very clear from the DEM that the elevation varies from 222.1 m to 71.4m in the whole study area, thus having an elevation difference of 150 m. The areas in the Northern and Northwestern portion have higher elevation which is covered by plain land while the low-lying areas are generally used for agricultural purpose with builtup land. The contour over the DEM shows that the project site is 130m in the elevation range of 10 m interval present on the flat land in the study area.

**FIGURE 3.4: DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL OF THE STUDY AREA WITH CONTOUR MAP**



**FIGURE 3.5: SLOPE MAP AROUND 10KM RADIUS**



### 3.1.2 Topography

The project area is almost plain terrain with gentle gradient towards North – Northwestern side, maximum elevation of the area is 140-150 m above Mean Sea level There are no hilly regions in and around the area.

### 3.1.3 Drainage Pattern of the Area

There are no developed surface drainage channels in the study area. Vellar a non-perennial pass 6.5km-South from the project site. The area is studded with few tanks that serve as the source of drinking water and also their surplus feeds adjoining tanks. The area is mostly dry in all seasons except rainy seasons.

The general drainage pattern of the area is of sub dendritic and dendritic pattern. No prominent water course or nallah is inferred. During rainy season the surface runoff flows in W to E direction. The drainage pattern of the study area is given in Fig. 3.5. The quarrying activity will not hinder the natural flow of rainwater.

### 3.1.2 Environmental Features in the Study Area

There is no Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Park and Archaeological monuments within the study area. No Protected and Reserved Forest area is involved in the project area. Therefore, there will be no need to acquisition/diversion of forest land. The details related to the environment sensitivity around the mine lease area i.e., 10 km radius of the mine lease area, are given in the below Table 3.3.

### 3.1.5 Seismic Sensitivity

The proposed project site falls in the seismic Zone II, low damage risk zone as per BMTPC, Vulnerability Atlas of Seismic zone of India IS: 1893 – 2002. The project area falls in the hard rock terrain on the peninsular shield of south India which is highly stable.

**TABLE 3.4 – DETAILS OF ENVIRONMENT SENSITIVITY AROUND THE PROJECT AREA**

Sl. No	Sensitive Ecological Features	Name	Arial Distance in km from Mine Lease Boundary
1	National Park / Wild life Sanctuaries	None	Nil within 10 km Radius
2	Reserve Forest	None	Nil within 10 km radius
3	Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Reserve/ Biosphere Reserve	None	Nil within 10Km Radius
4	Critically Polluted Areas	None	Nil within 10Km Radius
5	Mangroves	None	Nil within 10Km Radius
6	Mountains/Hills	None	Nil within 10Km Radius
7	Notified Archaeological Sites	None	Nil within 10Km Radius
8	Defence Installation	None	Nil within 10Km Radius

Source: Survey of India Toposheet, Village Cadastral Map& Google Earth/Maps

**TABLE 3.5 – WATER BODIES WITHIN THE CLUSTER FROM PROPOSED QUARRIES**

<b>Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran-P1</b>			
<b>S.No</b>	<b>LABEL</b>	<b>DISTANCE &amp; DIRECTION</b>	<b>Habitation</b>
1	Sokkankulam	140m SE	500m NW
2	Vasakarandi Kulam	300m SE	
3	urani	360m West	
4	Odai	390m SW	
5	Kuttai	430m East	
6	Tank	480m NE	
7	Vaikkal	460m NE	
8	Tank	550m SW	
9	Kaladikulam	560m NE	
10	Tank	570m NW	
11	Pudukulam	620m NW	
12	Vannerkulam	840m South	
13	Tank	1km NW	
14	Annavasal Periyakulam	2.3km NE	
15	Vellar River	6km SW	

<b>Thiru.C. Selvaraj,-P2</b>			
<b>S.No</b>	<b>LABEL</b>	<b>DISTANCE &amp; DIRECTION</b>	<b>Habitation</b>
1	Vaikkal	10m Safety	330m W
2	Kaladikulam	90m NE	
3	Tank	120m East	
4	Kuttai	210m SE	
5	Sokkankulam	380m SE	
6	Vasakarandi Kulam	530m South	
7	urani	650m SW	
8	Pudukulam	430m NW	
9	Tank	700m SW	
10	Odai	720m SW	
11	Tank	770m NW	
12	Tank	900m SW	
13	Vannerkulam	1km South	
14	Annavasal Periyakulam	2.2km NE	
15	Vellar River	6.2km SW	

<b>Thiru. M.Karupaiya-P3</b>			
<b>S.No</b>	<b>LABEL</b>	<b>DISTANCE &amp; DIRECTION</b>	<b>Habitation</b>
1	Kuttai	140m East	500m West
2	Tank	170m NE	
3	Sokkankulam	220m South	
4	Vaikkal	270m North	
5	Kaladikulam	330m NE	
6	Vasakarandi Kulam	380m South	
7	Odai	560m SW	
8	urani	570m SW	
9	Pudukulam	610m NW	
10	Tank	770m SW	
11	Tank	760m SW	
12	Vannerkulam	1km South	
13	Tank	1km NW	
14	Annavasal Periyakulam	2km NE	
15	Vellar River	6.0km SW	

<b>Thiru. T.Palanisamy,-P4</b>			
<b>S.No</b>	<b>LABEL</b>	<b>DISTANCE &amp; DIRECTION</b>	<b>Habitation</b>
1	urani	240m SW	360m SE
2	Sokkankulam	240m SE	
3	Vasakarandi Kulam	360m SE	
4	Odai	460m South	
5	Tank	440m West	
6	Kuttai	480m East	
7	Tank	480m NE	
8	Tank	490m SW	
9	Pudukulam	480m NW	
10	Kaladikulam	470m NE	
11	Vaikkal	400m NE	
12	Tank	980m NW	
13	Vannerkulam	900m South	
14	Annavasal Periyakulam	2.3km NE	
15	Vellar River	5.8km SW	

Source: Village Cadastral Map and Field Survey, PFR Report

### 3.1.6 Soil Environment

Soil quality of the study area is one of the important components of the land environment. The composite soil samples were collected from the study area and analysed for different parameters. The locations of the monitoring sites are detailed in Table 3.5 and Figure 3.6.

**TABLE 3.6 – SOIL SAMPLING LOCATIONS**

S. No	Location Code	Monitoring Locations	Distance & Direction	Coordinates
1	S-1	Project Area	Core Zone	10°27'52.91"N 78°40'15.34"E
2	S-2	Project Area	Core Zone	10°27'51.63"N 78°40'0.73"E
3	S-3	Kadambarayanpatti	1km SW	10°27'38.29"N 78°39'13.12"E
4	S-4	Anaipatti	4.5km SW	10°25'27.88"N 78°38'50.36"E
5	S-5	Vayalogam	4.8km SE	10°25'27.53"N 78°41'53.40"E
6	S-6	Udayampatti	4.3km NE	10°30'35.73"N 78°40'44.95"E

Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by Enviro-Tech Services Laboratories in association with GEMS

**FIGURE 3.6: SITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOIL SAMPLING LOCATIONS**



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**The objective of the soil sampling is -**

1. To determine the baseline soil characteristics of the study area;
2. To determine the impact of proposed activity on soil characteristics and;

To determine the impact on soil more importantly agriculture production point of view.

**Methodology –**

For studying soil quality, sampling locations were selected to assess the existing soil conditions in and around the proposed quarry site representing various land use conditions. The samples were collected by auger boring into the soil up to 90-cm depth. eight (6) locations were selected for soil sampling on the basis of soil types, vegetative cover, industrial & residential activities including infrastructure facilities, which would accord an overall idea of the soil characteristics. The samples were analysed for physical and chemical characteristics. The sealed samples were sent to laboratory for analysis. The samples were filled in Polythene bags, coded and sent to laboratory for analysis and the details of methodology in respect are given in below Table 3.5.

**TABLE 3.7 – METHODOLOGY OF SAMPLING COLLECTION**

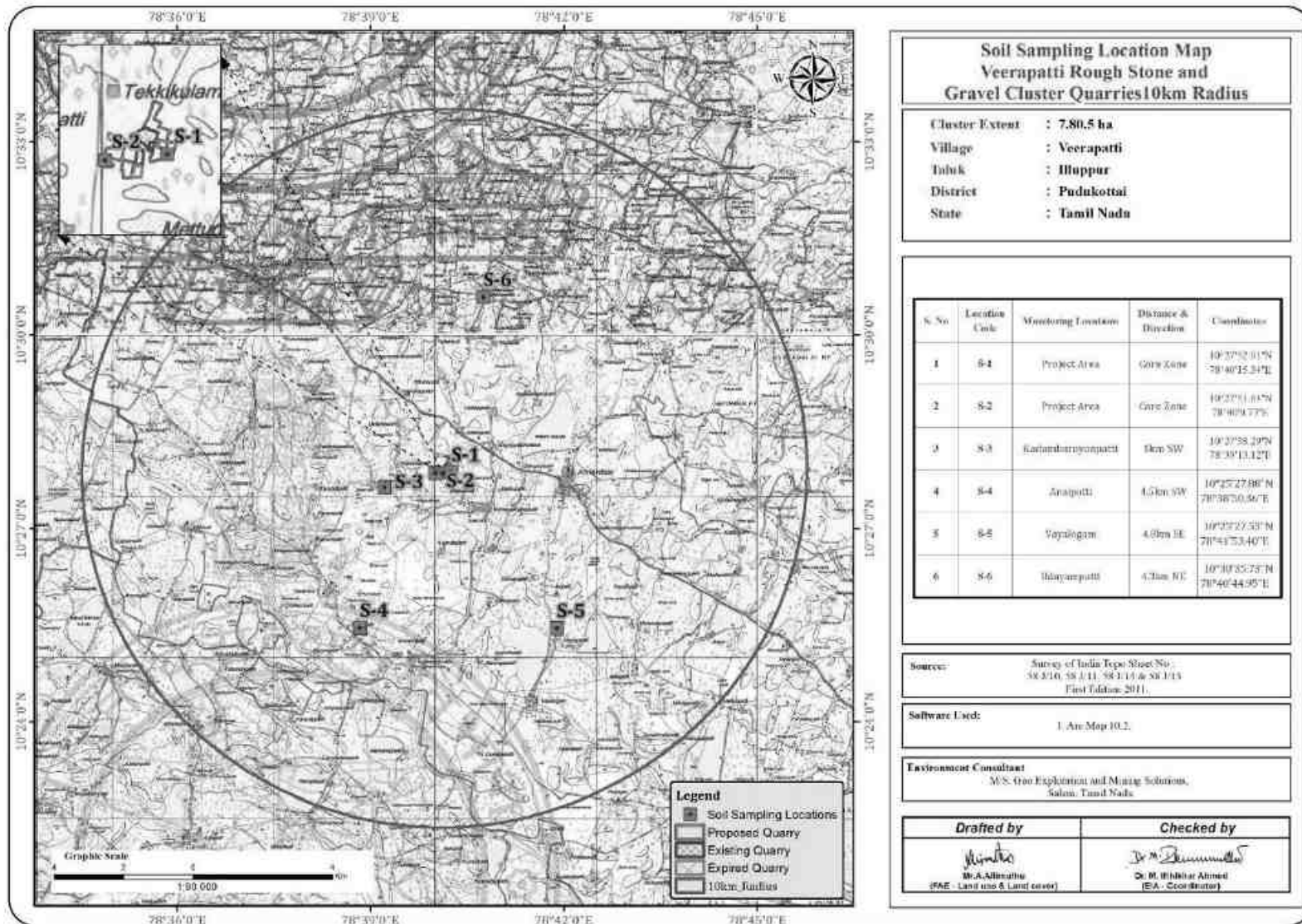
Particulars	Details
Frequency	One grab sample from each station-once during the study period
Methodology	Composite grab samples of the topsoil were collected from 3 depths, and mixed to provide a representative sample for analysis. They were stored in airtight Polythene bags and analysed at the laboratory.

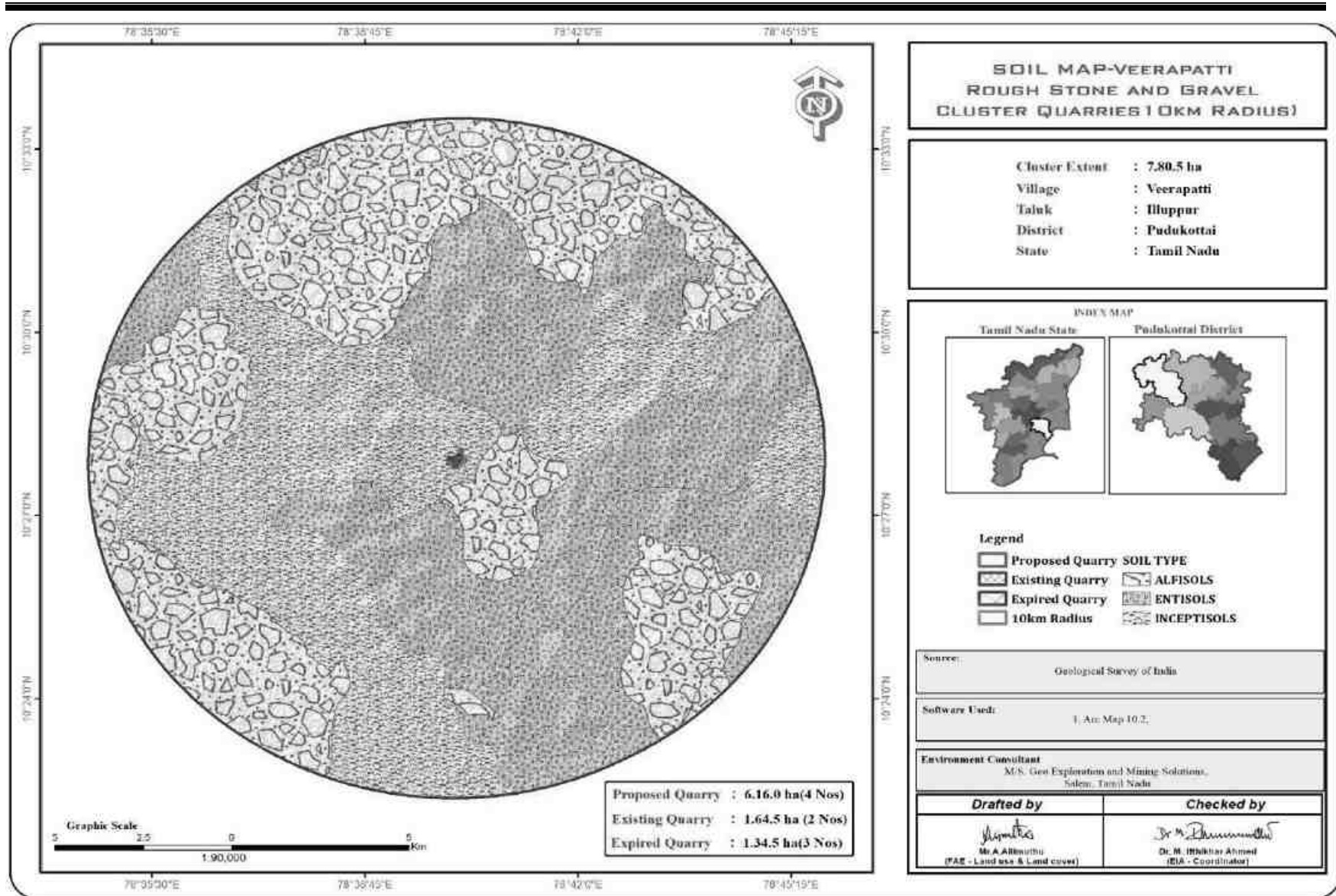
Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by Chennai Mettex Lab Private Limited.

**Soil Testing Result –**

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. The standard classification of soil and physico-chemical characteristics of the soils are presented below in Table 3.6 & Test Results in Table 3.7.

**FIGURE 3.7: SOIL SAMPLING LOCATIONS AROUND 10 KM RADIUS**





**FIGURE 3.8: SOIL MAP**

TABLE 3.8 – SOIL QUALITY MONITORING DATA

Sno	Test Parameters	Protocols	S1-core Zone	S2-core Zone	S3- Kadambarayanpatti	S4- Anaipatti	S5- Vayalagam	S6- Udayampatti
1	pH @ 25°C	IS 2720 Part 26 - 1987	8.86	8.89	8.63	8.55	8.83	8.91
2	Conductivity @ 25°C	IS 14767 - 2000 (Reaff : 2016)	470 µmhos/cm	515 µmhos/cm	440 µmhos/cm	455 µmhos/cm	351 µmhos/cm	570 µmhos/cm
3	Texture :							
	Clay	Gravimetric Method	33.5 %	35.6 %	32.8 %	36.5 %	35.8 %	33.7 %
	Sand		34.6 %	34.7 %	37.9 %	34.3 %	34.4 %	35.7 %
	Silt		31.9 %	29.7 %	29.3 %	29.2 %	29.8 %	30.6 %
4	Water Holding Capacity	By Gravimetric Method	47.6 %	44.6 %	47.1 %	43.1 %	44.2 %	42.3 %
5	Bulk Density	By Cylindrical Method	1.22 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.03 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	0.88 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.10 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.02 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.20 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
6	Porosity	By Gravimetric Method	48 %	41.6 %	44.3 %	42.3 %	45.5 %	45.7 %
7	Calcium as Ca	USEPA 3050 B – 1996 &	170 mg/kg	170 mg/kg	235.5 mg/kg	155 mg/kg	157 mg/kg	171 mg/kg
8	Magnesium as Mg	USEPA 6010 C - 2000	72 mg/kg	133.4 mg/kg	80 mg/kg	110 mg/kg	110 mg/kg	90.5 mg/kg
9	Manganese as Mn		27.6 mg/kg	28.6 mg/kg	20.3 mg/kg	30.5 mg/kg	17.3 mg/kg	20.3 mg/kg
10	Zinc as Zn		1.23 mg/kg	1.11 mg/kg	3.55 mg/kg	3.7 mg/kg	3.4 mg/kg	1.21 mg/kg
11	Boron as B		1.80 mg/kg	1.41 mg/kg	1.14 mg/kg	0.88 mg/kg	2.1 mg/kg	1.04 mg/kg
12	Chloride as Cl	APHA 23 <sup>rd</sup> Edn 2019 4500 Cl B	120 mg/kg	175 mg/kg	169 mg/kg	84.6 mg/kg	140 mg/kg	144 mg/kg
13	Total Soluble Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	IS 2720 Part 27 : 1977 (Reaff:2015)	0.026 %	0.019 %	0.025 %	0.020 %	0.018 %	0.27 %
14	Potassium as K	USEPA 3050 B – 1996 & USEPA 6010 C - 2000	34 mg/kg	49.5 mg/kg	58.3 mg/kg	35.5 mg/kg	273 mg/kg	32.2 mg/kg
15	Total Phosphorus as P	IS 10158 : 1982 (Reaff: 2019)	2.6 mg/kg	1.82 mg/kg	1.43 mg/kg	1.18 mg/kg	1.44 mg/kg	2.11 mg/kg
16	Total Nitrogen as N	IS 14684 : 1999 (Reaff:2019)	284 mg/kg	600 mg/kg	310 mg/kg	370 mg/kg	320 mg/kg	400 mg/kg
17	Cadmium as Cd	USEPA 3050 B – 1996 &	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)
18	Total Chromium as Cr	USEPA 6010 C - 2000	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)
19	Copper as Cu		BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)	BDL (DL : 1.0 mg/kg)
20	Lead as Pb		0.55 mg/kg	0.58 mg/kg	0.63 mg/kg	0.26 mg/kg	0.25 mg/kg	0.51 mg/kg
21	Iron as Fe		1.93 mg/kg	2.53 mg/kg	2.22 mg/kg	2.10 mg/kg	1.81 mg/kg	1.42 mg/kg
22	Organic Matter	IS : 2720 Part 22: 1972 (Reaff: 2015)	1.75 %	2.67 %	3.54 %	1.93 %	2.12 %	1.81 %
23	Organic Carbon	IS : 2720 Part 22: 1972 (Reaff: 2015)	1.02 %	1.55 %	2.05 %	1.12 %	1.23 %	1.05 %
24	Cation Exchange Capacity	USEPA 9080 – 1986	41.6 meq/100g of soil	37.1 meq/100g of soil	44.1 meq/100g of soil	38.0 meq/100g of soil	45.9 meq/100g of soil	43.7 meq/100g of soil

Source: Sampling Results by Chennai Mettex Lab Private Limited

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**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 Soil and Bulk Density of Soils in the study area varied between 0.88– 1.222 g/cc. The Water Holding Capacity and Porosity of the soil samples is found to be medium i.e. ranging from 41.6 – 48%.

**Chemical Characteristics –**

- The nature of soil is slightly alkaline to strongly alkaline in nature with pH range 8.55 to 8.91
- The available Nitrogen content range between 310 to 600 mg/kg
- The available Phosphorus content range between 1.18 to 2.11 mg/kg
- The available Potassium range between 32.2 to 273 mg/kg

Whereas, the micronutrient as zinc (Zn), iron (Fe) and copper (Cu) were found in the range of 1.11 to 3.55 mg/kg; 1.81 to 2.53 mg/kg.

Wilting co efficient in significant level would mean that the soil would support the vegetation. The soil properties in the buffer zone reveal that the soil can sustain vegetation. If amended suitability the core area can also withstand plantation.

### **3.2 Water Environment**

The water resources, both surface and groundwater play a significant role in the development of the area. The purpose of this study is to assess the water quality characteristics for critical parameters and evaluate the impacts on agricultural productivity, domestic community usage, recreational resources and aesthetics in the vicinity. The water samples were collected and transported as per the norms in pre-treated sampling cans to laboratory for analysis.

#### **3.2.1 Surface Water Resources:**

Vellar river lies at 6.5 Km south from the project cluster. The area is studded with few tanks that serve as the source for agriculture and also their surplus feeds adjoining tanks. The rainfall over the area is moderate, the rainwater storage in open wells, trenches is in practice over the area and the stored water acts as source of freshwater for couple of months after rainy season.

#### **3.2.2 Ground Water Resources:**

The terrain is underlain by hard rock formations, Fissured and fractured crystalline rocks constitute the important aquifer systems in the Coimbatore region. Ground water occurs under phreatic to semi-confined conditions in these formations and is being developed by means of dug wells and filter points. Proterozoic formation is the basement rocks which consist of quartzite, crystalline limestone, calc-granulite, hornblende – biotite gneiss, charnockite or pyroxene granulite, granite and pegmatite. Weathered, a fissured crack, shear zones and joints in the basement rock act as a good groundwater potential zone in the study area.

The study area falls in the Sular block which is categorized as over-exploited zone as per G.O (MS) No 113 dated 09.06.2016.

### 3.2.3 Methodology

Reconnaissance survey was undertaken to collect the sampling and locations were finalized based on;

1. Drainage pattern;
2. Location of residential areas representing different activities/likely impact areas; and
3. Likely areas, which can represent baseline conditions

Two (2) surface water and Four (4) ground water samples were collected in the study area and physico-chemical, heavy metals and bacteriological parameters were analysed. The samples were analysed as per the procedures specified by CPCB, IS-10500:2012 and 'Standard methods for the Examination of Water and Waste water' published by American Public Health Association (APHA). The water sampling locations are given in Table 3.8 and shown as Figure 3.5.

**TABLE 3.9 – WATER SAMPLING LOCATIONS**

S. No	Location code	Monitoring Locations	Distance & Direction	Coordinates
1	SW-1	Tank Near Kaladipatti	380m NW	10°28'31.83"N 78°39'59.87"E
2	SW-2	Tank Near Illupur	6km NW	10°30'26.95"N 78°37'33.45"E
3	WW-1	Core Zone	320m NE	10°28'3.64"N 78°40'24.64"E
4	WW-2	Vayalogam	5km SE	10°25'18.11"N 78°41'45.83"E
5	BW-1	Core Zone	320m NW	10°28'10.50"N 78°40'3.55"E
6	BW-2	Alathur	4.8km NW	10°28'42.71"N 78°37'14.60"E

Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by Chennai Mettex Lab Private Limited

Note: SW- Surface water, WW – Well Water, BW – Bore well

**FIGURE 3.9: SITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF WATER SAMPLING LOCATIONS**



**Sample Collection in Bore well**

**TABLE 3.10 – SURFACE WATER ANALYSIS RESULTS**

SNO	TEST	PROTOCOL	Surface Water (SW-1) - Tank Near Kaladipatti	Surface Water (SW-2) – Tank Near Illupur
1	Colour	IS 3025 Part 4:1983 (Reaff:2017)	5 Hazen	5 Hazen
2	Odour	IS 3025 Part 5:2018	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH at 25°C	IS 3025 Part 11:1983 (Reaff:2017)	7.68	7.29
4	Conductivity @ 25°C	IS 3025 Part 14:2013 (Reaff:2019)	1077 µmhos/cm	1186 µmhos/cm
5	Turbidity	IS 3025 Part 10:1984 (Reaff:2017)	4.4 NTU	3.1 NTU
6	Total Dissolved Solids	IS 3025 Part 16:1984 (Reaff:2017)	636 mg/l	700 mg/l
7	Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	IS 3025 Part 21:2009 (Reaff:2019)	199.2 mg/l	221.76 mg/l
8	Calcium as Ca	IS 3025 Part 40:1991 (Reaff:2019)	39.5 mg/l	43.4 mg/l
9	Magnesium as Mg	IS 3025 Part 46:1994 (Reaff:2019)	24.5 mg/l	27.6 mg/l
10	Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	IS 3025 Part 23:1986 (Reaff:2019)	214 mg/l	235 mg/l
11	Chloride as Cl	IS 3025 Part 32:1988 (Reaff:2019)	170 mg/l	180.2 mg/l
12	Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	IS 3025 Part 24:1986 (Reaff:2019)	81.6 mg/l	91.1 mg/l
13	Iron as Fe	IS 3025 Part 53:2003 (Reaff:2019)	0.44 mg/l	0.44 mg/l
14	Residual Free Chlorine	IS 3025 Part 26:1986 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.1 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.1 mg/l)
15	Fluoride as F	APHA 23 <sup>rd</sup> Edn. 2017:4500 F,D	0.39 mg/l	0.44 mg/l
16	Nitrate as NO <sub>3</sub>	IS 3025 Part 34:1988 (Reaff:2019)	13.7 mg/l	10 mg/l
17	Copper as Cu	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
18	Manganese as Mn	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)
19	Mercury as Hg	USEPA 200.8	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)
20	Cadmium as Cd	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.001 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.001 mg/l)
21	Selenium as Se	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
22	Aluminium as Al	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
23	Lead as Pb	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
24	Zinc as Zn	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)
25	Total Chromium as Cr	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL : 0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.02 mg/l)
26	Boron as B	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)
27	Mineral Oil	IS 3025 Part 39:1991 (Reaff. 2019)	BDL (DL : 0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.01 mg/l)
28	Phenolic compounds as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	IS 3025 Part 43:1992(Reaff: 2019)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)
29	Anionic Detergents (as MBAS)	IS 13428 – 2005 (Reaff:2019) (Annex K)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
30	Cyanide as CN	IS 3025 Part 27:1986 (Reaff. 2019)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
31	BOD @ 27°C for 3 days	IS 3025 Part 44:1993 (Reaff:2019)	5.7 mg/l	7.2 mg/l
32	Chemical Oxygen Demand	IS 3025 Part 58:2006 (Reaff:2017)	24 mg/l	28 mg/l
33	Dissolved Oxygen	IS 3025 Part 38:1989 (Reaff:2019)	5.6 mg/l	5.5 mg/l
34	Barium as Ba	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.05 mg/l)
35	Ammonia (as total ammonia-N)	IS 3025 Part 34:1988 (Reaff. 2019)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	0.73 mg/l
36	Sulphide as H <sub>2</sub> S	IS 3025 Part 29:1986 (Reaff: 2019)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
37	Molybdenum as Mo	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)
38	Total Arsenic as As	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
39	Total Suspended Solids	IS 3025 Part 17 -1984 (Reaff:2017)	28.1 mg/l	23.2 mg/l
40	<b>Total Coliform</b>	<b>APHA 23<sup>rd</sup> Edn. 2017:9221B</b>	970 MPN/100ml	950 MPN/100ml
41	<b>Escherichia coli</b>	<b>APHA 23<sup>rd</sup> Edn. 2017:9221F</b>	100 MPN/100ml	80 MPN/100ml

Note : APHA – American Public Health Association, BDL – Below Detection Limit, DL – Detection Limit, MPN – Most Probable Number

TABLE 3.11 – GROUND WATER ANALYSIS RESULTS

Sno	Test	Protocol	Ground Water (WW-1) –Core Zone	Ground Water (WW-2) – Vayalagam	Ground Water (BW-1) –Core Zone	Ground Water (BW-2) – Alathur
1	Colour	IS 3025 Part 4:1983 (Reaff:2017)	5	5 Hazen	5 Hazen	5 Hazen
2	Odour	IS 3025 Part 5:2018	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH at 25°C	IS 3025 Part 11:1983 (Reaff:2017)	7.16	7.39	6.69	7.37
4	Conductivity @ 25°C	IS 3025 Part 14:2013 (Reaff:2019)	885 µmhos/cm	1224 µmhos/cm	1059 µmhos/cm	967 µmhos/cm
5	Turbidity	IS 3025 Part 10:1984 (Reaff:2017)	1.6 NTU	1.2 NTU	1.2 NTU	1.0 NTU
6	Total Dissolved Solids	IS 3025 Part 16:1984 (Reaff:2017)	522 mg/l	722 mg/l	625 mg/l	570 mg/l
7	Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	IS 3025 Part 21:2009 (Reaff:2019)	195.69 mg/l	253.39 mg/l	207.03 mg/l	205.93 mg/l
8	Calcium as Ca	IS 3025 Part 40:1991 (Reaff:2019)	34.6 mg/l	42.4 mg/l	40.3mg/l	35.9 mg/l
9	Magnesium as Mg	IS 3025 Part 46:1994 (Reaff:2019)	26.6 mg/l	35.9 mg/l	25.9 mg/l	28.3 mg/l
10	Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	IS 3025 Part 23:1986 (Reaff:2019)	155 mg/l	240 mg/l	220 mg/l	173 mg/l
11	Chloride as Cl	IS 3025 Part 32:1988 (Reaff:2019)	142.5 mg/l	186.3 mg/l	157.2 mg/l	140 mg/l
12	Sulphate as SO <sub>4</sub>	IS 3025 Part 24:1986 (Reaff:2019)	60.2 mg/l	90 mg/l	70 mg/l	71.3 mg/l
13	Iron as Fe	IS 3025 Part 53:2003 (Reaff:2019)	0.34 mg/l	0.23 mg/l	0.29 mg/l	0.41 mg/l
14	Residual Free Chlorine	IS 3025 Part 26:1986 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.1 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.1 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.1 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.1 mg/l)
15	Fluoride as F	APHA 23 <sup>rd</sup> Edn. 2017:4500 F,D	0.20 mg/l	0.38 mg/l	0.48 mg/l	0.33 mg/l
16	Nitrate as NO <sub>3</sub>	IS 3025 Part 34:1988 (Reaff:2019)	5.7 mg/l	4.5 mg/l	6.1 mg/l	5.7 mg/l
17	Copper as Cu	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
18	Manganese as Mn	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)
19	Mercury as Hg	USEPA 200.8	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)
20	Cadmium as Cd	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.001 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.001 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.001 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.001 mg/l)
21	Selenium as Se	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
22	Aluminium as Al	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
23	Lead as Pb	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
24	Zinc as Zn	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)
25	Total Chromium as Cr	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL : 0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.02 mg/l)
26	Boron as B	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.05 mg/l)
27	Mineral Oil	IS 3025 Part 39-1991 (Reaff. 2019)	BDL (DL : 0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL : 0.01 mg/l)
28	Phenolic compounds as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	IS 3025 Part 43-1992(Reaff: 2019)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.0005 mg/l)
29	Anionic Detergents (as MBAS)	IS 13428 – 2005 (Reaff:2019) (Annex K)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
30	Barium as Ba	IS 3025 Part 27-1986 (Reaff. 2019)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
31	Ammonia (as total ammonia-N)	IS 3025 Part 44:1993 (Reaff:2019)	BDL(DL:0.05 mg/l)	BDL(DL:0.05 mg/l)	BDL(DL:0.05 mg/l)	BDL(DL:0.05 mg/l)
32	Sulphide as H <sub>2</sub> S	IS 3025 Part 58:2006 (Reaff:2017)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
33	Molybdenum as Mo	IS 3025 Part 38:1989 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.01 mg/l)
34	Total Arsenic as As	IS 3025 Part 65:2014 (Reaff:2019)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.02 mg/l)
35	Total Suspended Solids	IS 3025 Part 17 -1984 (Reaff:2017)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)	BDL (DL:0.005 mg/l)
36	<b>Total Coliform</b>	APHA 23 <sup>rd</sup> Edn. 2017:9221B	200 MPN/100ml	150 MPN/100ml	100 MPN/100ml	160 MPN/100ml
37	<b>Escherichia coli</b>	APHA 23 <sup>rd</sup> Edn. 2017:9221F	< 1.8 MPN/100ml	< 1.8 MPN/100ml	< 1.8 MPN/100ml	< 1.8 MPN/100ml

**Note :** APHA – American Public Health Association, BDL – Below Detection Limit, DL – Detection Limit, MPN – Most Probable Number

\* IS: 10500:2012-Drinking Water Standards; # within the permissible limit as per the WHO Standard. The water can be used for drinking purpose in the absence of alternate sources. Note: SW- Surface water, GW – Ground water.

**Source: Sampling Results by Chennai Mettix Laboratories**



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### 3.2.4 Interpretation & Conclusion

#### Surface Water

The pH of surface 7.29-7.68 while turbidity found within the standards. Total Dissolved Solids 636-700 mg/l and Chloride 170-180 mg/l. Nitrates 10-13.7 mg/l, while sulphates 81.6-91.1 mg/l.

#### Ground Water

The pH of the water samples collected ranged from 6.69 to 7.39 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 625 - 722mg/l in all samples. The Total hardness varied between 195.69 – 253.39 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.

### 3.2.5 Hydrology and Hydrogeological studies

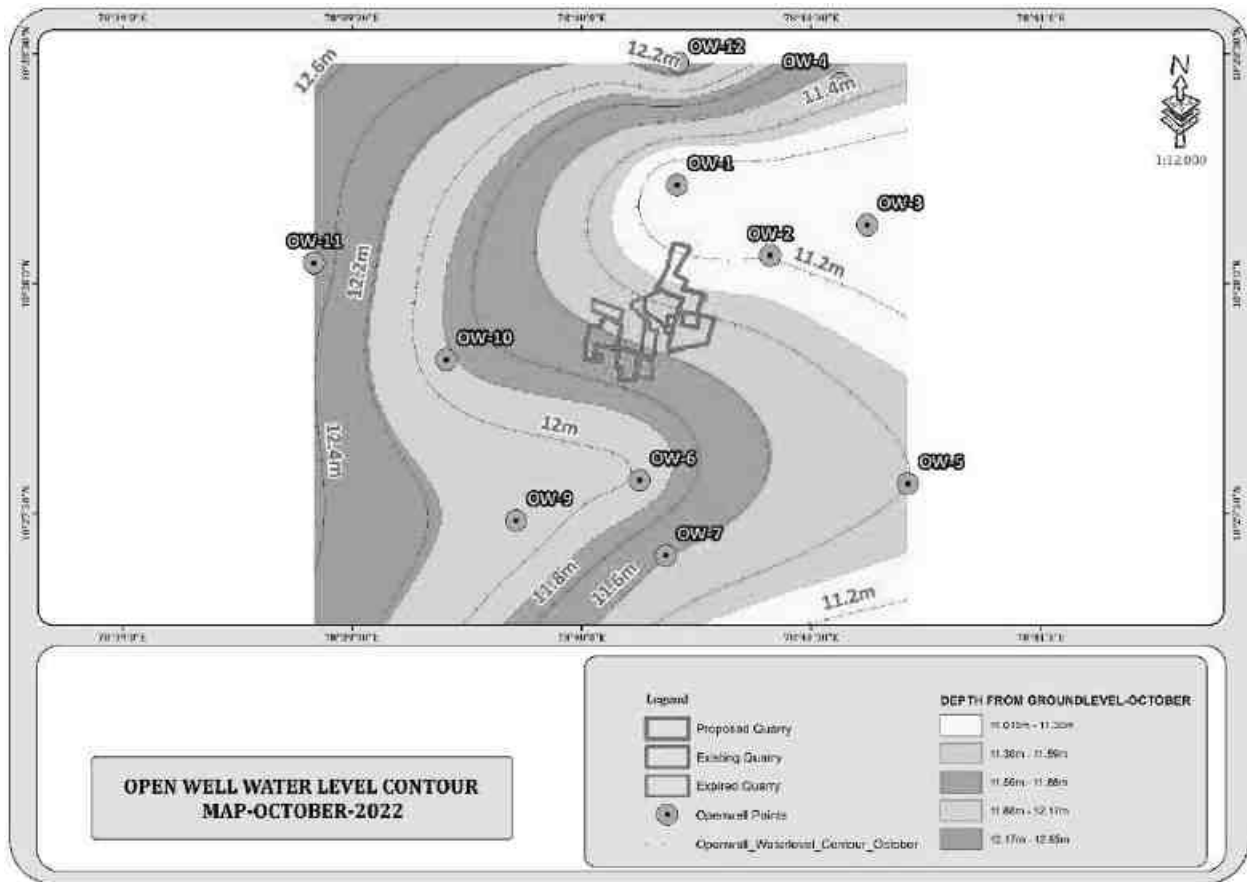
The district is underlain by hard rock formation Fissured and Fractured crystalline rocks constitute the important aquifer systems in the district. Geophysical prospecting was carried out in that area by SSRMP-80 Instrument by qualified Geo physicist with the help of IGIS software and it was inferred that the low resistance encountered at the depth between 60 -65m. the quarrying operations is restricted upto 47m hence there is no possibilities of water table intersection during the entire mine life period besides it is also inferred topographically that there are no major water bodies intersecting the project area. There is no necessity of stream, channel diversion due to this upcoming project.

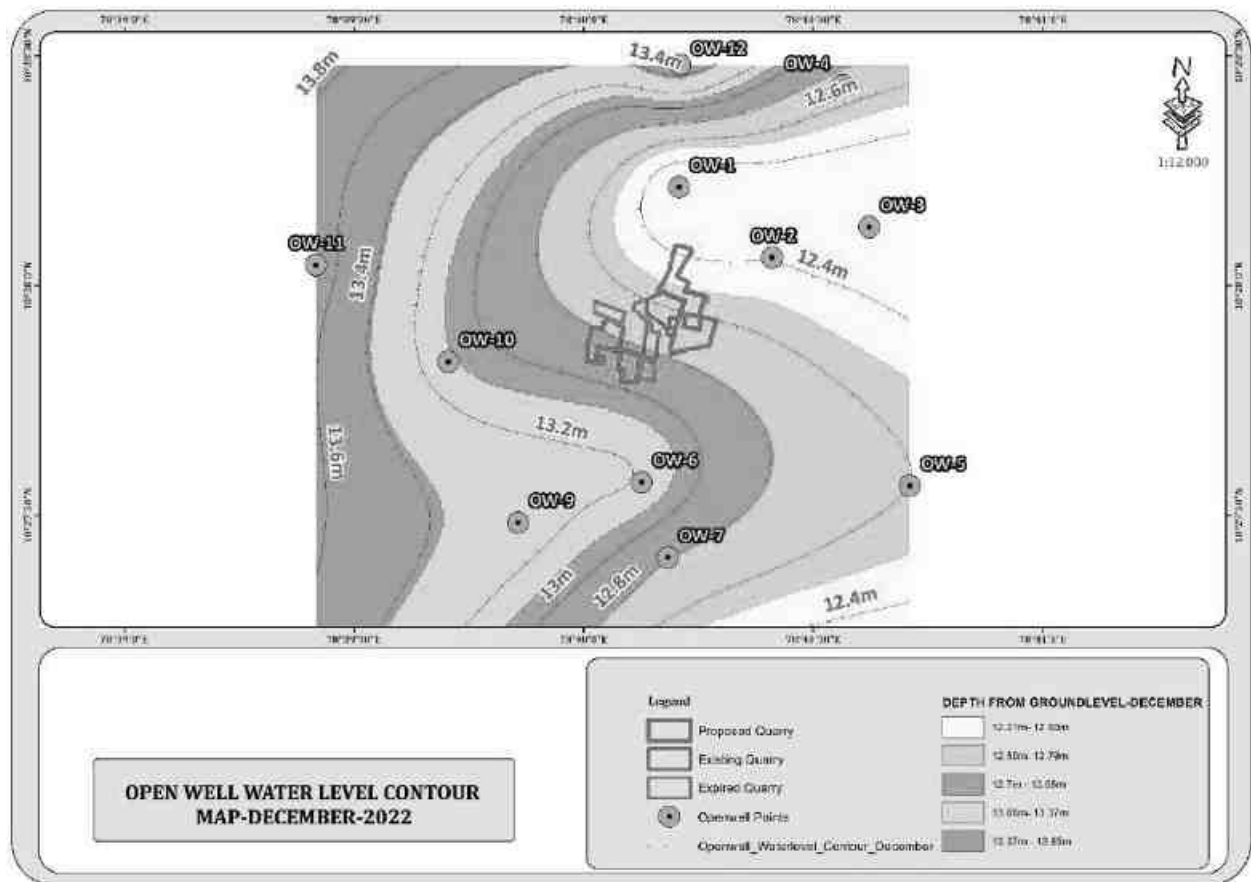
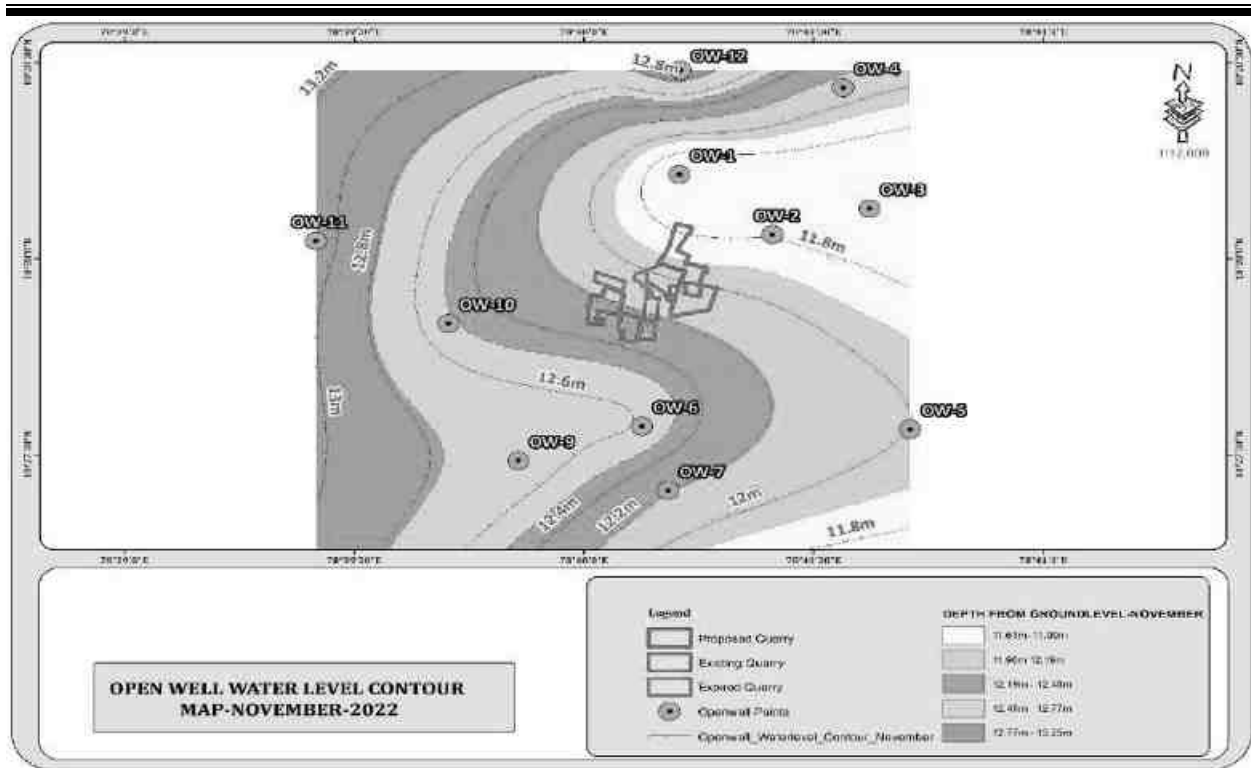
During the rainy season there is a possibility of collection of seepage water from the subsurface levels this is due to the high intensity of fracture and weathered portion upto a depth of 10m thus the collected seepage water will be stored in the mine sump pits and will be used for dust suppression and greenbelt development and during the end of the life of the mine this collected water will be as a temporary reservoir in that area.

**TABLE 3.12: POST MONSOON WATER LEVEL OF OPEN WELLS 1 KM RADIUS**

S.No	LABEL	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	OW-1	10° 28' 12.88"N	78° 40' 12.45"E	11	11.6	12.2
2	OW-2	10° 28' 03.70"N	78° 40' 24.65"E	11.2	11.8	12.4
3	OW-3	10° 28' 07.66"N	78° 40' 37.31"E	11.1	11.7	12.3
4	OW-4	10° 28' 26.15"N	78° 40' 33.85"E	11.5	12.1	12.7
5	OW-5	10° 27' 33.87"N	78° 40' 42.66"E	11.4	12	12.6
6	OW-6	10° 27' 34.33"N	78° 40' 07.58"E	12	12.6	13.2
7	OW-7	10° 27' 24.49"N	78° 40' 11.01"E	11.6	12.2	12.8
8	OW-8	10° 27' 11.26"N	78° 40' 07.56"E	11.3	11.9	12.5
9	OW-9	10° 27' 29.07"N	78° 39' 51.45"E	12.1	12.7	13.3
10	OW-10	10° 27' 50.05"N	78° 39' 42.32"E	11.9	12.5	13.1
11	OW-11	10° 28' 02.71"N	78° 39' 25.00"E	12.5	13.1	13.7
12	OW-12	10° 28' 28.86"N	78° 40' 12.63"E	12.4	13	13.6

**FIGURE 3.10: CONTOUR MAP OF OPEN WELL WATER LEVEL**

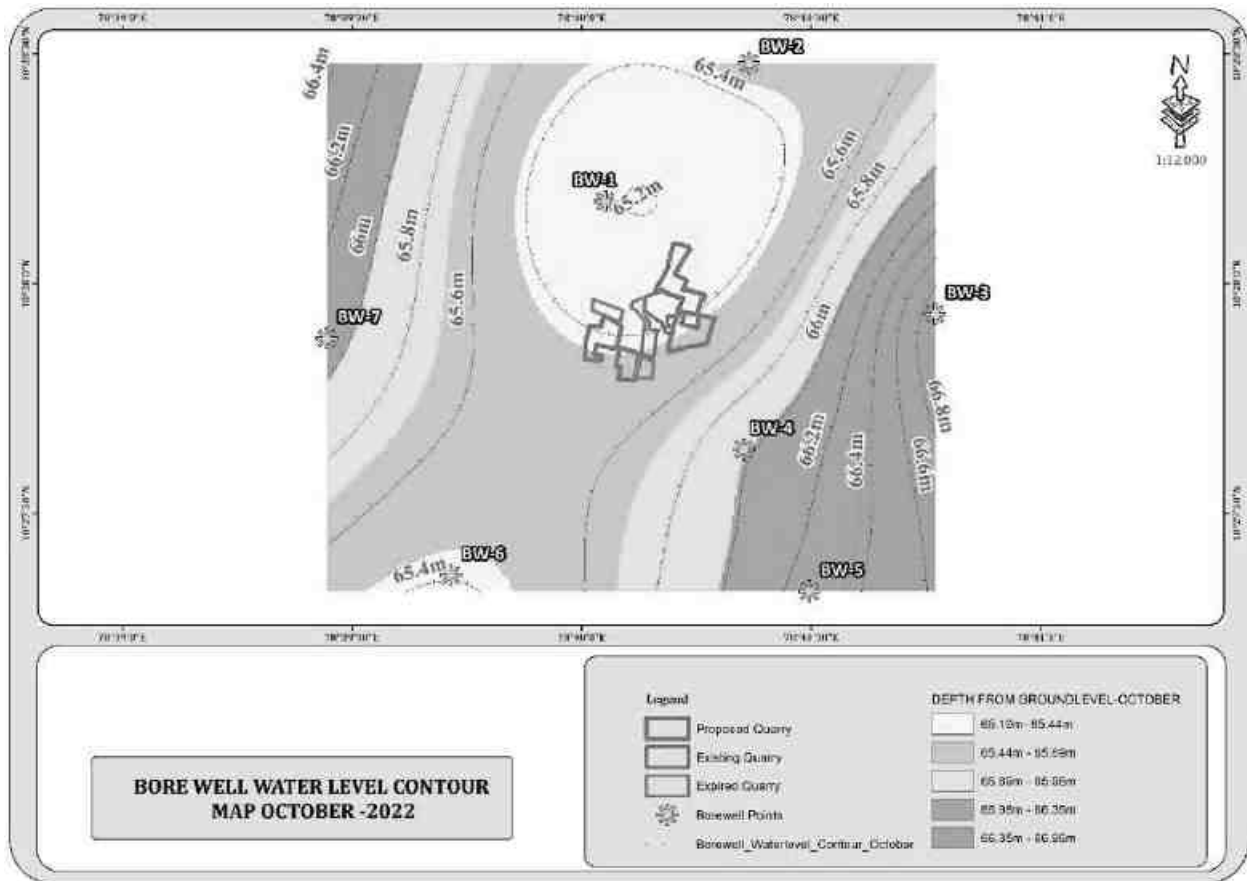


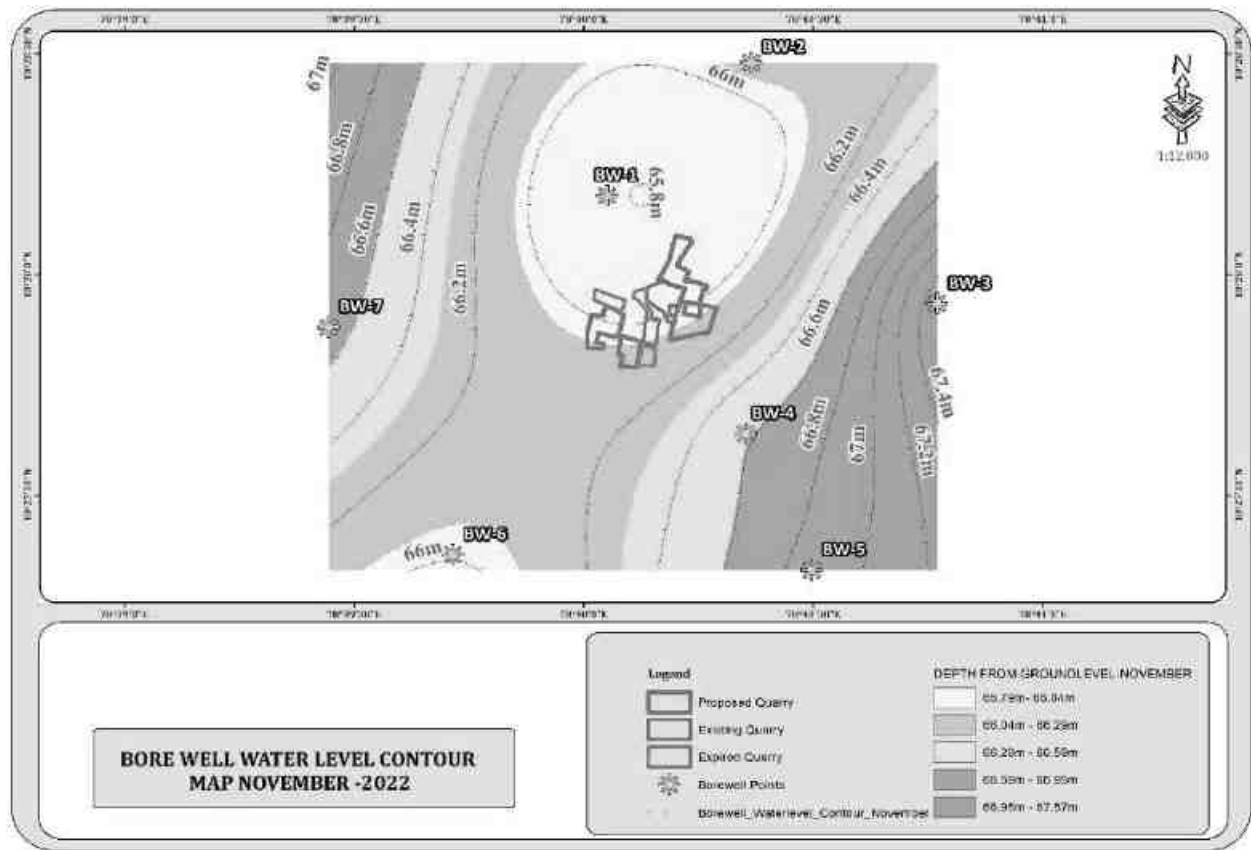
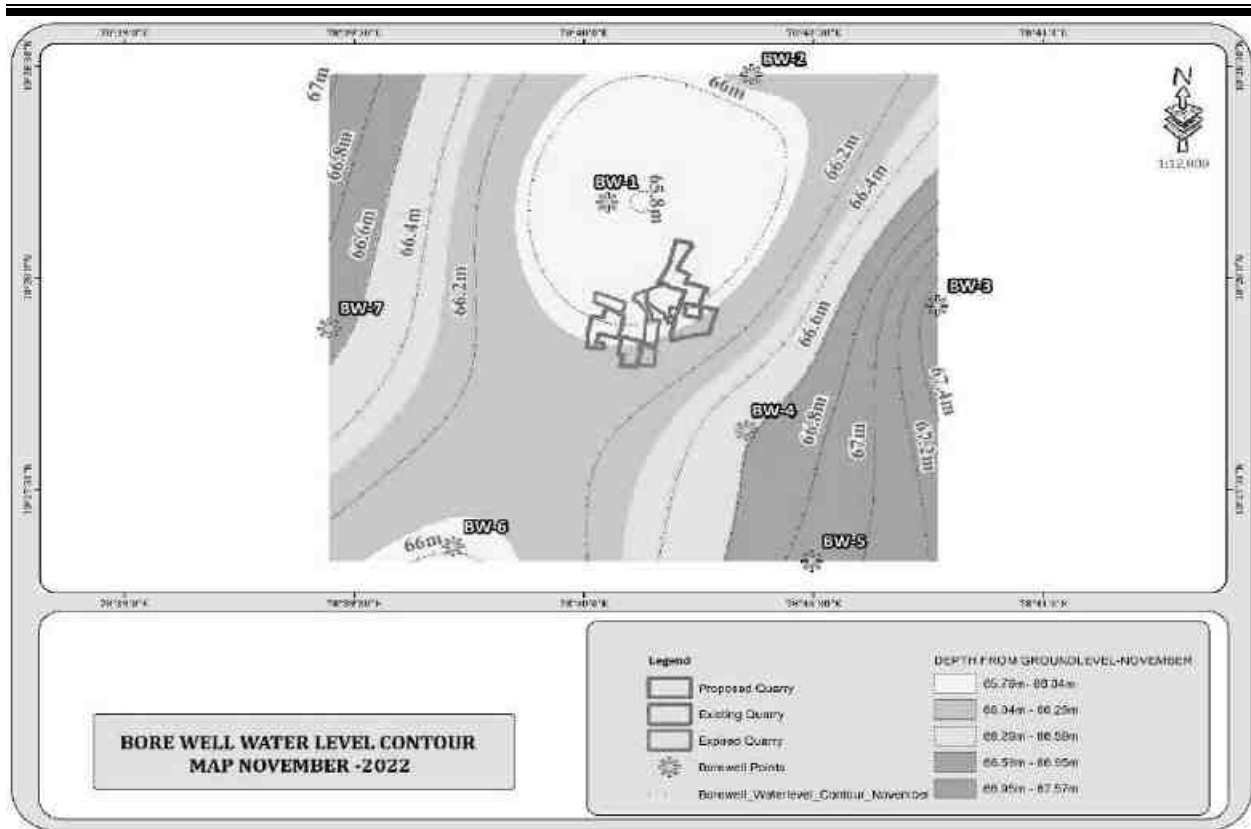


**TABLE 3.13: POST MONSOON WATER LEVEL OF BOREWELLS 1 KM RADIUS**

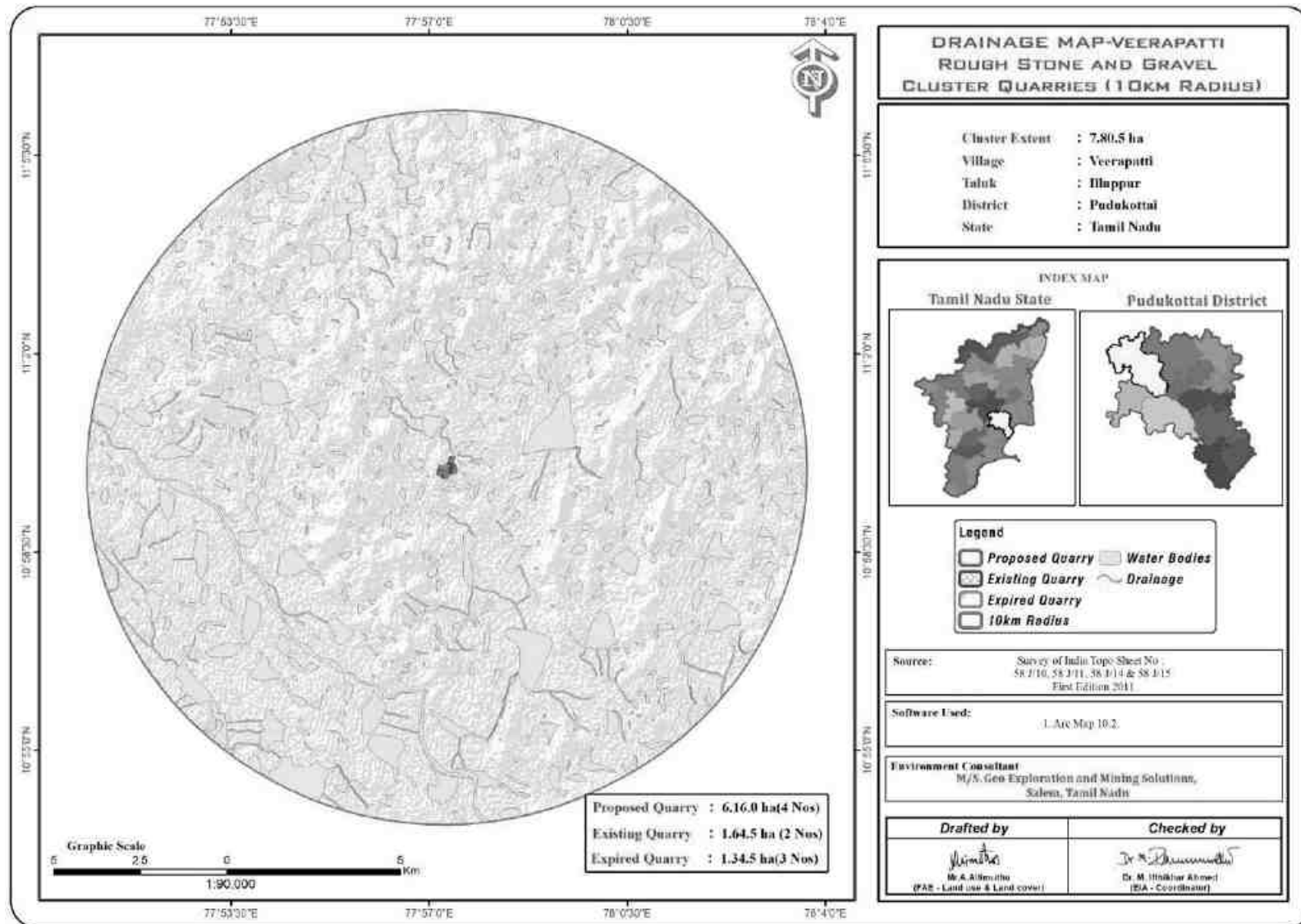
S.No	LABEL	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	BW-1	10° 28' 10.70"N	78° 40' 03.10"E	65.2	65.8	66.4
2	BW-2	10° 28' 28.79"N	78° 40' 21.90"E	65.5	66.1	66.7
3	BW-3	10° 27' 56.01"N	78° 40' 46.21"E	67	67.6	68.2
4	BW-4	10° 27' 38.30"N	78° 40' 21.19"E	66	66.6	67.2
5	BW-5	10° 27' 19.78"N	78° 40' 29.78"E	66.3	66.9	67.5
6	BW-6	10° 27' 21.88"N	78° 39' 42.92"E	65.4	66	66.6
7	BW-7	10° 27' 52.80"N	78° 39' 26.68"E	66.1	66.7	67.3

**FIGURE 3.11: CONTOUR MAP OF BORE WELL WATER LEVEL**

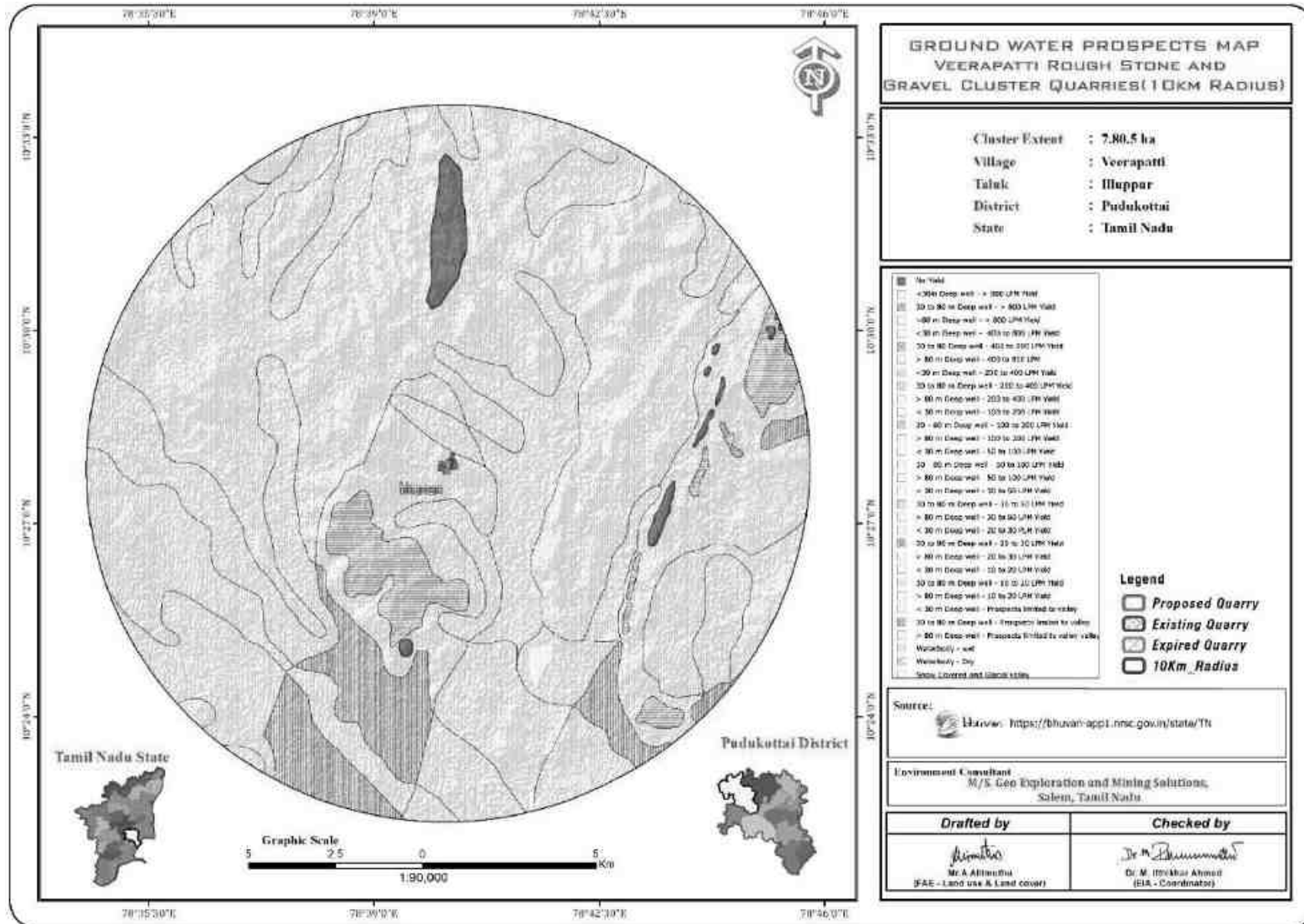




**FIGURE 3.12: DRAINAGE MAP AROUND 10 KM RADIUS FROM PROJECT SITE**



**FIGURE 3.13: GROUND WATER LEVEL MAP**



Source : Bhuvan

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### 3.2.5.1 Methodology and Data Acquisition

Electric Resistivity Method is well established for delineating lateral as well vertical discontinuities in the resistive structure of the Earth's subsurface. The present study makes use of vertical electric sounding (VES) to delineate the Vertical Resistivity structure at depth. Schlumberger electrode set up was employed for making sounding measurements. Since it is least influenced by lateral in homogeneities and is capable of providing higher depth of investigation. This is four electrodes collinear set up where in the outer electrodes send current into the ground and the inner electrodes measure the potential difference.

The present study utilizes maximum current electrode separation  $AB/2$ . The data from this survey are commonly arranged and contoured in the form of Pseudo-section that gives an approximate of the subsurface resistivity. This technique is used for the inversion of Schlumberger VES data to predict the layer parameter namely layer resistivity and Geo electric layer thickness. The main goal of the present study is to search the vertical in homogeneities that is consistent with the measured data.

For a Schlumberger among the Apparent resistivity can be calculated as follows

$$\rho_a = \frac{G\Delta V}{I}$$

$\Delta V$  = potential difference between receiving electrodes

$G$  = Geometric Factor.

Rocks show wide variation in resistivity ranging from 10<sup>-8</sup> more than 10<sup>+14</sup> ohmmeter. On a broad classification, one can group the rocks falling in the range of 10<sup>-8</sup> to 1 ohmmeter as good conductors. 1 to 10<sup>6</sup> ohmmeter as intermediate conductors and 10<sup>6</sup> to 10<sup>12</sup> ohmmeter as more as poor conductor. The resistivity of rocks and subsurface lithology, which is mostly dependent on its porosity and the pore fluid resistivity is defined by Archie's Law,

$$\rho_r = F\rho_w = a \emptyset^m \rho_w$$

$\rho_r$  = Resistivity of Rocks

$\rho_w$  = Resistivity of water in pores of rock

$F$  = Formation Factor

$\emptyset$  = Fractional pore volume

$A$  = Constants with values ranging from 0.5 to 2.5

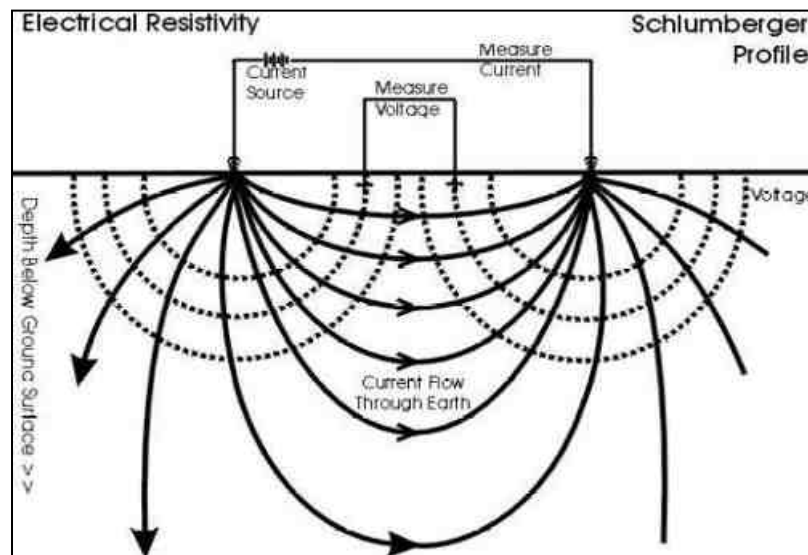
### 3.2.5.2 Survey Layout

The layout for a resistivity survey depends on the choice of the current and potential electrode arrangement, which is called electrode array. Here the present study is considered with Schlumberger array. In which the distance may be used for current electrode separation while potential electrode separation is kept on third to one fifth of the same. One interesting aspect in VES is the principle of reciprocity, which permits interchange of the potential and current electrode without any effect on the measured apparent resistivity.



The field equipment deployed for the study is in a deep resistivity meter with a model of SSR – MP – AT. This Signal stacking Resistivity meter is a high-quality data acquisition system incorporating several innovation features for Earth resistivity. In the presence of random earth Noises the signal to noise ration can be enhanced by  $\sqrt{N}$  where N is the number of stacked readings. This SSR meter in which running averages of measurements  $[1, (1+2)/2, (1+2+3)/3 \dots (1+2\dots+16/16)]$  up to the chosen stacks are displayed and the final average is stored automatically, in memory utilizing the principles of stacking to achieve the benefit of high signals to noise ratio. Based on these above significations the signal stacking resistivity meter was used for (VES) Vertical Electric Resistivity Sounding.

### RESISTIVITY SURVEY PROFILE



Measurements of ground Resistivity is essentially done by sending a current through two electrodes called current electrodes ( $C_1$  &  $C_2$ ) and measuring the resulting potential by two other electrodes called potential electrode ( $P_1$  &  $P_2$ ). The amount of current required to be sent into the ground depends on the contact resistance at the current electrode, the ground resistivity and the depth of interest.

#### 3.2.5.3 Data Presentation

It was inferred that the low resistance encountered at the depth between 60-65m. The maximum depth proposed out of proposed projects is 27 m to 47 m BGL. Hence there is no possibilities of water table intersection during the entire mine life period besides it is also inferred topographically that there are no major water bodies intersecting the project area.

#### 3.2.5.4 Geophysical Data Interpretation

The geophysical data was obtained to study the lateral variations, vertical in homogeneities in the sub – surface with respect to the availability of groundwater. From the interpreted data, it has inferred that the area has moderate groundwater potential in the investigated area. This small quarrying operation will not have any significant impact on the natural water bodies.

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### 3.3 *Air Environment*

The ambient air quality with respect to the study area of 10 km radius including the cluster quarries forms the baseline information. The prime objective of baseline air quality monitoring is to assess existing air quality of the area. This will also be useful in assessing the conformity to standards of the ambient air quality during the operations

The existing ambient air quality of the area is important for evaluating the impact of mining activities on the ambient air quality. These will also be useful for assessing the conformity to standards of the ambient air quality during the operation of Existing and proposed quarries within the radius of 500m.

The sources of air pollution in the region are mostly due to vehicular traffic, dust arising from unpaved village road and domestic & agricultural activities. This section describes the identification of sampling locations, methodology adopted during the monitoring period and sampling frequency.

The baseline status of the ambient air quality has been assessed through scientifically designed ambient air quality network. The design of monitoring network in the air quality surveillance program has been based on the following considerations:

- Meteorological conditions.
- Topography of the study area.
- Likely impact area.

#### 3.3.1 **Meteorology & Climate**

Meteorology is the key to understand the air quality. The essential relationship between meteorological condition and atmospheric dispersion involves the wind in the broadest sense. Wind fluctuations over a very wide range of time, accomplish dispersion and strongly influence other processes associated with them.

A temporary meteorological station was installed at project site. The station was installed at a height of 4 m above the ground level in such a way that there are no obstructions facilitating flow of wind, wind speed, wind direction, humidity and temperature are recorded on hourly basis.

#### **Climate –**

- Pudukkottai has a tropical climate. The summers here have a good deal of rainfall, while the winters have very little. This location is classified as Aw by Köppen and Geiger. The average temperature in Pudukkottai is 28.0 °C | 82.4 °F. Precipitation here is about 925 mm | 36.4 inch per year.
- Because Pudukkottai is located near the equator, the summers are not easy to define. The most opportune time to visit are January, February, October, November, December.
- The driest month is February, with 15 mm | 0.6 inch of rainfall. Most of the precipitation here falls in November, averaging 203 mm | 8.0 inch.
- The warmest month of the year is May, with an average temperature of 31.0 °C | 87.8 °F. January is the coldest month, with temperatures averaging 24.4 °C | 76.0 °F.

<https://en.climate-data.org/asia/india/tamil-nadu/pudukkottai-24013/>

**Rainfall –**

The average annual rainfall and the 5 years rainfall is as follows:

**TABLE 3.14 – RAINFALL DATA**

Actual Rainfall in mm					Normal Rainfall in mm
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
724.4	692.1	876.2	947.6	1188.7	985

Source: <https://www.twadboard.tn.gov.in/content/pudukottai>

**TABLE 3.15 – METEOROLOGICAL DATA RECORDED AT SITE**

S.No	Parameters		Oct – 2022	Nov – 2022	Dec – 2022
1	Temperature (°C)	Max	27.4	25.8	25.56
		Min	25.09	23.05	21.69
		Avg	26.245	24.425	23.625
2	Relative Humidity (%)	Avg	83.155	86.75	87.28
3	Wind Speed (m/s)	Max	4.34	5.58	5.46
		Min	1.66	1.73	1.66
		Avg	3	3.655	3.56
4	Cloud Cover (OKTAS)		0-8	0-8	0-8
5	Wind Direction		WSW,S	NE,ENE	NE,ENE

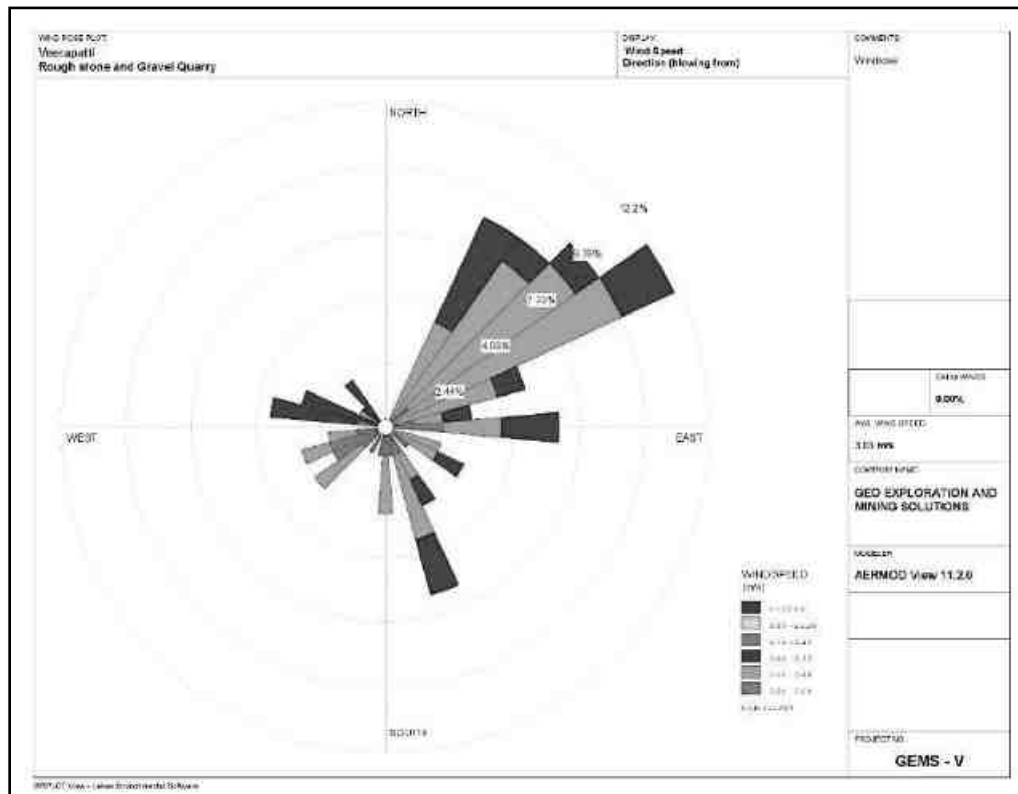
Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by Chennai Mettex Lab Private Limited in association with GEMS

**Correlation between Secondary and Primary Data**

The meteorological data collected at the site is almost similar to that of secondary data collected from IMD Coimbatore. A comparison of site data generated during the three months with that of IMD, Coimbatore Agro reveals the following:

- The average maximum and minimum temperatures of IMD, Coimbatore agro showed a higher in respect of on-site data .
- The relative humidity levels were lesser at site as compared to IMD, Pudukottai.
- The wind speed and direction at site shows similar trend that of IMD, Pudukottai.

Windrose diagram of the study site is depicted in Figure. 3.8. Predominant downwind direction of the area during study season is North East to South West.

**FIGURE 3.14: WINDROSE DIAGRAM**

Environmental In the abstract of collected data wind rose were drawn on presented in figure No.3.14 during the monitoring period in the study area

1. Predominant winds were from WSW, NE,E, ENE,SE
2. Wind velocity readings were recorded between 0.50 to 8.80 km / hour
3. Calm conditions prevail of about 0.00% of the monitoring period
4. Temperature readings ranging from 21.69 27.4<sup>0</sup>C
5. Relative humidity ranging from 83 to 87%
6. The monitoring was carried out continuously for three months

### 3.3.2 Methodology and Objective

The prime objective of the ambient air quality study is to assess the existing air quality of study area and its conformity to NAAQS. The observed sources of air pollution in the study area are industrial, traffic and domestic activities. The baseline status of the ambient air quality has been established through a scientifically designed ambient air quality monitoring network considering the followings:

- Meteorological condition on synoptic scale;
- Topography of the study area;
- Representatives of regional background air quality for obtaining baseline status;
- Location of residential areas representing different activities;
- Accessibility and power availability; etc

### 3.3.3 Sampling and Analytical Techniques

**TABLE 3.16 – METHODOLOGY AND INSTRUMENT USED FOR AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS**

Parameter	Method	Instrument
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Gravimetric Method Beta attenuation Method	Fine Particulate Sampler Make – Thermo Environmental Instruments – TEI 121
PM <sub>10</sub>	Gravimetric Method Beta attenuation Method	Respirable Dust Sampler Make –Thermo Environmental Instruments – TEI 108
SO <sub>2</sub>	IS-5182 Part II (Improved West & Gaeke method)	Respirable Dust Sampler withgaseous attachment
NO <sub>x</sub>	IS-5182 Part II (Jacob & Hochheiser modifiedmethod)	Respirable Dust Sampler with gaseous attachment
Free Silica	NIOSH – 7601	Visible Spectrophotometry

Source: Sampling Methodology followed by Enviro-Tech Services Laboratories & CPCB Notification

**TABLE 3.17 – NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS**

Sl. No.	Pollutant	Time Weighted Average	Concentration in ambient air	
			Industrial, Residential, Rural & other areas	Ecologically Sensitive area (Notified by Central Govt.)
1	Sulphur Dioxide ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Annual Avg.* 24 hours**	50.0 80.0	20.0 80.0
2	Nitrogen Dioxide ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Annual Avg. 24 hours	40.0 80.0	30.0 80.0
3	Particulate matter (size less than 10 $\mu\text{m}$ ) PM <sub>10</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Annual Avg. 24 hours	60.0 100.0	60.0 100.0
4	Particulate matter (size less than 2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ ) PM <sub>2.5</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Annual Avg. 24 hours	40.0 60.0	40.0 60.0

Source: NAAQS CPCB Notification No. B-29016/20/90/PCI-I Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009

\*Annual Arithmetic mean of minimum 104 measurements in a year taken twice a Week 24 hourly at uniform interval.

\*\* 24 hourly / 8 hourly or 1 hourly monitored values as applicable shall be complied with 98 % of the time in a year. However, 2% of the time, they may exceed the limits but not on two consecutive days of monitoring.

### 3.3.4 Frequency & Parameters for Sampling

Ambient air quality monitoring has been carried out with a frequency of two samples per week at Eight (8) locations, adopting a continuous 24 hourly (3 shift of 8-hour) schedule for the period Oct-Dec2022. The baseline data of ambient air has been generated for PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) & Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>).

**3.3.5 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations**

Eight (8) monitoring stations were set up in the study area as depicted in Figure 3.6.1 for assessment of the existing ambient air quality. Details of the sampling locations are as per given below.

**TABLE 3.18 – AMBIENT AIR QUALITY (AAQ) MONITORING LOCATIONS**

S. No	Location Code	Monitoring Locations	Distance & Direction	Coordinates
1	AAQ-1	Project Area	Core Zone	10°27'53.90"N 78°40'16.29"E
2	AAQ-2	Project Area	Core Zone	10°27'52.18"N 78°40'1.25"E
3	AAQ-3	Kadambarayanpatti	1km SW	10°27'39.31"N 78°39'11.83"E
4	AAQ-4	Alathur	4.8km NW	10°28'47.10"N 78°37'15.10"E
5	AAQ-5	Annavasal	2.5km East	10°27'33.80"N 78°41'51.10"E
6	AAQ-6	Anaipatti	4.5km SW	10°25'25.05"N 78°38'50.88"E
7	AAQ-7	Vayalogam	4.8km SE	10°25'26.37"N 78°41'53.67"E
8	AAQ-8	Udayampatti	4.3km NE	10°30'36.43"N 78°40'45.39"E

Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by Chennai Mettex Lab Private Limited in association with GEMS

**FIGURE 3.15: SITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF AMBIENT AIR MONITORING**



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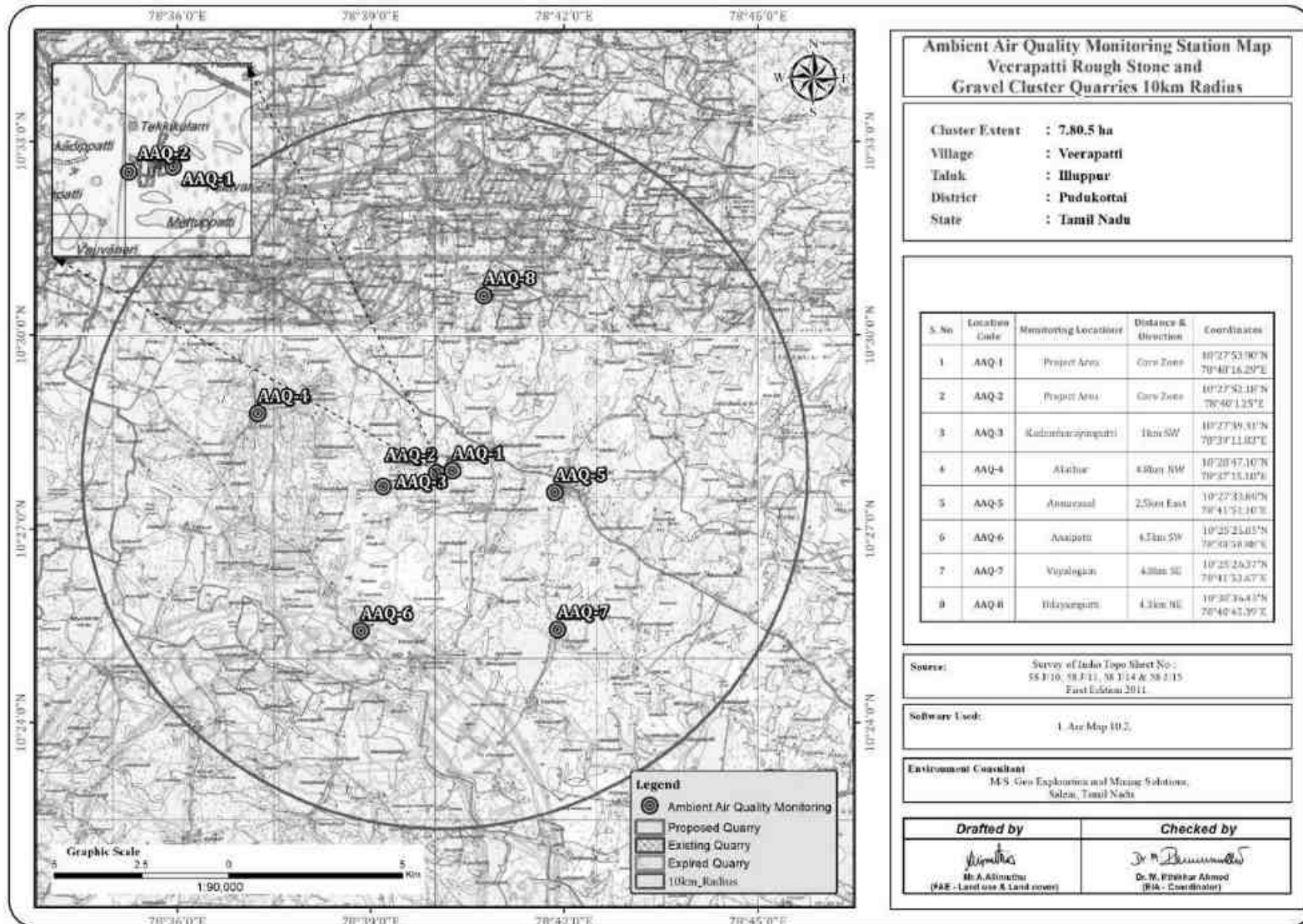
**P3-Thiru. M.Karuppaiya**



**P4- Thiru. T.Palanisamy,**

Source: Monitoring photographs from the FAE and Team Members

**FIGURE 3.16 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY LOCATIONS AROUND 10 KM RADIUS**





**TABLE 3.19 – AAQ1- CORE ZONE**

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

Location: AAQ1-

Sampling Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	77.6	17.6	40.1	6.3	19.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	76.2	17.1	40.7	6.1	19.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	76.3	17.3	40.6	6.4	19.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	76.7	17.7	40.8	6.6	19.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	75.5	17.1	40.2	7.1	19.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	75.2	17.3	39.1	7.9	19.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	75.3	17.5	39.2	7.4	19.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	66.8	17.1	39.6	7.3	19.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	66.9	18.4	38.3	6.2	19.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	66.2	18.8	39.9	6.7	19.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	67.3	17.7	40.7	6.1	19.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	77.9	18.3	40.1	7.3	20.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	77.5	17.4	40.5	7.5	20.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	77.8	17.8	39.9	7.7	21.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	76.9	18.5	40.3	7.3	20.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	76.3	17.9	39.9	7.7	21.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	76.8	17.3	40.2	6.2	20.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	76.2	17.8	40.4	6.4	21.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	76.3	18.4	39.3	6.2	20.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	76.9	17.6	38.9	6.8	20.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.2	18.7	40.2	6.1	20.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.3	17.2	39.9	6.6	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.7	17.5	40.2	6.3	20.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	67.3	17.8	39.9	7.4	20.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	67.5	17.6	40.1	7.3	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	67.9	17.1	40.7	7.1	21.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

**Note:**BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); O<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0); Pb: BDL (DL:0.1); Ni: BDL (DL:1.0); As: BDL (DL:1.0); C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: BDL (DL:1.0); BaP: BDL (DL:0.1)

**Remarks:** The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.

TABLE 3.20 – AAQ2 – PROJECT AREA

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

Location: AAQ2- Project area

Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	71.3	22.5	44.1	8.3	20.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	72.2	26.4	46.3	8.1	21.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	71.3	25.3	42.1	8.3	22.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	70.4	23.2	41.6	8.4	21.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	71.9	26.7	42.3	8.3	21.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	72.5	23.9	42.7	7.9	22.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	71.7	24.5	44.3	8.5	20.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	71.3	25.4	44.8	7.5	22.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	70.2	26.8	42.2	7.6	22.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	71.8	23.9	42.3	8.2	21.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	70.5	26.4	41.6	8.4	21.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	71.3	24.4	43.7	8.6	21.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	72.8	26.5	42.7	8.7	21.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	72.3	26.7	44.9	8.9	22.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	71.7	23.6	42.7	7.3	22.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	71.6	25.5	42.8	7.5	22.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	71.3	26.7	41.4	7.6	21.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	72.1	26.7	42.8	7.4	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	70.3	25.4	42.9	7.8	22.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	70.4	25.8	41.5	7.6	21.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	72.9	26.9	42.7	7.1	21.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	70.7	26.3	42.5	7.8	22.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	70.3	25.7	41.3	7.6	23.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	70.6	24.1	42.9	7.9	22.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	69.3	24.7	43.7	8.3	22.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	72.5	24.0	44.4	8.4	21.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

**Note:** BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); O<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0); Pb: BDL (DL:0.1); Ni: BDL (DL:1.0); As: BDL (DL:1.0); C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: BDL (DL:1.0); BaP: BDL (DL:0.1)

**Remarks:** The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.

**TABLE 3.21 – AAQ3 –KADAMBARAYANPATTI-**

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

: AAQ3- Kadambarayanpatti

Sampling Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	67.6	19.6	39.3	7.9	23.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	66.2	19.2	38.3	7.8	23.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	66.3	19.4	39.3	7.8	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	66.7	18.2	39.4	7.2	23.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	65.5	18.6	40.2	7.6	24.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	65.2	18.2	41.2	6.9	24.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	65.3	19.3	40.3	6.7	24.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	66.8	19.6	38.2	6.8	24.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	66.9	19.5	38.5	8.3	24.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	66.2	19.5	39.7	8.6	24.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	77.3	19.3	39.6	8.9	23.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	77.9	19.5	39.2	8.4	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	77.5	19.2	37.6	8.2	23.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	77.8	19.8	37.5	8.6	23.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	76.9	19.3	37.3	8.4	24.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	76.3	20.2	40.2	7.6	24.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	76.8	20.3	40.6	7.4	24.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	76.2	20.4	40.9	7.7	24.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	76.3	20.5	41.3	7.9	23.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	66.9	20.6	41.7	8.3	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.2	20.7	39.2	7.3	23.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.3	18.3	38.8	7.2	23.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.7	20.3	38.7	7.2	24.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	67.3	20.1	41.3	7.8	24.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	67.5	20.6	41.5	6.8	25.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	67.9	20.8	41.6	6.4	25.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

**Note:** BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); O<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0); Pb: BDL (DL:0.1); Ni: BDL (DL:1.0); As: BDL (DL:1.0); C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: BDL (DL:1.0); BaP: BDL (DL:0.1)

**Remarks:** The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.

**TABLE 3.22- AAQ4 – ALATHUR**

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

Location: AAQ4 - *Alathur*

Sampling Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	64.2	19.9	38.7	6.2	26.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	62.3	21.3	38.6	6.1	26.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	64.5	21.4	37.8	6.3	25.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	64.6	22.6	35.3	7.6	25.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	65.2	22.5	36.7	7.8	26.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	65.1	20.3	35.9	6.4	26.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	65.2	20.7	35.6	6.3	25.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	66.3	22.9	34.3	5.6	25.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	63.5	22.6	35.4	6.8	26.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	63.6	21.1	35.6	6.6	25.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	62.7	20.3	35.7	5.7	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	63.6	21.8	36.9	6.5	24.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	63.8	21.7	35.6	5.2	24.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	65.6	21.6	37.1	6.6	23.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	66.2	20.4	35.5	6.6	22.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	66.1	20.1	35.8	5.7	24.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	66.9	21.8	36.5	5.1	24.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	65.2	21.5	43.3	5.3	25.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	65.6	21.7	41.1	5.4	24.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	66.7	22.3	40.9	5.5	24.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	69.2	21.6	41.3	5.9	24.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.3	22.7	41.1	5.2	24.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	69.6	21.3	42.8	5.6	26.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.3	21.4	41.5	6.2	26.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.5	21.6	42.6	6.5	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	66.8	22.7	42.1	6.6	25.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

**Note:** BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); O<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0); Pb: BDL (DL:0.1); Ni: BDL (DL:1.0); As: BDL (DL:1.0); C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: BDL (DL:1.0); BaP: BDL (DL:0.1)

**Remarks:** The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.

TABLE 3.23 – AAQ5 – ANNAVASAL

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

AAQ5- Annavasal

Sampling Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	75.5	19.5	40.7	6.9	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	75.7	19.1	41.5	6.7	22.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	75.9	19.4	41.3	6.2	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	75.7	19.6	41.9	6.8	21.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	74.2	19.2	40.5	6.5	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	74.8	19.6	41.4	6.0	23.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	74.2	19.5	41.8	6.7	22.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	74.3	19.3	41.5	6.3	22.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	74.5	19.2	40.5	6.7	23.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	74.4	19.7	41.1	6.7	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	74.8	20.5	42.3	6.9	23.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	72.2	19.3	40.2	6.3	22.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	72.2	19.5	41.6	6.9	22.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	73.3	18.1	40.8	7.1	21.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	76.5	18.9	40.3	6.8	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	73.5	17.8	39.7	6.3	22.0	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	73.7	20.1	42.0	7.7	21.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	73.8	20.4	42.9	7.1	22.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	75.4	19.9	41.7	7.0	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	74.2	20.2	40.6	7.3	23.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	74.5	21.6	42.5	6.6	23.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	75.8	20.2	42.3	6.4	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	76.7	21.9	42.2	7.1	23.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	76.8	20.1	42.6	7.8	22.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	75.8	21.5	41.8	7.9	23.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	75.1	21.2	42.6	7.4	24.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

**Note:** BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); O<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0); Pb: BDL (DL:0.1); Ni: BDL (DL:1.0); As: BDL (DL:1.0); C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: BDL (DL:1.0); BaP: BDL (DL:0.1)

**Remarks:** The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.

**TABLE 3.24 – AAQ 6 - ANAIPATTI**

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

Location: AAQ6 – Anaipatti

Sampling Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	71.3	20.7	40.3	7.3	24.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	71.6	20.2	40.7	7.6	25.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	71.8	20.5	40.3	7.1	23.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	72.3	20.4	40.7	7.9	24.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	72.4	20.9	39.3	6.5	25.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	71.9	20.5	39.1	6.1	23.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	71.7	20.6	40.5	6.8	26.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	71.6	20.8	40.9	6.7	24.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	72.3	20.8	40.6	6.8	25.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	72.7	19.5	40.4	6.5	23.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	72.6	19.9	41.8	6.1	25.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	72.8	19.5	41.4	6.2	24.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	71.7	20.1	39.9	6.8	23.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	70.5	20.5	39.2	6.3	25.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	70.9	21.5	39.8	6.7	24.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	71.6	20.8	40.7	7.2	24.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	71.8	20.4	40.5	7.6	24.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	72.3	21.6	39.2	7.3	24.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	72.7	21.8	39.9	6.9	23.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	72.6	21.4	39.4	7.2	24.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	72.7	20.3	39.2	7.6	23.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	73.2	20.8	42.7	7.9	24.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	73.4	21.6	41.5	7.1	23.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	73.1	21.1	42.9	7.5	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	73.7	21.5	42.5	7.8	24.2	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	72.4	21.3	42.7	7.3	24.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

**Note:** BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); O<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0); Pb: BDL (DL:0.1); Ni: BDL (DL:1.0); As: BDL (DL:1.0); C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: BDL (DL:1.0); BaP: BDL (DL:0.1)

**Remarks:** The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.

**TABLE 3.25 – AAQ7 - VAYALOGAM**

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

Location: AAQ7– Vayalogam

Sampling Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	72.6	18.8	38.5	6.2	21.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	72.3	18.6	39.4	6.4	21.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	72.2	18.2	39.1	6.6	21.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	71.8	18.5	37.5	6.7	20.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	72.4	19.4	37.2	6.4	20.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	72.3	19.1	36.9	6.6	20.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	72.9	18.2	36.4	5.8	21.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	72.2	18.7	35.8	5.5	21.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	72.4	19.6	36.9	5.1	21.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	71.6	18.9	36.8	6.7	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	71.3	19.1	37.1	6.5	21.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	72.8	19.6	37.5	6.8	20.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	71.6	18.2	37.0	6.4	20.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	69.5	19.7	36.9	6.8	20.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	69.4	19.4	36.7	6.6	20.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	69.3	19.3	37.5	6.1	20.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	68.2	18.0	38.1	6.5	21.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.3	19.4	38.9	6.4	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.7	19.6	37.2	6.8	21.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.5	19.2	37.4	6.7	21.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.8	19.3	38.2	6.2	20.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.3	20.1	38.5	6.4	22.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	69.3	20.5	36.7	6.8	21.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.2	20.2	36.4	6.3	21.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	68.1	20.6	37.5	6.7	21.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	68.7	21.9	36.8	6.1	21.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL

**Note:** BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); O<sub>3</sub>: BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0); Pb: BDL (DL:0.1); Ni: BDL (DL:1.0); As: BDL (DL:1.0); C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: BDL (DL:1.0); BaP: BDL (DL:0.1)

**Remarks:** The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.

**TABLE 3.26 – AAQ8 - UDAYAMPATTI**

Period: Oct – Dec 2022

Location: AAQ98– Udayampatti

Sampling Time: 24-hourly

Ambient Air Monitoring Details		Particulate Pollutant			Gaseous Pollutant					Metals Pollutant			Organic Pollutant	
Parameters		SPM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	CO	Pb	Ni	As	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	BaP
NAAQ Norms		200	100	60	80	80	400	180	4	1	20	6	5	1
Unit		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	ng/m <sup>3</sup>
Date	Period.hrs	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
05.10.2022	7:00-7:00	76.3	19.5	49.2	6.4	24.5	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
06.10.2022	7:15-7:15	76.6	19.9	49.4	6.3	25.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
12.10.2022	7:00-7:00	75.6	19.5	49.5	6.7	24.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
13.10.2022	7:15-7:15	74.4	19.1	49.9	6.9	24.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
19.10.2022	7:00-7:00	74.2	19.8	49.4	6.2	24.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
20.10.2022	7:15-7:15	74.0	19.4	49.8	6.9	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
26.10.2022	7:00-7:00	72.6	19.5	49.2	6.4	25.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
27.10.2022	7:15-7:15	74.9	19.2	40.2	6.1	25.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
02.11.2022	7:00-7:00	72.7	19.3	40.6	6.8	25.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
03.11.2022	7:15-7:15	75.9	19.5	40.5	6.7	25.0	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
09.11.2022	7:00-7:00	74.5	18.4	40.9	5.8	24.6	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
10.11.2022	7:15-7:15	72.8	18.4	39.7	6.3	24.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
16.11.2022	7:00-7:00	73.8	18.5	39.5	6.1	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
17.11.2022	7:15-7:15	74.9	18.6	39.1	6.8	25.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
23.11.2022	7:00-7:00	74.3	18.6	41.7	6.4	25.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
24.11.2022	7:15-7:15	75.5	18.9	41.2	6.7	25.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
30.11.2022	7:00-7:00	74.9	18.4	41.3	6.5	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
01.12.2022	7:15-7:15	75.1	19.6	41.9	6.9	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
07.12.2022	7:00-7:00	74.6	19.2	42.3	7.3	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
08.12.2022	7:15-7:15	75.1	18.9	42.5	7.5	25.4	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
14.12.2022	7:00-7:00	74.2	18.3	42.6	7.5	25.9	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
15.12.2022	7:15-7:15	71.6	19.3	42.1	7.1	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
21.12.2022	7:00-7:00	76.6	19.5	42.8	7.9	25.7	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
22.12.2022	7:15-7:15	76.1	18.9	42.9	7.3	25.3	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
28.12.2022	7:00-7:00	75.8	19.2	43.2	7.6	25.1	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
29.12.2022	7:15-7:15	76.1	19.6	43.5	7.9	25.8	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL
<b>Note:</b> BDL: Below Detection Limit ;DL: Detection Limit ; NH <sub>3</sub> : BDL (DL:20); O <sub>3</sub> : BDL (DL:20); CO: BDL (DL:1.0);										<b>Pb:</b> BDL (DL:0.1); <b>Ni:</b> BDL (DL:1.0); <b>As:</b> BDL (DL:1.0); <b>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>:</b> BDL (DL:1.0); <b>BaP:</b> BDL (DL:0.1)				
<b>Remarks:</b> The values observed for the pollutants given above are within the CPCB standards.														



**TABLE 3.27: SUMMARY OF AAQ**

<b>PM10</b>	AAQ1	AAQ2	AAQ3	AAQ4	AAQ5	AAQ6	AAQ7	AAQ8
Arithmetic Mean	42.6	41.8	39.2	39.3	41.1	39.4	41.1	42.3
Minimum	37.3	38.3	35.3	34.3	39.1	35.8	36.4	41.2
Maximum	49.4	44.9	41.7	43.3	42.9	42.9	49.9	43.5
<b>NAAQ Norms</b>	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0

<b>PM2.5</b>	AAQ1	AAQ2	AAQ3	AAQ4	AAQ5	AAQ6	AAQ7	AAQ8
Arithmetic Mean	20.0	24.5	20.1	20.9	20.2	20.0	19.4	19.0
Minimum	18.2	18.2	18.2	19.1	17.8	18.2	18.0	18.3
Maximum	26.4	26.9	22.6	22.7	21.9	21.8	21.9	19.6
<b>NAAQ Norms</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	AAQ1	AAQ2	AAQ3	AAQ4	AAQ5	AAQ6	AAQ7	AAQ8
Arithmetic Mean	7.7	7.9	7.5	6.1	7.0	6.7	6.5	7.2
Minimum	6.4	7.1	6.1	5.1	6.1	5.1	5.8	6.4
Maximum	8.9	8.9	8.9	6.9	7.9	7.9	6.9	7.9
<b>NAAQ Norms</b>	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0

<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	AAQ1	AAQ2	AAQ3	AAQ4	AAQ5	AAQ6	AAQ7	AAQ8
Arithmetic Mean	23.9	22.2	24.6	24.3	23.6	23.1	23.1	25.5
Minimum	20.9	20.3	23.1	21.5	21.6	20.3	20.1	25.1
Maximum	25.4	23.8	26.3	26.7	26.7	25.8	25.9	25.9
<b>NAAQ Norms</b>	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0

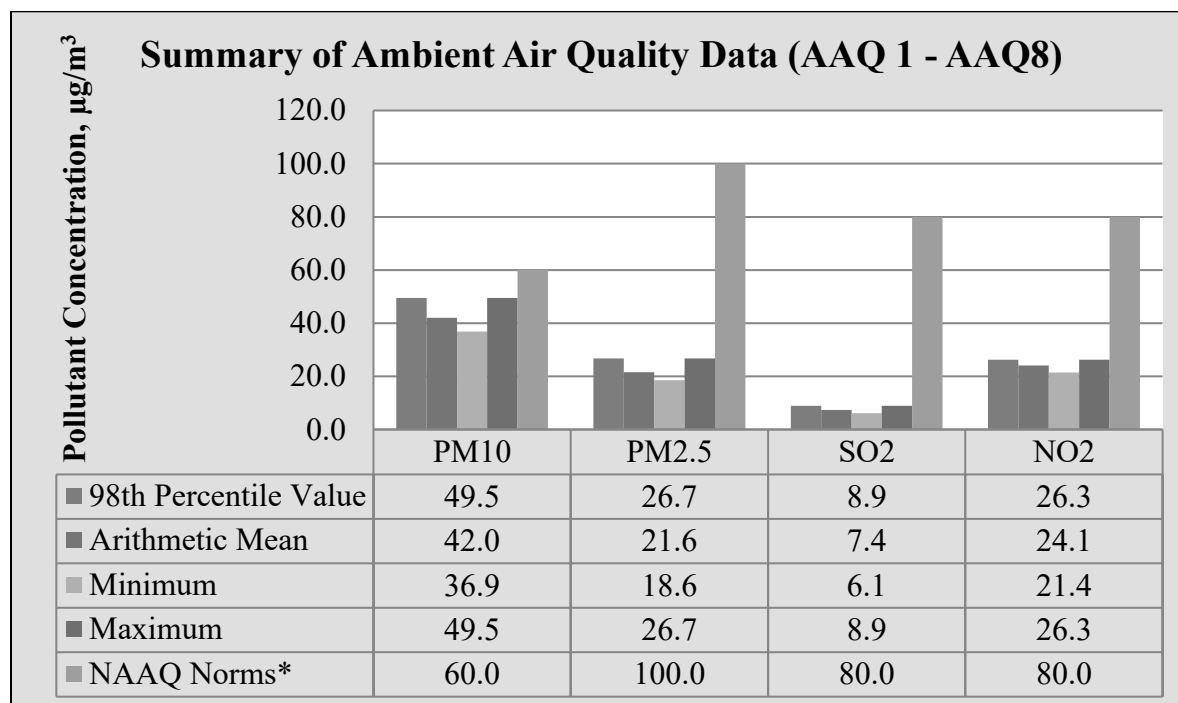
**TABLE 3.28 – ABSTRACT OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY DATA**

1	Parameter	PM10	PM2.5	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>
2	No. of Observations	260	260	260	260
3	10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	36.9	18.6	6.1	21.4
4	20 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	38.0	19.2	6.4	21.9
5	30 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	39.2	19.4	6.6	22.8
6	40 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	40.2	19.6	6.8	23.5
7	50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	40.7	20.2	6.9	23.9
8	60 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	41.3	20.5	7.2	24.3
9	70 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	41.8	20.8	7.6	24.7
10	80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	42.6	21.7	7.8	25.1
11	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	43.4	24.3	8.3	25.7
12	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	48.8	26.4	8.6	25.9
13	98 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	49.5	26.7	8.9	26.3
14	Arithmetic Mean	42.0	21.6	7.4	24.1
15	Geometric Mean	41.9	21.4	7.3	24.1
16	Standard Deviation	4.0	2.9	0.9	1.6
17	Minimum	36.9	18.6	6.1	21.4
18	Maximum	49.5	26.7	8.9	26.3
19	<b>NAAQ Norms*</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>
	% Values exceeding Norms*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

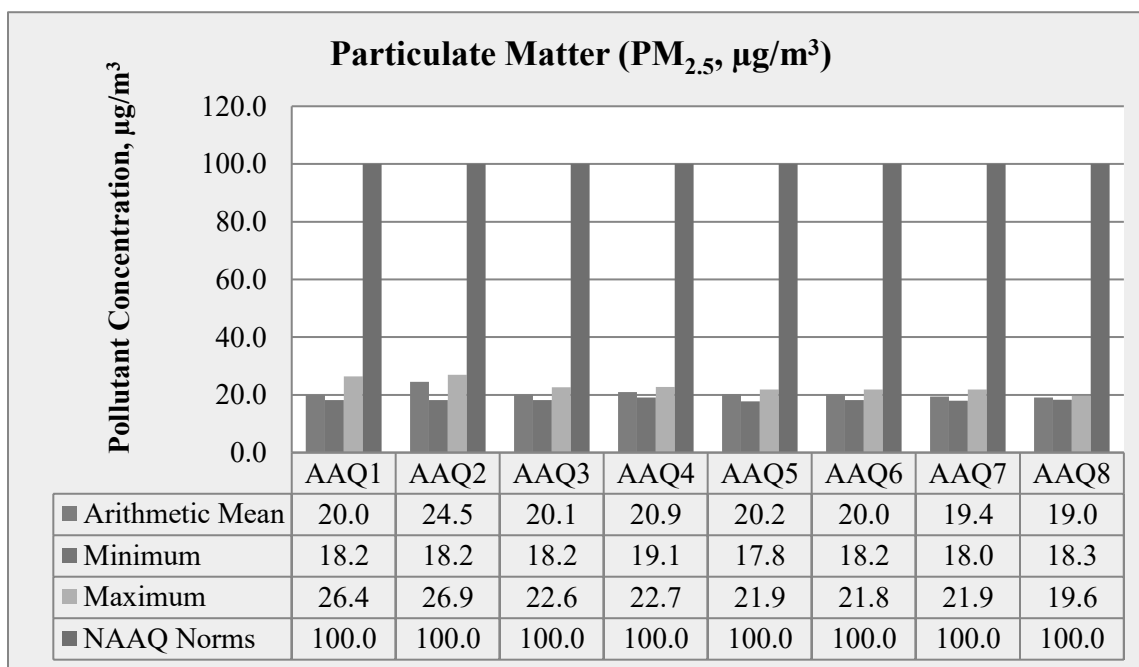
**Legend:**PM<sub>2.5</sub>-Particulate Matter size less than 2.5 µm; PM<sub>10</sub>-Respirable Particulate Matter size less than 10 µm; SO<sub>2</sub>-Sulphur dioxide; NO<sub>2</sub>-Nitrogen Dioxide; CO-Carbon monoxide; O<sub>3</sub>-Ozone; NH<sub>3</sub>-Ammonia; Pb-Particulate Lead; As-Particulate Arsenic; Ni-Particulate Nickel; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-Benzene & BaP- Benzo (a) pyrene in particulate phase levels were monitored below their respective detectable limits.

\* NAAQ Norms-National Ambient Air Quality Norms-Revised as per GSR 826(E) dated 16.11.2009 for Industrial, Residential, Rural and other Area.

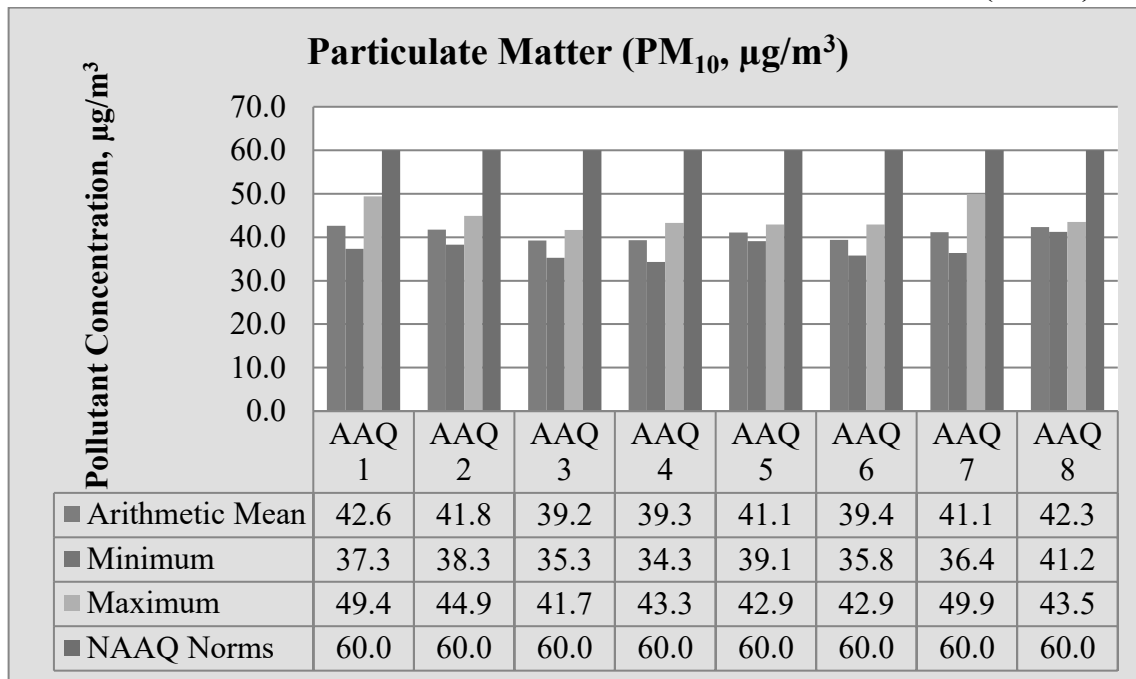
**FIGURE 3.16 : BAR DIAGRAM OF SUMMARY OF AAQ 1 – AAQ 8**



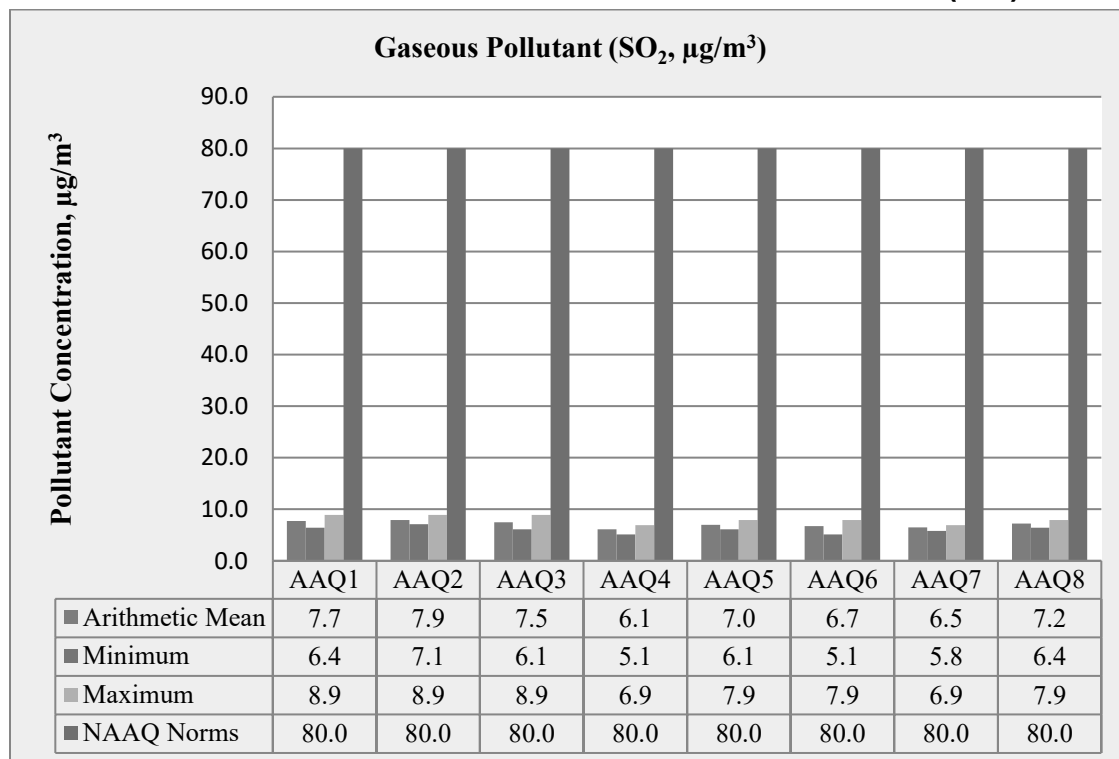
**FIGURE 3.17 : BAR DIAGRAM OF PARTICULATE MATTER (PM10)**

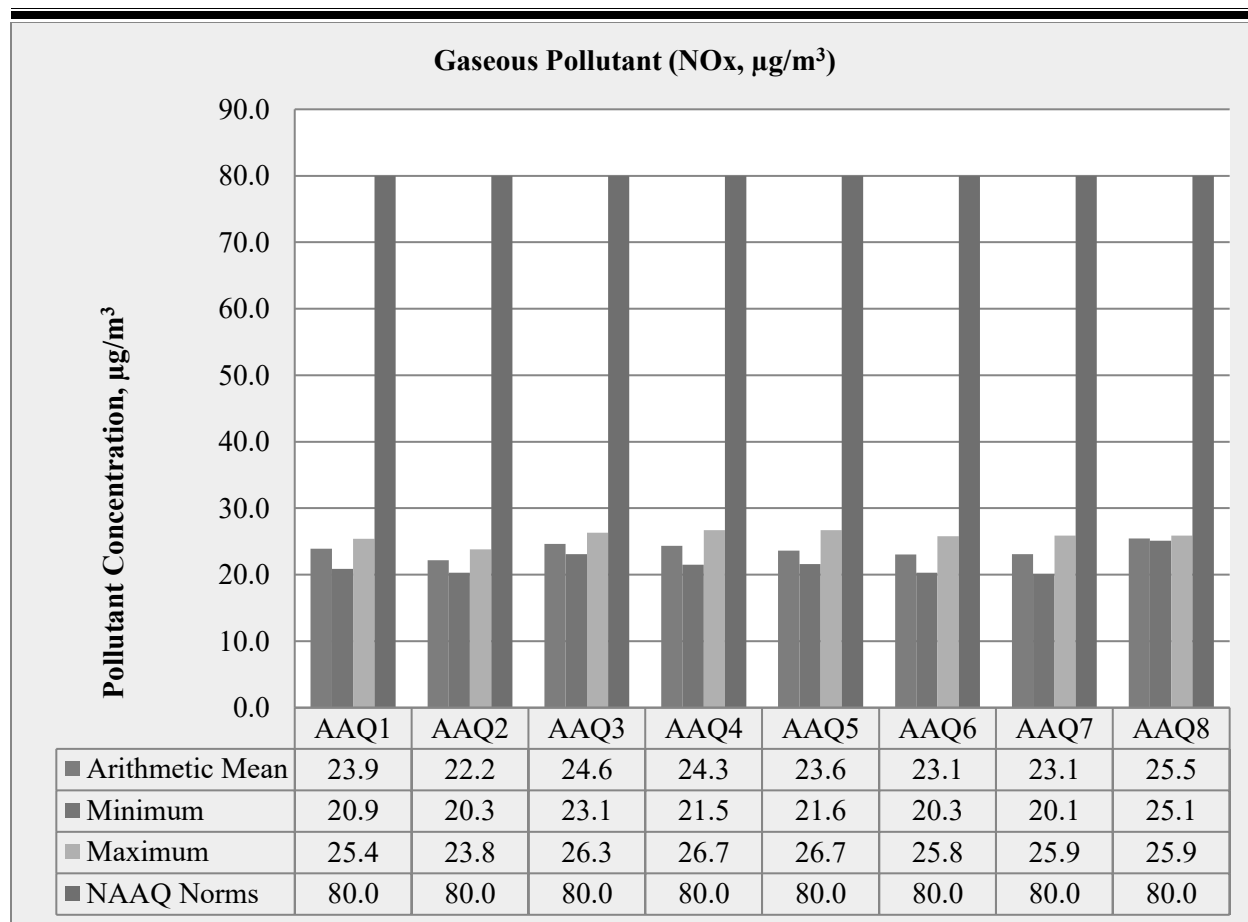


**FIGURE 3.17 A : BAR DIAGRAM OF PARTICULATE MATTER (PM2.5)**



**FIGURE 3.17: BAR DIAGRAM OF PARTICULATE MATTER (SO<sub>2</sub>)**





**FIGURE 3.17 A: BAR DIAGRAM OF PARTICULATE MATTER (NO<sub>2</sub>)**

### 3.3.6 Interpretations & Conclusion

As per monitoring data, PM<sub>10</sub> ranges from 18.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 26.7 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> data ranges from 37.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 49.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub> ranges from 5.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 8.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and NO<sub>2</sub> data ranges from 20.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 26.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. 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 PM<sub>10</sub> were found to be 18.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in core zone area & 26.7 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in Project area respectively. The minimum & maximum concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> were found to be 37.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in Alathur village & 49.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in Udayampatti area respectively. The maximum concentration in the core zone is due to the cluster of quarries situated within 500m radius.

### 3.3.7 FUGITIVE DUST EMISSION –

Fugitive dust was recorded at 8 AAQ monitoring stations for 30 days average during the study period.

**TABLE 3.29– AVERAGE FUGITIVE DUST SAMPLE VALUES IN µg/m<sup>3</sup>**

AAQ Locations	Avg SPM (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
AAQ 1	73.09
AAQ 2	71.35
AAQ 3	70.40
AAQ 4	65.67
AAQ 5	74.75
AAQ 6	72.21
AAQ 7	70.45
AAQ 8	74.73

Source: Chennai Mettex Lab Private Limited.

Source: Line Diagram of Table 3.29

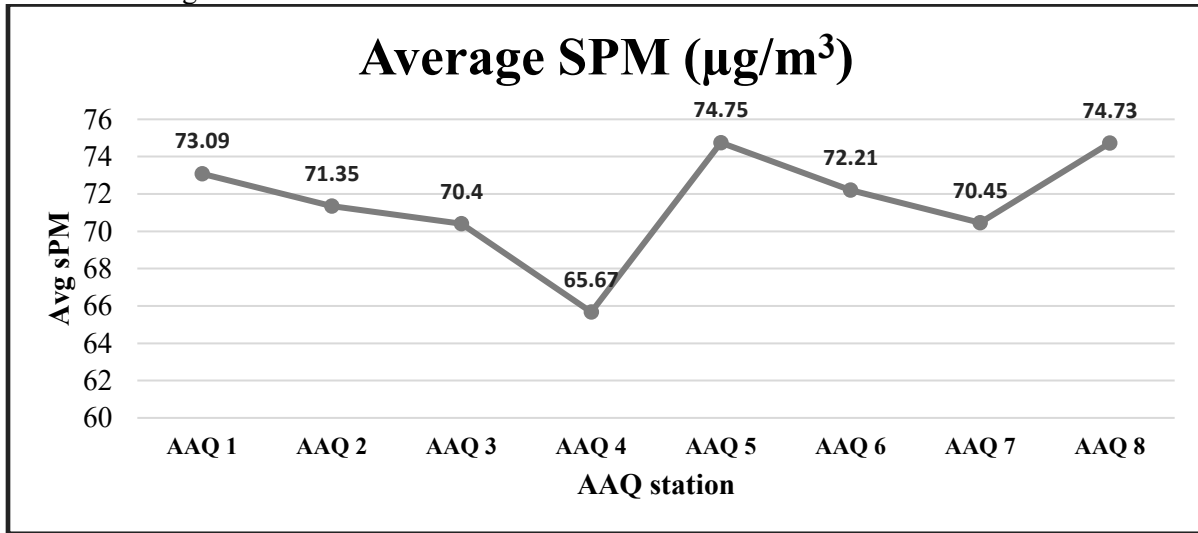
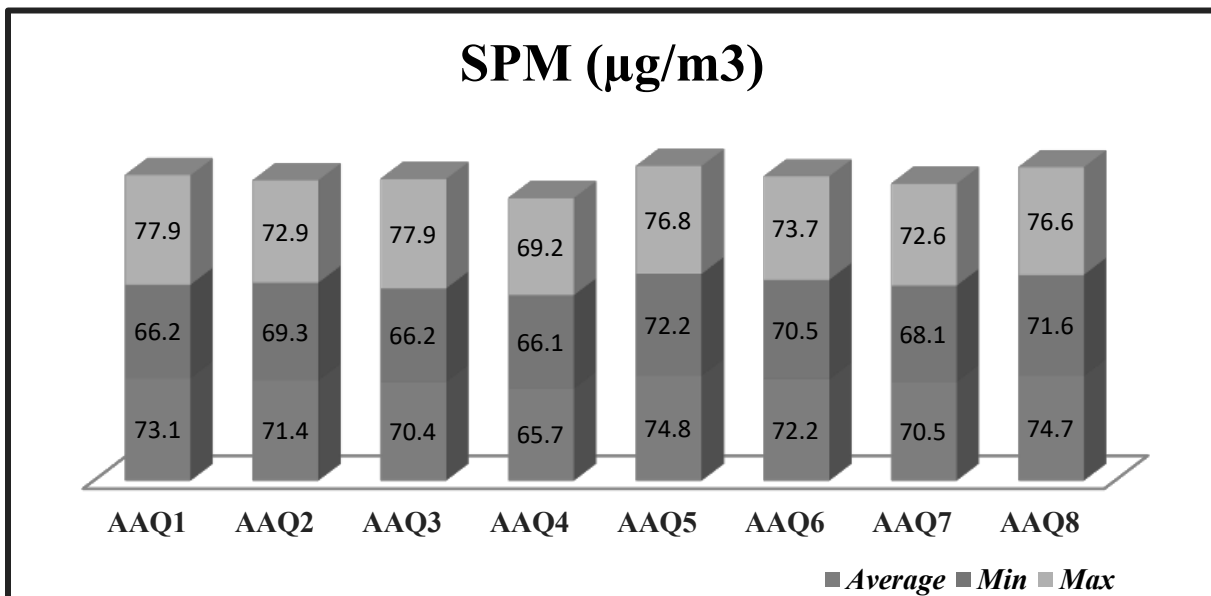


TABLE 3.30– FUGITIVE DUST SAMPLE VALUES IN µg/m³ –

SPM (µg/m³)	AAQ1	AAQ2	AAQ3	AAQ4	AAQ5	AAQ6	AAQ7	AAQ8
<b>Average</b>	73.1	71.4	70.4	65.7	74.8	72.2	70.5	74.7
<b>Min</b>	66.2	69.3	66.2	66.1	72.2	70.5	68.1	71.6
<b>Max</b>	77.9	72.9	77.9	69.2	76.8	73.7	72.6	76.6

Source: Calculations from Lab Analysis Reports



Source: Bar Diagram of table 3.30

### 3.4 Noise Environment

The vehicular movement on road and mining activities is the major sources of noise in study area, the environmental assessment of noise from the mining activity and vehicular traffic can be undertaken by taking into consideration various factors like potential damage to hearing, physiological responses, and annoyance and general community responses.

The main objective of noise monitoring in the study area is to establish the baseline noise level and assess the impact of the total noise expected to be generated during the project operations around the project site.

#### 3.4.1 Identification of Sampling Locations

In order to assess the ambient noise levels within the study area, noise monitoring was carried out at eight (8) locations. The noise level monitoring locations were carried out by covering commercial, residential, rural areas within the radius of 10km. A noise monitoring methodology was chosen such that it best suited the purpose and objectives of the study.

**TABLE 3.31 – DETAILS OF SURFACE NOISE MONITORING LOCATIONS**

S. No	Location code	Monitoring Locations	Distance & Direction	Coordinates
1	N-1	Project Area	Core Zone	10°27'54.08"N 78°40'15.74"E
2	N-2	Project Area	Core Zone	10°27'51.95"N 78°40'1.53"E
3	N-3	Kadambarayanpatti	1 km SW	10°27'39.48"N 78°39'11.70"E
4	N-4	Alathur	4.8km NW	10°28'47.15"N 78°37'15.44"E
5	N-5	Annavasal	2.5km East	10°27'32.83"N 78°41'50.85"E
6	N-6	Anaipatti	4.5km SW	10°25'26.85"N 78°38'50.90"E
7	N-7	Vayalogam	4.8km SE	10°25'26.17"N 78°41'53.30"E
8	N-8	Udayampatti	4.3km NE	10°30'36.30"N 78°40'45.14"E

Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by Chennai Mettex Laboratories in association with GEMS

**FIGURE 3.18: SITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF NOISE MONITORING IN CLUSTER**



**P1- Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran**



**P2- Thiru.C. Selvaraj,**



**P3- Thiru. M.Karuppaiya**



**P4- Thiru. T.Palanisamy,**

### 3.4.2 Method of Monitoring

Digital Sound Level Meter was used for the study. All reading was taken on the 'A-Weighting' frequency network, at a height of 1.5 meters from ground level. The sound level meter does not give a steady and consistent reading and it is quite difficult to assess the actual sound level over the entire monitoring period. To mitigate this shortcoming, the Continuous Equivalent Sound level, indicated by  $L_{eq}$ , is used. Equivalent sound level, 'Leq', can be obtained from variable sound pressure level, 'L', over a time period by using following equation.

$$L_{eq} = 10 \text{ Log } L / T \sum (10L_n/10)$$

Where L = Sound pressure level at function of time dB (A)

T = Time interval of observation

### 3.4.3 Analysis of Ambient Noise Level in the Study Area

An analysis of the different  $L_{eq}$  data obtained during the study period has been made. Variation was noted during the day-time as well as night-time. The results are presented in below Table 3.6

Day time : 6:00 hours to 22.00 hours.

Night time : 22:00 hours to 6.00 hours

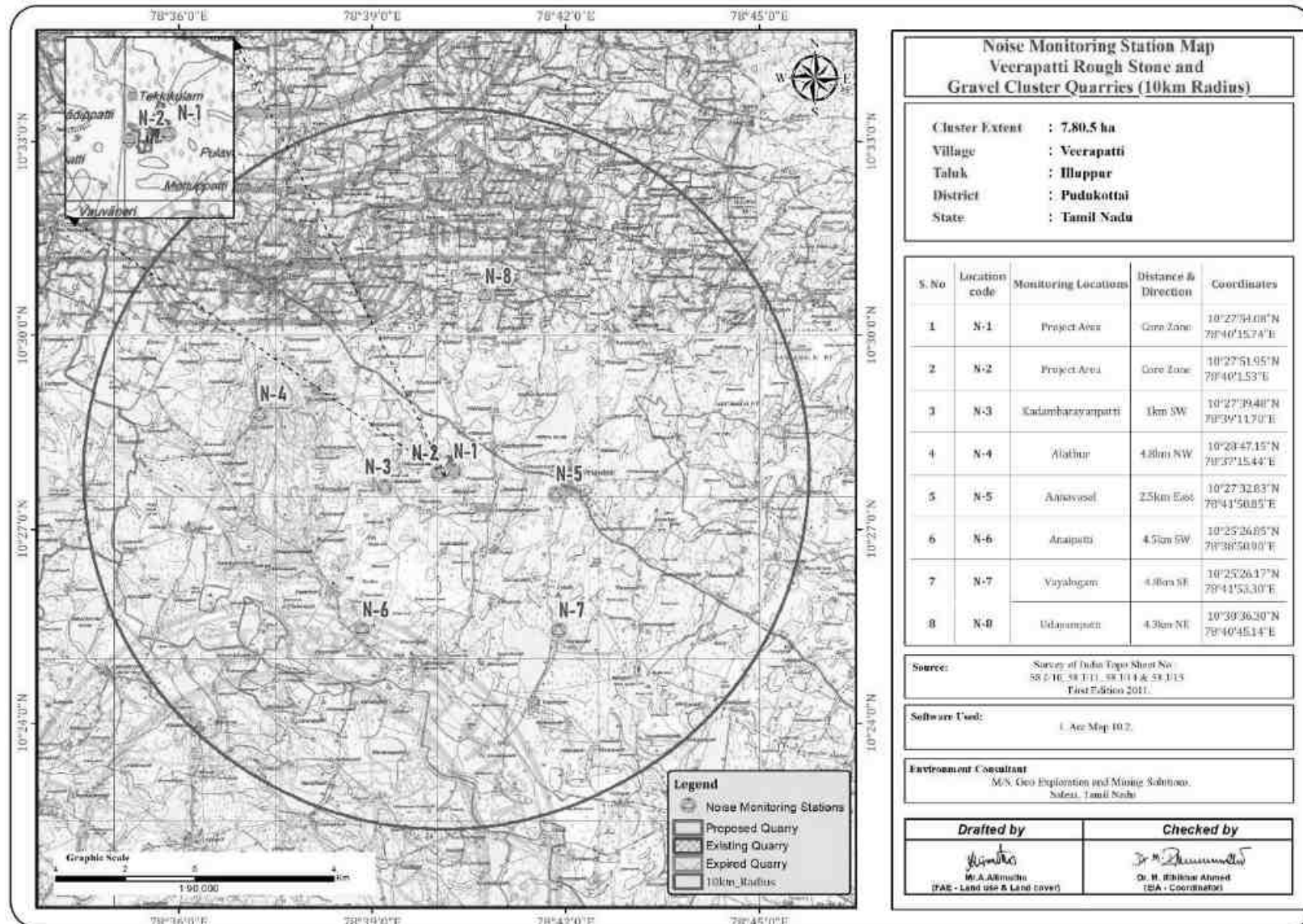


**TABLE 3.32 – NOISE MONITORING RESULTS IN CORE AND BUFFER ZONE**

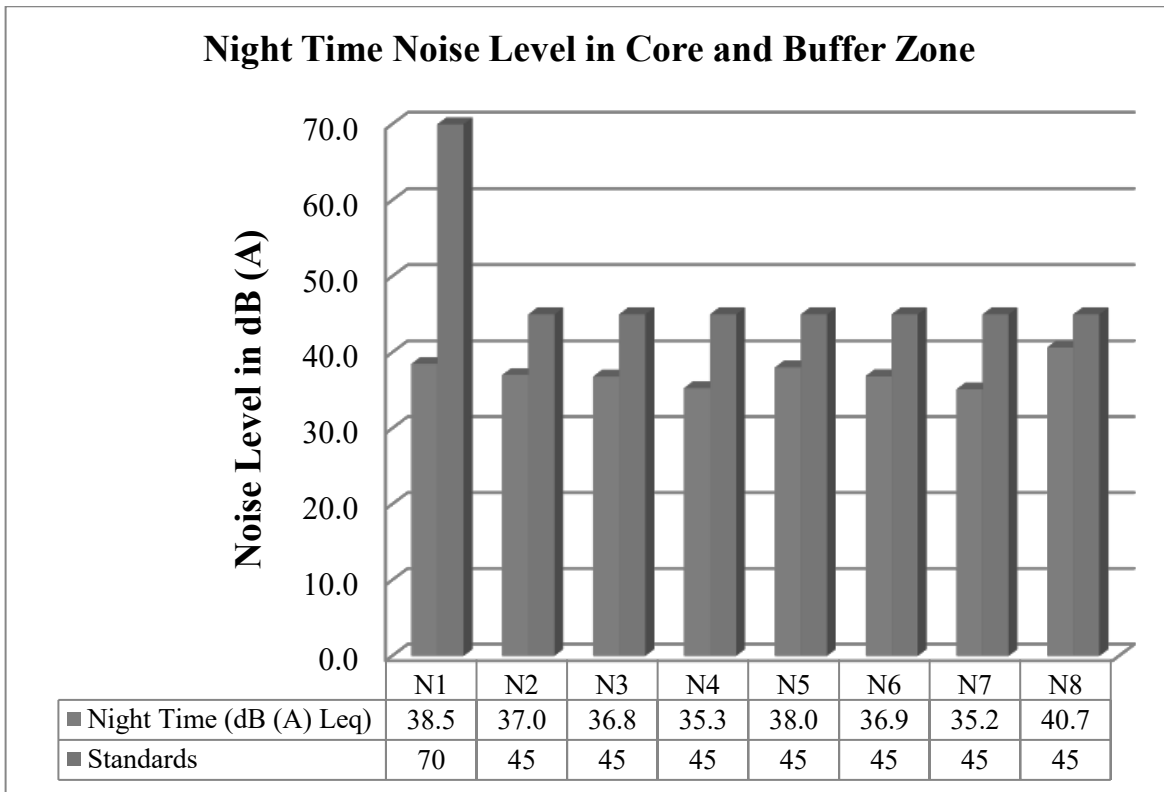
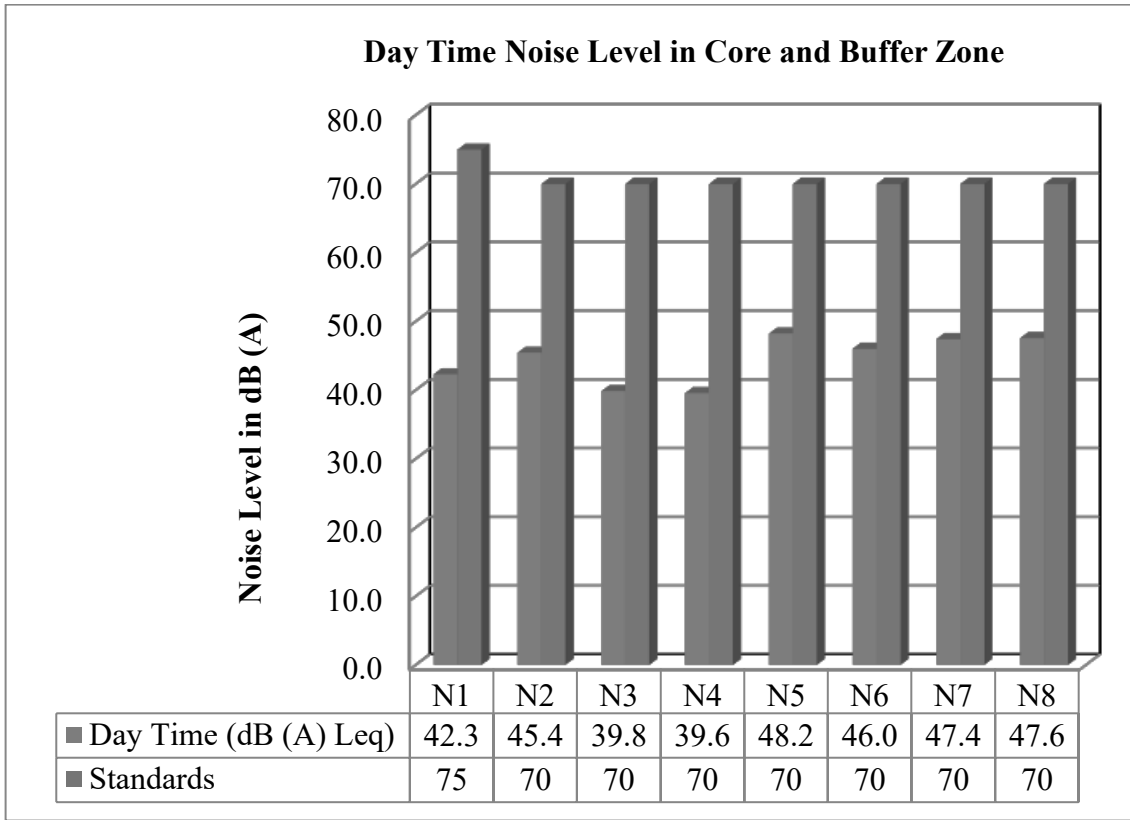
S. No	Locations	Noise level (dB (A) Leq)		Ambient Noise Standards
		Day Time	Night Time	
1	Project Area	42.3	38.5	<b>Industrial</b> <b>Day Time- 75 dB (A)</b> <b>Night Time- 70 dB (A)</b>
2	Project Area	45.4	37.0	
3	Kadambarayanpatti	39.8	36.8	
4	Alathur	39.6	35.3	
5	Annavasal	48.2	38.0	<b>Residential</b> <b>Day Time– 55 dB (A)</b> <b>Night Time- 45 dB (A)</b>
6	Anaipatti	46.0	36.9	
7	Vayalogam	47.4	35.2	
8	Udayampatti	47.6	40.7	

Source: On-site monitoring/sampling by chennai Mettlex Laboratories in association with GEMS

**FIGURE 3.19: NOISE MONITORING STATIONS AROUND 10 KM RADIUS**



**FIGURE 3.20: DAY & NIGHT TIME NOISE LEVELS IN CORE AND BUFFER ZONE**



### 3.4.4 Interpretation & Conclusion:

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 39.8 – 45.4 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 36.8 – 38.5 (A) Leq. Noise levels recorded in buffer zone during day time were from 39.6 – 48.2 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 35.2– 40.7 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 45.4 dB(A) in core zone and 42.3 dB(A) in project area and 37.0 dB(A) in Project area & 38.5dB(A) in Project area respectively in night time. Thus, the noise level for Industrial and Residential area meets the requirements of CPCB.

### 3.5 Ecological Environment

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

An ecological survey of the study area was conducted particularly with reference to the listing of species and assessment of the existing baseline ecological (terrestrial) condition in the study area.

#### 3.5.1 Methodology Adopted & Objective

To achieve the above objective, a detailed study of the area was undertaken in 10 km radius area with the proposed quarry area. The different methods adopted were as follows:

- a) To study the likely impact of the proposed mining project on the local biodiversity and to suggest mitigation measures, if required, for vulnerable biota.
- b) Undertake an intensive field survey to assess the status of floral & faunal components in different habitats in the core and buffer areas of the project site.
- c) Identification and listing of flora and fauna are important as per the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.
- d) Suggest Wildlife conservation (species-specific specific) and management plan for the threatened (critically endangered & endangered species - schedule I) faunal species if any reported within the study area.
- e) To identify the impacts of mining on agricultural lands and how it affects.
- f) Proper collection of information about wildlife Sanctuaries/ national parks/ biosphere reserves of the project area.
- g) Devise management & conservation measures for biodiversity.

TABLE 3.33 – FLORA

SI. No	English Name	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Family Name
<b>Trees</b>				
1.	Neem	Vembu	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Meliaceae
2.	Mesquite	Mullu maram	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	Fabaceae
3.	River tamarind	Soundal maram	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae

4.	White Bark Acacia	Vella velam maram	<i>Vachellia leucophloea</i>	Fabaceae
5.	Jamaican cherry	Sakkarai pazham	<i>Muntingia calabura</i>	Muntingiaceae
6.	Asian Palmyra palm	Panai maram	<i>Borassus flabellifer</i>	Arecaceae
7.	Gum arabic tree	Karuvelam	<i>Vachellia nilotica</i>	Fabaceae
8.	Teak	Thekku	<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Verbenaceae
9.	Indian mulberry	Nuna maram	<i>Morinda tinctoria</i>	Rubiaceae
10.	Bitter Albizia	Arappu Tree	<i>Albizia amara</i>	Fabaceae
11.	Millettia pinnata	Pongam oiltree	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Fabaceae
<b>Shrubs</b>				
1.	Tanner's cassia	Avaram	<i>Senna auriculata</i>	Fabaceae
2.	Lantana	Unni chedi	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Verbenaceae
3.	Milk Weed	Erukku	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	Apocynaceae
4.	Pala indigo plant	Pala maram	<i>Wrightia tinctoria</i>	Apocynaceae
<b>Herbs</b>				
1.	Common leucas	Thumbai	<i>Leucas aspera</i>	Lamiaceae
2.	Indian doab	Arugampul	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Poaceae
3.	Coat buttons	Thatha poo	<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	Asteraceae
4.	Bindii	Nerunji mullu	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Zygophyllaceae
5.	Dog Mustard	Nai kadugu plant	<i>Cleome viscosa</i>	Cleomaceae
6.	Prickly chaff flower	Nayuruv	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Amaranthaceae
7.	Holy basil	Thulasi	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i>	Lamiaceae
8.	Ban Tulsi	Melakai poondu	<i>Croton bonplandianus</i>	Euphorbiaceae
9.	Touch-me-not	Thottalchinungi	<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Mimosaceae
10.	Blue agave	Neela katrazhai	<i>Agave tequilana</i>	Asparagaceae
<b>Creeper</b>				
1.	Nut grass	Korai	<i>Cyperus rotandus</i>	Poaceae
2.	Stinking passionflower	Poonai puduku chedi	<i>Passiflora foetida L</i>	Passifloraceae
<b>Grass</b>				
1.	Eragrostis	Pullu	<i>Eragrostis ferruginea</i>	Poaceae

2.	Narrowleaf cattail	Sambu	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Typhaceae
3.	Great brome	Thodappam	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Poaceae
<b>Cactus</b>				
1.	Prickly pear	Nagathali	<i>Opuntia</i>	Cactaceae



*a. Cyperus rotandus*



*b. Vachellia nilotica*



*c. Tectona grandis*



*d. Lantana camara*



*e. Calotropis gigantea*



*f. Bromus diandrus*

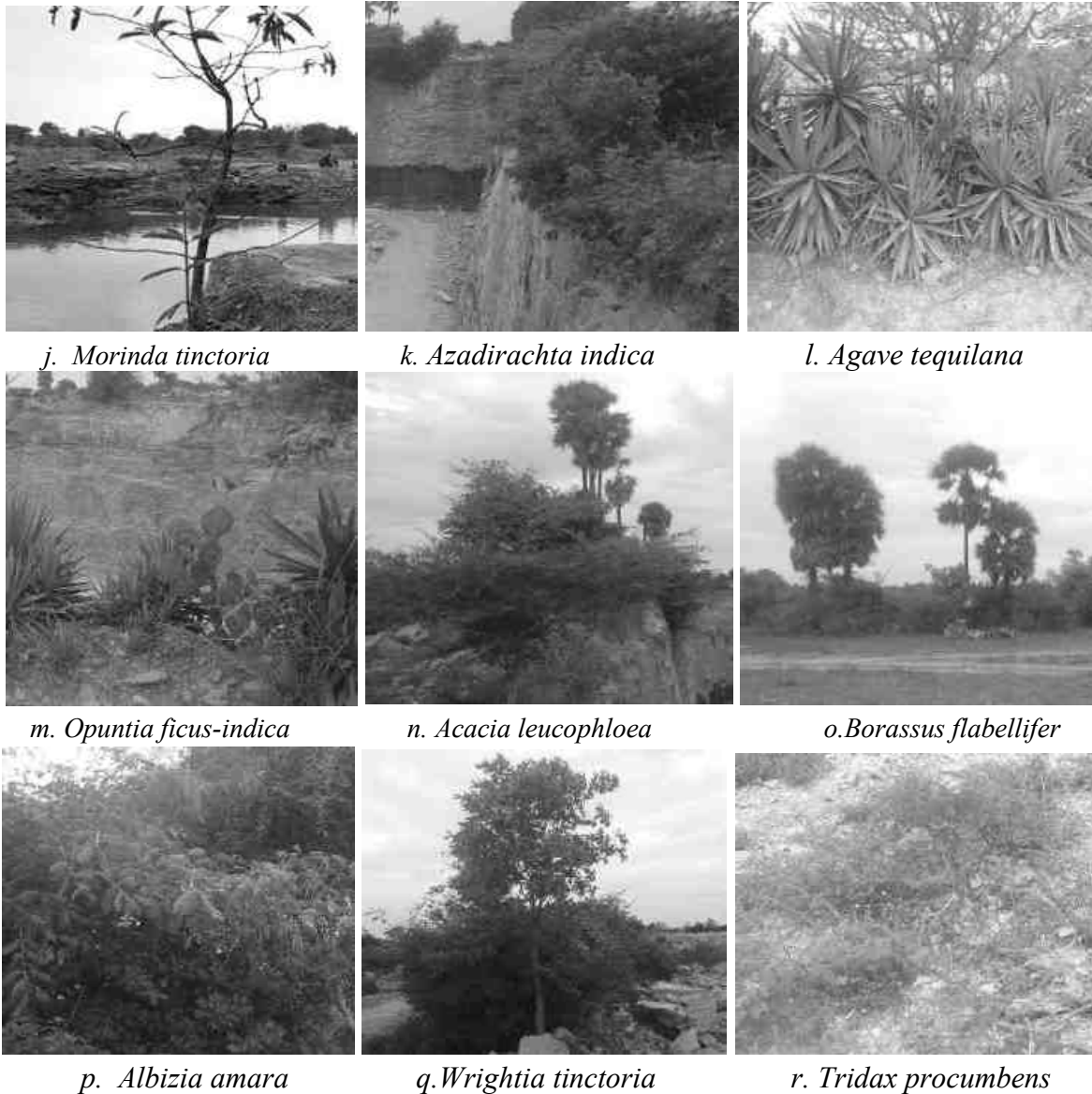


*g. Achyranthes aspera*



*h. Prosopis juliflora*





**Fig No: 3.1. Flora species observation in the Core zone area**

#### **Flora Composition in the Buffer Zone**

A similar type of environment is also in the buffer area but with more flora diversity compared to the core zone area because of the vegetation in all directions. The lease-applied area is exhibit plain topography. It contains a total of 99 species that have been recorded from the buffer zone. The floral (99) varieties among them Thirty-eight Trees 38, thirty-one herbs 31, seventeen shrubs 17, six Climbers 6, two Grasses 2, four Creepers 4, and one Cactus 1 were identified. The result of the buffer zone of flora studies shows that Fabaceae and Poaceae, Mimosaceae is the main dominating species in the study area mentioned in Table No.3.33. Agricultural land is located away from the proposed project site. There are no impacts on the agricultural land & Horticulture.

There are no Rare, Endangered, and Threatened Flora species in the mining area and their surrounding study area. Details of flora with the scientific name were mentioned in Table No.3.2.

**Table No: 3.34 Flora in Buffer Zone of Thiru.Dineswaran, Cluster area, Veerapatti Village, Rough stone quarry**

Sl.No	English Name	Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Family Name	Resource use type *(E,M,EM)
<b>Trees</b>					
1.	Gum arabic tree	Karuvelum	<i>Vachellia nilotica</i>	Fabaceae	E
2.	White-bark acacia	Vellaivelan	<i>Acacia leucophloea</i>	Mimosaceae	E
3.	Neem or Indian lilac	Vembu	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Meliaceae	M
4.	White Thorn	Seengai	<i>Acacia polyacantha</i>	Mimosaceae	M
5.	Horsetail She-oak	Chavuku	<i>Casuarina litorea</i>	Casuarinaceae	E
6.	Frywood	Vaagaimaram	<i>Albizia lebeck</i>	Mimosaceae	E
7.	River tamarind	Subabul	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Mimosaceae	NE
8.	Velvet mesquite	Mullu maram	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	Fabaceae	M
9.	Portia tree	Poovarasam	<i>Thespesia Populnea</i>	Malvaceae	E
10.	Indian ash tree	Othiyamaram	<i>Lannea coromandelica</i>	Anacardaceae	M
11.	Bael	Vilvam	<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Rutaceae	M
12.	Indian gooseberry	Nelli	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>	Euphorbiaceae	EM
13.	Lemon	Ezhumuchaipalam	<i>Citrus lemon</i>	Rutaceae	EM
14.	Chinese chaste tree	Nochi	<i>Vitex negundo</i>	Verbenaceae	E
15.	Java Plum	Naval	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Myrtaceae	EM
16.	Thorny bamboo	Moongil	<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i>	Poaceae	E
17.	Chinaberry	Malai Vembu	<i>Melia azadarach</i>	Meliaceae	M
18.	Asian Palmyra palm	Panai maram	<i>Borassus flabellifer</i>	Arecaceae	E
19.	Tree of heaven	Vathikuchimaram	<i>Ailanthus excelsa</i>	Simaroubaceae	E
20.	Tahitian gooseberry	Aranelli	<i>Phyllanthus acidus</i>	Euphorbiaceae	EM
21.	Indian mulberry	Nuna maram	<i>Morinda tinctoria</i>	Rubiaceae	E
22.	Pongamia pinnata	Pongam	<i>Millettia pinnata</i>	Fabaceae	M
23.	Tasmanian blue gum	Eucalyptus	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	Myrtaceae	EM
24.	Guava	Koyya	<i>Psidium guajava</i>	Myrtaceae	EM
25.	Sacred Tree	Thenthangkottai	<i>Butea monosperma</i>	Fabaceae	E
26.	Monoon longifolium	Nettulingamaram	<i>Polyalthiya longifolia</i>	Annonaceae	NE
27.	Egyptian Pea	Sitthagathi	<i>Sesbania sesban</i>	Fabaceae	M
28.	Cluster fig	Atthi	<i>Ficus racemosa</i>	Moraceae	EM
29.	Tamarind	Puliyamaram	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	Legumes	EM
30.	Drumstick tree	Murunga maram	<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	Moringaceae	EM
31.	Ficus religiosa	Arasamaram	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Moraceae	E
32.	Oil cake tree	Usil	<i>Albizia amara</i>	Mimosaceae	E
33.	Papaya	Pappali maram	<i>Carica papaya L</i>	Cariaceae	EM
34.	Banana tree	Vazhaimaram	<i>Musa acuminata</i>	Musaceae	EM
35.	Vegetable hummingbird	Agatthi	<i>Sesbania grandiflora</i>	Fabaceae	M
36.	Teak	Thekku	<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Verbenaceae	E
37.	Clammy Cherry	Naruvili	<i>Cordia obliqua</i>	Cordiaceae	M
38.	Indian jujub	Elanthai	<i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i>	Rhamnaceae	EM
<b>Shrubs</b>					
1.	Malabar catmint	Paeimirati	<i>Anisomeles malabarica</i>	Lamiaceae	M
2.	Coromandel Boxwood	Kaarai	<i>Canthium coromandelicum</i>	Rubiaceae	EM
3.	Apple of sodom	Vellai erukku	<i>Calotropis procera</i>	Asclepidaceae	E
4.	Broom creeper	Kattukodi	<i>Cocculus hirsutus</i>	Menispermaceae	M
5.	Indian Atalantia	Kattu elumichai	<i>Atalantia monophylla</i>	Rutaceae	M
6.	Bellyache bush	Kattamanakku	<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i>	Euphorbiaceae	NE
7.	Porcupine flower	Kaatukanagambaram	<i>Barleria prionitis</i>	Acanthaceae	EM
8.	Avaram	Avarai	<i>Senna auriculata</i>	Fabaceae	M
9.	Castor bean	Amanakku	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	M
10.	Shoe flower	Chemparuthi	<i>Hibiscu rosa-sinensis</i>	Malvaceae	EM
11.	Malabar nut	Adathoda	<i>Justicia adhatoda</i>	Acanthaceae	M
12.	Turkey berry	Sundai	<i>Solanum torvum</i>	Solanaceae	EM
13.	Castor oil plant	Aamannukku	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	EM
14.	Milk Weed	Erukku	<i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	Apocynaceae	M
15.	Touch-me-not	Thottalchinungi	<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Mimosaceae	M
16.	Indian mallow	Thuthi	<i>Abutilon indicum</i>	Meliaceae	M



17.	West Indian Lantana	Unni chedi	<i>Lantana camara</i>	Verbenaceae	E
<b>Herbs</b>					
1.		Poolaipoo	<i>Aerva lanata</i>	Amaranthaceae	M
2.	Watergrass	Mukkutikorei	<i>Bulbostylis barbata</i>	Cyperaceae	NE
3.	Sessile Joyweed	Ponnanganii	<i>Althernanthera sessilis</i>	Amaranthaceae	M
4.	Chamber bitter	Malai Kizhanelli	<i>Phyllanthus urinaria L.</i>	Euphorbiaceae	M
5.	Watergrass	Mukkorraikkorai	<i>Bulbostylis barbata</i>	Cyperaceae	M
6.	Madagascar Periwinkle	Nithyakalyani	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Apocynaceae	NE
7.	Sand Herbage	Manal keerai	<i>Gisekia pharnaceoides</i>	Aizoaceae	M
8.	Common couch	Naaippul	<i>Agropyron repens</i>	Poaceae	M
9.	Taro	Sempu	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Araceae	M
10.	Carrot grass	Partiniyam	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Asteraceae	NE
11.	Aloe barbadensis	Katrazhai	<i>Aloe vera</i>	Asphodelaceae	EM
12.	Indian Mercury	Kuppamani	<i>Acalypha indica</i>	Euphorbiaceae	EM
13.	Bristly Needle Grass	Thudappampillu	<i>Aristida setacea</i>	Poaceae	E
14.	Indian nettle	Nayuruvi	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Amaranthaceae	M
15.	Nut grass	Korai kilangu	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Cyperaceae	M
16.	Indian doab	Arugampul	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Poaceae	E
17.	Datura metel	Oomathai	<i>Datura metel</i>	Solanaceae	M
18.	Large Caltrops	Yanai nerunji	<i>Pedaliun murex L.</i>	Pedaliaceae	E
19.	Commelina benghalensis	Kanavalai	<i>Commelina benghalensi</i>	Commelinaceae	M
20.	Monarch redstem	Neermel nerupu	<i>Ammannia baccifera</i>	Lythraceae	M
21.	Common leucas	Thumbai	<i>Leucas aspera</i>	Lamiaceae	M
22.	Green amaranth	Kuppaikeerai	<i>Amaranthus viridis</i>	Amaranthaceae	M
23.	King of Bitters	Nilavaemboo	<i>Andrographis paniculata</i>	Acanthaceae	M
24.	Billygoat weed	Poompillu	<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>	Asteraceae	EM
25.	Holy basil	Thulasi	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i>	Lamiaceae	M
26.	Asthma-plant	Ammanpachaiarisi	<i>Euphorbia hirta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	M
27.	Tridax daisy	Thatha poo	<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	Asteraceae	M
28.	Spiny amaranth	Mullukeerai	<i>Amaranthus spinosus</i>	Amaranthaceae	M
29.	Floating Lace Plant	Kottikilangu	<i>Aponogeton natans</i>	Aponogetonaceae	EM
30.	Mexican prickly poppy	Biramathandu	<i>Argemone mexicana</i>	Papaveraceae	M
31.	American Basil	Naaithulasi	<i>Ocimum americanum</i>	Lamiaceae	M
<b>Climber</b>					
1.	Balloon vine	Mudakkathan	<i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>	Sapindaceae	M
2.	Ivy gourd	Kovai	<i>Coccinia grandis</i>	Cucurbitaceae	M
3.	Asian pigeonwings	Sanguppu	<i>Clitoria ternatea</i>	Fabaceae	M
4.	Bitter apple	Peikkumatti	<i>Citrullus colocynthis</i>	Cucurbitaceae	M
5.	Wild water lemon	Poonai puduku chedi	<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	Passifloraceae	M
6.	Stemmed vine	Perandai	<i>Cissus quadrangularis</i>	Vitaceae	M
<b>Creepers</b>					
1.	Spreading Hogweed	Saaranai Keerai	<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>	Nyctaginaceae	M
2.	Nut grass	Korai	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Poaceae	M
3.	Cucumis maderaspatanus	Musumusukkai	<i>Mukia maderaspatana</i>	Cucurbitaceae	M
4.	Grona triflora	Siru puladi	<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	Fabaceae	EM
<b>Grass</b>					
1.	Eragrostis	Pullu	<i>Eragrostis ferruginea</i>	Poaceae	E
2.	Windmill grass	Chevvarakupul	<i>Chloris barbata</i>	Amaranthaceae	NE
<b>Cactus</b>					
1.	Indian fig opuntia	Sapathikalli	<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	Cactaceae	M
2.	Fleshy Spurge	Chathurakkalli	<i>Euphorbia antiquorum</i>	Euphorbiaceae	M

## Fauna Composition in the Core Zone

A total of 26 varieties of species were observed in the Core zone of Veerapatti Village Cluster area, Rough stone quarry (Table No.3.3) among them numbers Insects 8, Reptiles 3, Mammals 2, and Avians 13. A total of 26 species belonging to 18 families have been recorded from the core mining lease area. None of these species are threatened or endemic in the study area and surroundings. There is no Schedule I species and twelve species are under schedule IV according to the Indian wildlife Act 1972. A total of 13 species of bird were sighted in the mining lease area. There are no critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable, and endemic species were observed. Details of fauna in the core zone with the scientific name were mentioned in Table No. 3.35.

TABLE 3.34 – FAUNA

SI. No	Common Name	Scientific Name	Schedule list WLPA 1972	IUCN Red List data
<b>Insects</b>				
1.	Striped tiger	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
2.	Colotis danae	<i>Colotis danae</i>	NL	LC
3.	Grasshopper	<i>Hieroglyphus sp</i>	NL	LC
4.	Chocolate pansy	<i>Junonia iphita</i>	NL	LC
5.	Common Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>	NL	NL
6.	Termite	<i>Hamitermes silvestri</i>	NE	LC
7.	Red-veined darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>	NL	LC
8.	Tawny coster	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
<b>Reptiles</b>				
1.	Garden lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>	NL	LC
2.	Common skink	<i>Mabuya carinatus</i>	NL	LC
3.	Green vine snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</i>	Schedule IV	NL
<b>Mammals</b>				
1.	Indian Field Mouse	<i>Mus booduga</i>	Schedule IV	NL
2.	Asian Small Mongoose	<i>Herpestes javanicus</i>	Schedule (Part II)	LC
<b>Aves</b>				
1.	Common myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	NL	LC
2.	House crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	NL	LC

3.	Koel	<i>Eudynamys</i>	Schedule IV	LC
4.	Asian green bee-eater	<i>Meropsorientalis</i>	NL	LC
5.	Rose-ringed parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	NL	LC
6.	Common quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Schedule IV	LC
7.	Black drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
8.	Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	NE	LC
9.	Shikra	<i>Laniusexcubitor</i>	Schedule IV	LC
10.	Paddy Bird	<i>Ardea grayii grayii</i>	Schedule IV	LC
11.	Rock pigeon	<i>Columbidae</i>	Schedule IV	LC
12.	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	Schedule IV	LC
13.	Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeo labacchus</i>	Schedule IV	LC

\*NL- Not listed, LC- Least Concern

### Fauna Composition in the Buffer Zone

As animals, especially vertebrates move from place to place in search of food, shelter, mate or other biological needs, separate lists for core and buffer areas are not feasible however, a separate list of fauna pertaining to core and buffer zone are listed separately. Though there are no reserved forests in the buffer zone. As such there are no chances of the occurrence of any rare or endangered or endemic or threatened (REET) species within the core or buffer area.

There are no Sanctuaries, National Parks, Tiger Reserve, or Biosphere Reserve, or ElephantCorridors, or other protected areas within 10 km radius from the core area. It is evident from the available records, reports, and circumstantial evidence that the entire study area including the core and buffer areas were free from any endangered animals. There were no resident birds other than common bird species such as, green bee-eaters, Indian rollers, Rose-ringed parakeet, Common Mynas, Black drangos, Crows, Grey Francolin, etc.,.

**Table 3.35. List of Fauna & Their Conservation Status**

Mammals: (\*directly sighted animals & Secondary data)

Sl. No	Common Name	Scientific Name	Schedule WLPA 1972	IUCN Red List data
1	Indian palm squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	Schedule IV	LC
2	Indian Field Mouse	<i>Mus booduga</i>	Schedule IV	LC
3	Asian Small Mongoose	<i>Herpestes javanicus</i>	Schedule (Part II)	LC

4	Indian hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	Schedule (Part II)	LC
5	Brown rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Schedule IV	LC

Status assigned by the IUCN, where – CR – Critically Endangered; EN – Endangered; LC – Least Concern; NT – Near Threatened; VU – Vulnerable, DA – Data Deficient, NE – Not Evaluated

**Table 3.36. LIST OF AVIAN SPECIES RECORDED IN THE STUDY AREA**

Avian (\*directly sighted species & Secondary data)

SI. No	Common Name	Scientific Name	Schedule list WLPA 1972	IUCN Red List data
1.	Koel	<i>Eudynamys</i>	Schedule IV	LC
2.	Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	NL	LC
3.	Common myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	NL	LC
4.	Paddy Bird	<i>Ardea grayii grayii</i>	Schedule IV	LC
5.	House crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	NL	LC
6.	Asian green bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	NL	LC
7.	Small blue Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Schedule IV	LC
8.	Rose-ringed parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	NL	LC
9.	Common quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Schedule IV	LC
10.	Small Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>	Schedule IV	LC
11.	Black drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
12.	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	Schedule IV	LC
13.	Woodpecker bird	<i>Picidae</i>	Schedule IV	LC
14.	Two-tailed Sparrow	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
15.	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
16.	Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Schedule IV	LC
17.	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Schedule IV	LC
18.	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
19.	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
20.	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	Schedule IV	LC
21.	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Schedule IV	LC
22.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Schedule IV	LC

\*Status assigned by the IUCN, where – CR – Critically Endangered; EN – Endangered; LC – Least Concern; NT – Near Threatened; VU – Vulnerable, DA – Data Deficient, NE – Not Evaluated

### 3.5.2 Interpretation & Conclusion:

The observations and assessment of the overall ecological scenario involve details such as classification of Biogeographic zone, eco-region, habitat types and land cover, distances from natural habitats, vegetation/forest types, and sensitive ecological habitats such as Wetlands sites, Important Bird areas, migration corridors of important wildlife etc. Such baseline information provides better understanding of the situation and overall ecological importance of the area. This baseline information viewed against proposed project activities help in predicting their impacts on the wildlife and their habitats in the region. Data collected and information gathered from secondary literature on flora, fauna, protected area, natural habitats, and wildlife species etc., and consulted and discussed with local people, from the villages, herders and farmers who inhabit close to the proposed project area.

## 3.6 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The major developmental activities in mining /Industrial sector are required for economic development as well as creation of employment opportunities (direct and indirect) and to meet the basic/modern needs of the society, which ultimately results in overall improvement of the quality of life through upliftment of social, economic, health, education and nutritional status in the project region, state as well as the country. In this manner all developmental projects have direct as well as indirect relationships with socioeconomic aspects, which also include public acceptability for new developmental projects. Thus, the study of socioeconomic component incorporating various facets related to prevailing social and cultural conditions and economic status of the rough stone and gravel quarry project region is an important part of EIA study. The study of these parameters helps in identification, prediction and evaluation of the likely impacts on the socio economics and parameters of human interest due to the project.

### 3.6.1 Objectives of the Study

*The objectives of the socio-economic impact assessment are as follows:*

- a) To study the socio-economic status of the people living in the study area of the project.
- b) To identify the basic needs of the nearby villages within the study area.
- c) To assess the impact on socio-economic environment due to the project.
- d) To provide the employment and improved living standards.
- e) To study the socio-economic status of the people living in the study area rough stone and Gravel quarry project region
- f) To assess the impact on socio-economic environment due to rough stone and Gravel quarry project region
- g) To analysis of impact of socio economic and Environmental Infrastructure facilities and road accessibility.

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### 3.6.2 Scope of Work

- To study the Socio-economic Environment of area from the secondary sources
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Identification of impacts due to the mining projects
- Mitigation Measures

### 3.6.3 Methodology

The methodology adopted for the socio-economic impact assessment is as follows:

- a) The details of the activities and population structure have been obtained from Census 2001 and 2011 and analysed.
- b) Based on the above data, impacts due to plant operation on the community have been assessed and recommendations for further improvement have been made.

### 3.6.4 Sources of Information and Data Base

To achieve the above objectives, the information has been collected from both primary and secondary sources. Both primary data and secondary data have been analyzed by means of suitable statistical techniques for the purpose of verifying the above selected hypotheses concerned with the surrounding area.

### 3.6.5 Primary Survey

The primary data collection includes the collection of data through a structured interview schedule by direct observation method. The questionnaire survey includes both open and closed methods. The sample size is limited respondents, who were selected on the basis of simple random sampling from Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu State, in the field survey has been divided into three major segments namely Primary Zone (0 - 3 km), Secondary Zone (3 - 7 km) and tertiary Zone (7 - 10 km).

The questionnaires were designed to suit the subjects considering their rural background enabling to furnish correct information and data as far as possible. Data were collected at village level and household level by questionnaires and focused group discussions.

The study area for the field survey has been divided into three major segments namely Primary Zone (0 - 3 km), Secondary Zone (3 - 7 km) and Outer Zone (7 - 10 km).

### 3.6.6 Collection of Data from Secondary Sources

Data from secondary sources were collected on following aspects:

- Demographic profile of the area
- Economic profile of the area

**Table 3.6.1 Type of Information and Sources**

Information	Source
Demography	District Census Handbook, Govt. of India
Economic profile of the area	Census of India, Tamil Nadu State

**b) Data Presentation and Analysis**

The data collected were presented in a suitable, concise form i.e., tabular or diagrammatic or graphic form for further analysis. These tabulated data were interpreted and analyzed with the help of various qualitative techniques and ideographic approaches.

**3.7 Background Information of the Area**

**Tamil Nadu** is the 11th largest states in India in terms of area. The state is the seventh most populous state in the country and its main language Tamil has origins that date back to 500 BC. Chennai is the capital of Tamil Nadu and lies on the eastern coast line of India. Tamil Nadu is famous for its wonderful temples and monuments that have been built 1000s of years ago and has places that have been marked as heritage sites by the United Nations. In a 180-degree paradigm shift, this state with a rich historical importance is also one of the fastest developing centre for technology and trade.

The State can be divided broadly into two natural divisions (a) the Coastal plains of South India and (b) the hilly western area. Parallel to the coast and gradually rising from it is the broad strip of plain country. It can further be subdivided into coromandal plains comprising the districts of Kancheepuram, Pudukottai, Cuddalore and Vellore. The alluvial plains of the Cauvery Delta extending over Thanjavur and part of Tiruchirapally districts and dry southern plains in Madurai, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Virudhnagar, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin districts. It extends a little beyond Western Ghats in Kanyakumari District. The Cauvery Delta presents some extremely distinctive physical and human features, its power being a main factor in the remarkable growth, the towns of Tamilnadu have witnessed.

**3.8 Geography of the Area**

Tamil Nadu is one of the 28 states of India, located in the southernmost part of the country. It extends from 8°4'N to 13°35'N latitudes and from 76°18'E to 80°20'E longitudes. Its extremities are

- in eastern - Point Calimere
- in western - hills of Anaimalai
- in northern - Pulicat lake
- in southern - Cape Comorin

It covers an area of 1,30,058 sq.km and 11th largest state in India. It covers 4% of the area of our country. Tamil Nadu is bounded by the Bay of Bengal in the east, Kerala in the west, Andhra Pradesh in the north,

Tamil Nadu in the northwest and Indian Ocean in the south. Gulf of Mannar and Palk Strait separate Tamil Nadu from the Island of Sri Lanka, which lies to the southeast of India.

Already we have learnt that the state of Tamil Nadu had only 13 districts at the time of its formation. After that, the state was reorganised several times for the administrative convenience. At present there are 37 districts in Tamil Nadu, including the newly created districts such as Kallakurichi, Tenkasi, Chengalpet, Ranipet and Tirupathur.

### 3.9 Population Growth Rate

In 1991, there were only 21 districts in the State of Tamil Nadu. In 2001, eight new districts were created by reorganising the territorial jurisdiction. The nine districts are – Pudukottai, Namakkal, Pudukottai, Perambalur, Viluppuram, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, and Theni. The population and its growth trend are important economic factors in a developing economy.

Year	Tamil Nadu	India
1941	11.91	14.22
1951	14.66	13.31
1961	11.85	21.51
1971	22.30	24.80
1981	17.50	24.66
1991	15.39	23.86
2001	11.19	21.34
2011	15.61	5.96
2021	5.96	1.0

### 3.10 Pudukottai District about

Pudukkottai district as one of the princely states of Tamilnadu holds rich cultural heritage with Fortresses, Palaces, Temples, Cave Paintings and many other historical monuments. The district was one of the homes of pre-historic man. Many of the villages are of ancient foundation and also referenced often in Tamil Sangam Literature. Pudukkottai district is well endowed with natural resources of land and sea bounded by the marine hedge of Bay of Bengal in the east conjoined by the southern districts viz, Trichy, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram and Thanjavur. The Palaces, Fortress, Canals and Tanks built during the reign of ancient Tamil Kings are the place of interest. Besides, Temple in Avudayarkovil, Kudumiyanmalai,



Chitthannavasal are very much prominent. Muslim's sacred place viz Kattubhava pallivasal, christian monument at Avur and jains temples at Annavasal proclaims the religious harmony of the district.

### Geographic Location of the district

Pudukkottai district was carved out of Tiruchirappalli and Thanjavur districts in January 1974. The district has an area of 4663 sq.km with a coast line of 42.8 km. The district lies between 78.25' and 79.15' of the Eastern Longitude and between 9.50' and 10.40' of the Northern Latitude. It is bounded by Tiruchirappalli district in the North and West, Sivaganga district in the South, Bay of Bengal in the East and Thanjavur district in the North East. The district has no significant mineral deposits. Stone quarries exist in Pudukkottai, Tirumayam and Kulathur taluks. Multi-coloured stones, which are quarried and exported as raw stones, are found in Kulattur taluk in Narthamalai area.

### 3.11 Study Area

Detailed socio-economic survey was conducted in the study area (Core and buffer zone) within 10 km radius of the area at Veerapatti Village, Iluppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu State. In order to determine the impact of the proposed project on nature and inhabitant. To get an overview of the villagers and their perspectives about this proposed activity, different demographic parameters and social aspects such population density, sex ratio, literacy rate, worker ratio etc. has been identified, analyzed, studied together. These impacts may be beneficial or disadvantageous. If disadvantageous anticipated suggestions measures are advocated in order to have collective development.

### 3.12 Demographic pattern of 10km study area characteristics a comparative analysis

**Table 3.12.1 Shows the socio-economic profile of the study area as compared to district, state and national level socio-economic profile**

Particular	India	Tamil Nadu	Pudukkottai District	Study Area (10km Radius)
Area (in sq. km.)	3,287,263	130058	4663	331
Population Density/ sq. Km.	368	554	347	279
No. of Households	249454252	13357027	387679	21355
Population	1210569573	72147030	1618345	92480
Male	623121843	36137975	803188	45790
Female	587447730	36009055	815157	46690
Scheduled Tribes	104281034	794697	1283	15
Scheduled Castes	201378086	14438445	284804	21084

Particular	India	Tamil Nadu	Pudukottai District	Study Area (10km Radius)
Literacy Rate	73%	80%	69%	72%
Sex Ratio (Females per 1000 Males)	943	996	1015	1020

**Source:** Census of India, 2011

Table no 3.12.1 show demographic pattern of India, Tamil Nadu, Pudukottai District & Study area (10km Radius). In India had total area of 3.2 sqkm, State of Tamil Nadu area was 130058 sqkm, District of Pudukottai area was 642 sqkm and study area is about 331sqkm. Population density is total population per sqkm. So, India population density was 368 sqkm, state of Tamil Nadu density was 554 sqkm, District had density about 347 sqkm and study area density is about 279 sqkm. As per Census 2011, about 5.96percent of population in the state lives in areas. Pudukottai had comparing state wise 2.24 percent of population lives in the district. In study area has 5.71% around 10km radius. State, District and study area. In Tamil Nadu state SC categories people had about 19 %, district of Pudukottai about 17.59 % it has increasing to Study area about 23% increasing in the total population Similarly ST population is about 1.10%, 0.079% and 0.02% of the total population in the study area. State level Literacy rate is 80%, district level is 69% but study area has an increased about 72%. There is literacy rate is study area increase comparing district level decrease in the study area. Sex ratio female per thousand males about state level is 996, District level is 1015 and study area is 1020.

The study area has population density 279 persons per sq.km of total population about 92480 as per census 2011. There were about 49.51 percent male and 50% female population. Study area has literate rate is about 72%. District had about 69% of literate rate as per census 2011.

### 3.13 Population Projection of the Study Area

A population projection is an estimation of the number of people expected to be alive at a future date that is made based on assumptions of population structure, fertility, mortality and migration. It is an essential to assess the need for new jobs, schools, doctors and nurses, planning urban housing, foods, clothing and requirements of energy and resources. It is also needed for policy discourse i.e., helps to the policy-makers to understand the existing problems and finally supports to develop the suitable solutions.

**Table 3.13.1 Total Population of Study Area**

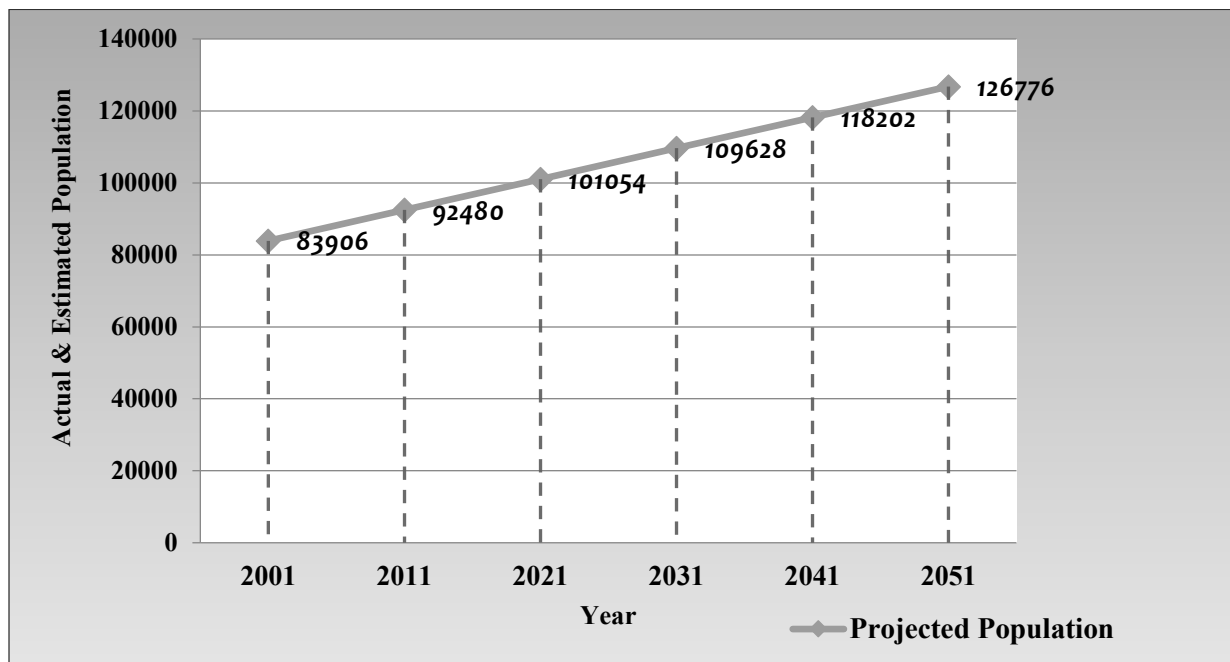
SI No.	Population in 2001	Population in 2011
1	83906	92480

Source: <https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/>

**Table 3.13.2 Population Projection of Study Area**

S. No	Year	Projected Population (Approximately)
1.	2021	101054
2.	2031	109628
3.	2041	118202
4.	2051	126776

Source: Calculated by SPSS v29, 2022.



**Fig 3.13.3 Graph Showing Population Projection**

Following formula has been used for the projection of population.

$$Y=a+b_t$$

Where: Y= Dependent variable (Population)

a=Intercept

b=Slope

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t=Interdependent variables (Time)

Above formula is applied to project population for the years (2021, 2031,2041,2051). Due to avoid the errors in manual calculation the statistical software SPSS (demo version 29) is used to calculate the intercept and the slope.

Due to the shortage of data on population the results show same value of growth for the years (2021,2031,2041,2051). If the researcher gets enough the data on population for earlier years the data projection will be accurate.

- Ref: Indian Economic survey, the SLR (Simple Linear Regression) techniques are used by statistical department, Government of India to project population.
- Source: <https://www.ibm.com/in-en/analytics/spss-statistics-software>

### 3.14 Population Growth of the Study Area

**Table 3.14.1 Population Growth rate in Study area**

Year	Actual Population	Growth Rate %
2001	83906	
2011	92480	11.02
2021	101054	10.93
2031	109628	10.85
2041	118202	10.78
2051	126776	10.73

*Source: Compiled by Author-2022*

Above table no 3.14.1 is showing the growth rate of population since 2001, as per census in 2001 the population of study area was 83906 and 2011 it was 92480 if the population growth rate is 11.02%, it will approximately 101054 in year 2021 and 126776 in the year of 2051. It has approximately population growth rate decline will be 10.73%.

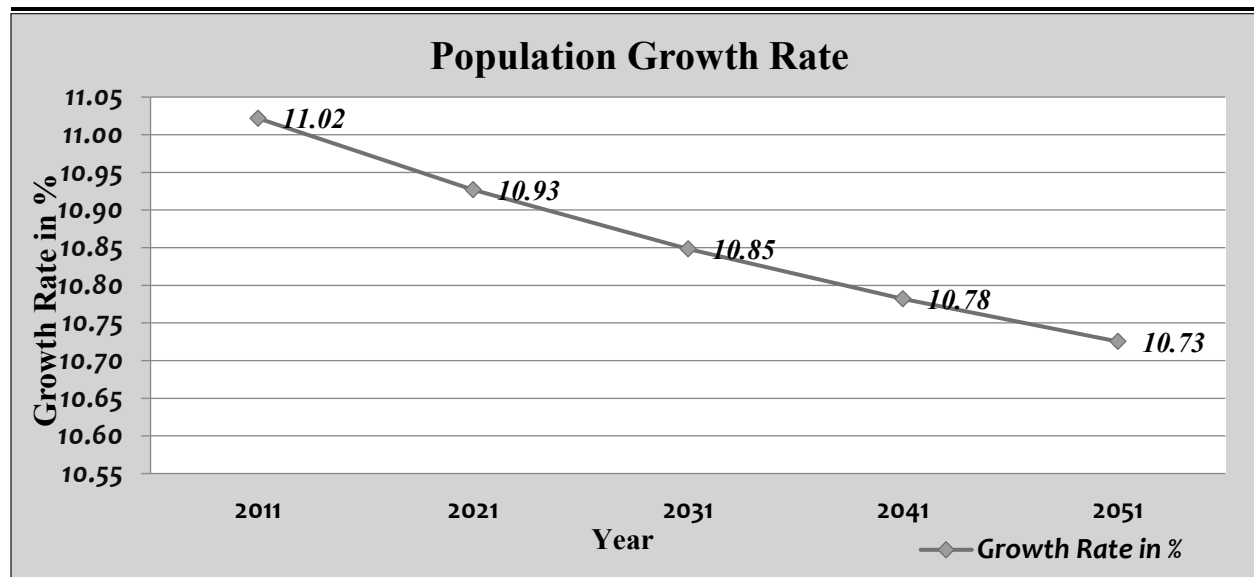


Fig.3.14.2 Graph Showing Population Growth Rate

### Planning Analysis:

Calculating Growth Rates

The percent change from one period to another is calculated from the formula:

Where:

$$PR = \frac{(V_{Present} - V_{Past})}{V_{Past}} \times 100$$

PR=Percent Rate

$V_{Present}$  =Present or Future Value

$V_{Past}$  = Past or Present Value

The *annual* percentage growth rate is simply the percent growth divided by N, the number of years.

Source: <https://pages.uoregon.edu/rgp/PPPM613/class8a.htm>

### 3.15 Population Distribution and Composition of Study Area

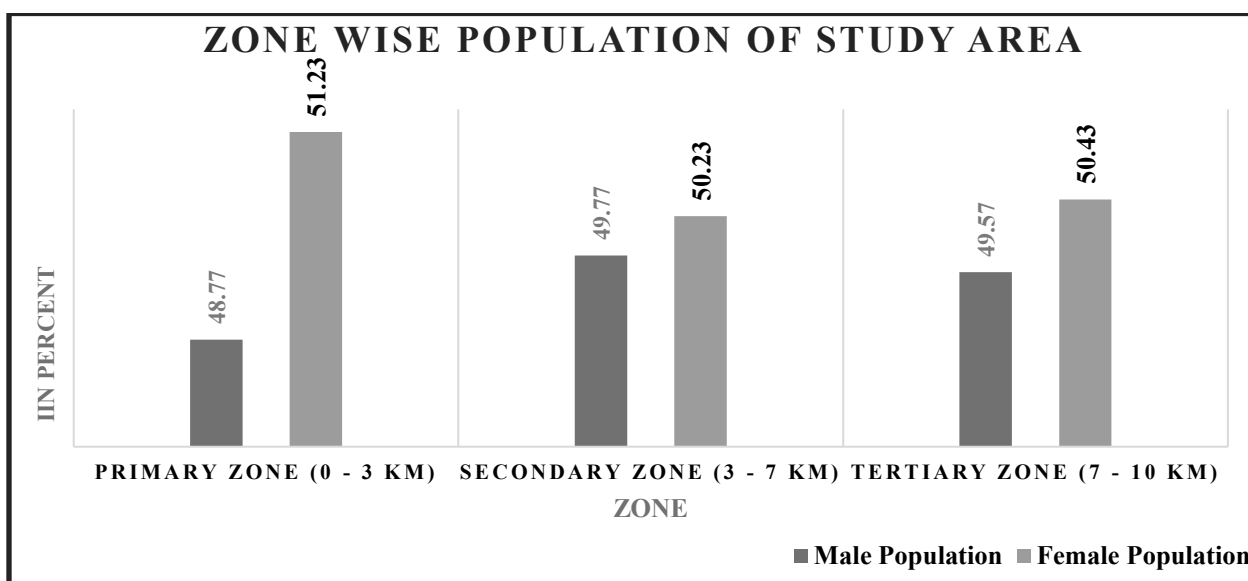
The population as per 2011 Census records is 92480 (for 10 km radius buffer zone). Total no. of household is 3267, 6981 and 11107 respectively, in primary, secondary and tertiary zone. Sex ratio is 1050, 1009 and 1017 (females per 1000 males) observed in primary, secondary and tertiary zone respectively. SC population distribution is 2054, 6245 and 12785 respectively in primary, secondary and tertiary zone. ST population distribution is 0, 6 and 9 respectively in primary, secondary and tertiary. Average household size is 4. Zone wise Demographic profile of study area is given in the table 3.15.1 below:

Source: <https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/census-tables>

**Table 3.15.1 Zone wise Demographic Profile of Study Area**

Zone	No. of Villages	Total Household	Total Population	Male Population	%	Female Population	%
Primary Zone (0 - 3 Km)	4	3267	13865	6762	48.77	7103	51.23
Secondary Zone (3 - 7 Km)	12	6981	30052	14956	49.77	15096	50.23
Tertiary Zone (7 - 10 km)	19	11107	48563	24072	49.57	24491	50.43
<b>Study Area (0-10 km)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21355</b>	<b>92480</b>	<b>45790</b>	<b>49.51</b>	<b>46690</b>	<b>50.49</b>

*Source: Census of India, 2011*



**Figure 3.15.2 Population of study area**

- ✓ Above table identifies the presence of villages and their subsequent population divided under three zones from plant boundary (i.e., Primary, secondary and tertiary zone)
- ✓ Primary zone has 4 villages where as much as 3267 households with 13865 population are located. Mostly lying on Built-up land for their livelihood and substance.
- ✓ Secondary and tertiary zone both comprise of 12 and 19 villages having a total population of 30052 and 48563 respectively.

**Table 3.15.3 Village wise Demographic Profile of the Study Area (Core and Buffer Zone)**

sno	Name	TRU	No House hold	Population	Male Population	Female Population	Child Population 0-6	Male 0-6	Female 0-6	SC Population	SC Male	SC Female	Literate Persons	Male Literate	Female Literate	Total workers	Main workers	Marginal workers	Non workers
<b>0-3km</b>																			
1	Veerapatti	Rural	1432	6400	3100	3300	885	433	452	530	244	286	4421	2365	2056	2426	2300	126	3974
2	Vilathuppatti	Rural	1165	4528	2209	2319	485	254	231	1021	516	505	2933	1636	1297	2136	1565	571	2392
3	Pudur	Rural	670	2937	1453	1484	377	195	182	503	254	249	1528	873	655	1527	1368	159	1410
4	Perambur R.F	Rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>3267</b>	<b>13865</b>	<b>6762</b>	<b>7103</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>2054</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>8882</b>	<b>4874</b>	<b>4008</b>	<b>6089</b>	<b>5233</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>7776</b>
<b>3-7km</b>																			
1	Vellanjar	Rural	452	2055	1025	1030	259	128	131	263	133	130	1216	706	510	1292	1257	35	763
2	Sithanavasal	Rural	410	1935	964	971	261	138	123	644	311	333	947	554	393	1047	1022	25	888
3	Kadambarayapatti	Rural	274	1190	583	607	144	71	73	390	196	194	693	376	317	646	528	118	544
4	Pinnangudi	Rural	188	760	373	387	87	48	39	173	88	85	388	224	164	415	124	291	345
5	Mambatti	Rural	219	895	426	469	134	67	67	168	91	77	527	295	232	540	532	8	355
6	Perambur	Rural	1085	4918	2534	2384	511	267	244	445	216	229	3271	1867	1404	2492	2414	78	2426
7	Tachchampatti	Rural	213	909	447	462	132	65	67	128	65	63	492	295	197	402	248	154	507
8	Panangudi	Rural	569	2335	1178	1157	281	150	131	49	23	26	1302	749	553	1459	1296	163	876
9	Vayalogam	Rural	727	2809	1349	1460	324	158	166	821	409	412	1871	1000	871	1434	1130	304	1375
10	Kudumiyamalai	Rural	614	2643	1314	1329	272	119	153	337	170	167	1765	1007	758	1416	1317	99	1227
11	Visalur	Rural	180	697	334	363	87	46	41	377	177	200	418	239	179	392	391	1	305
12	Annavasal (TP)	Urban	2050	8906	4429	4477	1143	557	586	2450	1218	1232	6157	3361	2796	3872	3445	427	5034
	<b>Total</b>		<b>6981</b>	<b>30052</b>	<b>14956</b>	<b>15096</b>	<b>3635</b>	<b>1814</b>	<b>1821</b>	<b>6245</b>	<b>3097</b>	<b>3148</b>	<b>19047</b>	<b>10673</b>	<b>8374</b>	<b>15407</b>	<b>13704</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>14645</b>
<b>7-10km</b>																			
1	Edayapatti	Rural	356	1650	794	856	209	106	103	752	367	385	837	470	367	891	869	22	759
2	Talinji	Rural	221	992	489	503	103	53	50	258	119	139	590	346	244	536	515	21	456
3	Kathavampatti	Rural	252	1038	491	547	108	50	58	386	193	193	646	356	290	564	411	153	474
4	Gudalur	Rural	231	888	425	463	105	57	48	362	174	188	488	260	228	531	464	67	357
5	Peyal	Rural	217	769	356	413	76	37	39	237	106	131	446	245	201	441	429	12	328
6	Vannarappatti	Rural	97	390	214	176	31	21	10	153	81	72	263	171	92	265	265	0	125

7	Kilikkudi	Rural	305	1182	560	622	149	78	71	472	230	242	737	388	349	711	659	52	471
8	Madiyanallur	Rural	353	1552	766	786	161	80	81	349	173	176	916	509	407	847	844	3	705
9	Panampatti	Rural	516	2292	1167	1125	275	154	121	657	335	322	1442	810	632	1039	990	49	1253
10	Ariyur	Rural	261	1194	645	549	97	53	44	294	148	146	821	503	318	435	419	16	759
11	Mangudi	Rural	453	1963	976	987	272	139	133	589	306	283	1218	676	542	813	558	255	1150
12	Pulvayal	Rural	535	2216	1069	1147	273	141	132	1040	520	520	1416	767	649	1093	787	306	1123
13	Marayappatti	Rural	389	1757	891	866	198	119	79	743	402	341	1052	593	459	990	819	171	767
14	Iluppur (TP)	Urban	3205	14127	7013	7114	1603	825	778	3063	1495	1568	10122	5442	4680	5521	5149	372	8606
15	Ennai	Rural	1397	6343	3130	3213	839	435	404	1977	951	1026	3690	2057	1633	2830	2475	355	3513
16	Punginipatti	Rural	448	1912	925	987	219	111	108	356	177	179	1098	587	511	961	901	60	951
17	Vettukkadu	Rural	534	2383	1194	1189	243	114	129	295	150	145	1329	762	567	1269	1213	56	1114
18	Rapoosal	Rural	842	3808	1916	1892	437	211	226	556	275	281	2153	1269	884	1910	1430	480	1898
19	Keezhakkurichi	Rural	495	2107	1051	1056	235	111	124	246	131	115	1284	735	549	1067	795	272	1040
	<b>Total</b>		<b>11107</b>	<b>48563</b>	<b>24072</b>	<b>24491</b>	<b>5633</b>	<b>2895</b>	<b>2738</b>	<b>12785</b>	<b>6333</b>	<b>6452</b>	<b>30548</b>	<b>16946</b>	<b>13602</b>	<b>22714</b>	<b>19992</b>	<b>2722</b>	<b>25849</b>
	<b>Grant Total</b>		<b>21355</b>	<b>92480</b>	<b>45790</b>	<b>46690</b>	<b>11015</b>	<b>5591</b>	<b>5424</b>	<b>21084</b>	<b>10444</b>	<b>10640</b>	<b>58477</b>	<b>32493</b>	<b>25984</b>	<b>44210</b>	<b>38929</b>	<b>5281</b>	<b>48270</b>

Source: Village Wise Demographic Profile of the Study Area, *Census of India, 2011*



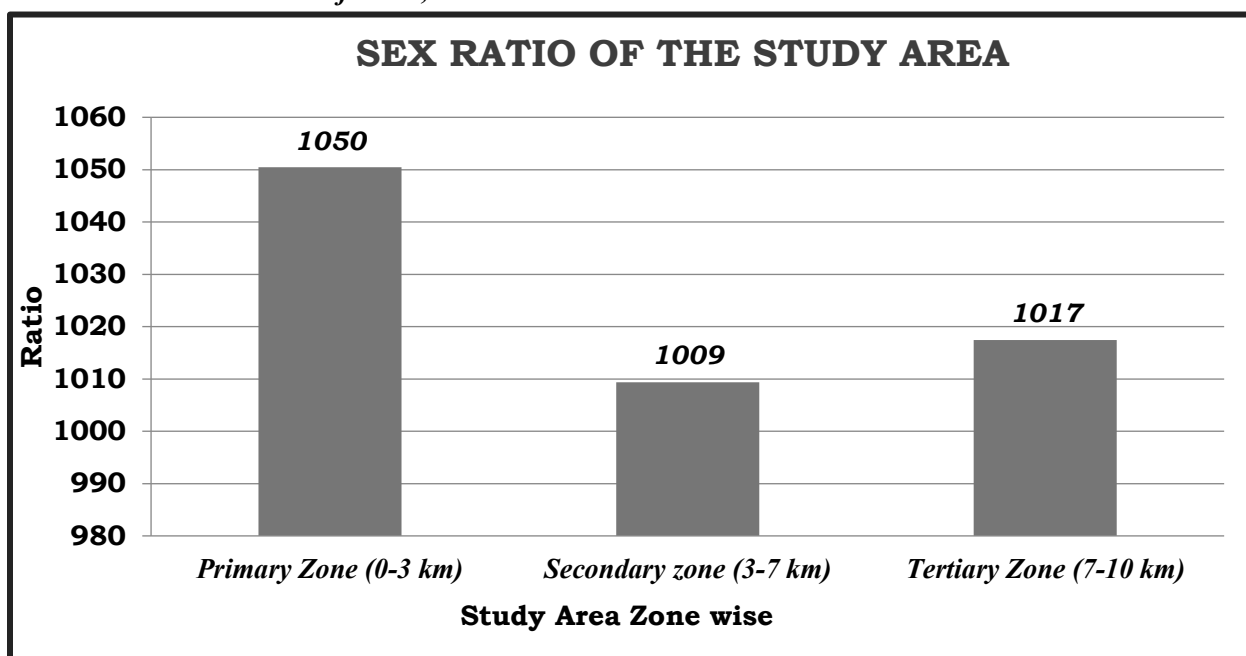
### 3.16 Gender and Sex Ratio

Sex ratio is used to describe the number of females per 1000 of males. Sex ratio is a valuable source for finding the population of women in India and what is the ratio of women to that of men in India. In the Population Census of 2011, it was revealed that the population ratio in India 2011 is 940 females per 1000 of males. The study area has 1020 females per 1000 males. Gender and sex ratio determine the Human Development Index (HDI) of an area thereby understanding the status of women in that region. Following table entails information about sex ratio of 35 villages lying in study area (buffer zone) as primary, secondary and tertiary zone.

**Table 3.16.1 Sex ratio of the study area**

S. No.	Buffer Zone	Sex Ratio of Study area Female/ 1000 Male
1	Primary Zone (0-3 km)	1050
2	Secondary zone (3-7 km)	1009
3	Tertiary Zone (7-10 km)	1017

*Source: Census of India, 2011*



**Figure 3.16.2 Sex Ratio within 10 Km study area**

### 3.17 Literacy Rate in Study Area

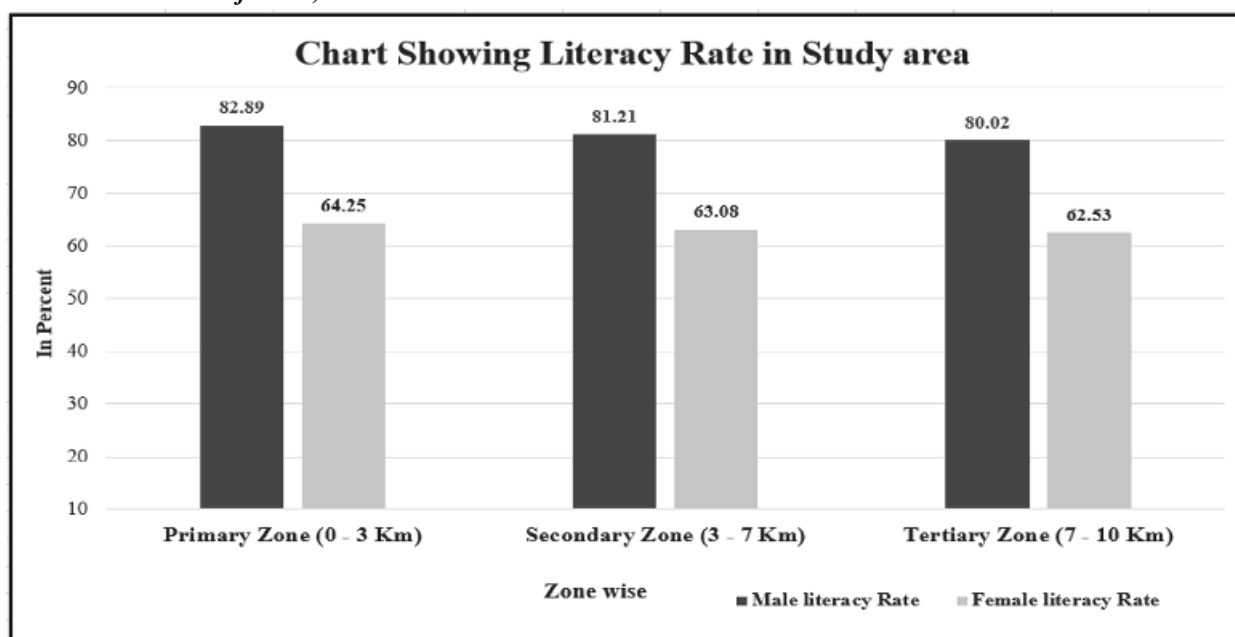
Literacy Rate is the percentage of people in a country with the ability to read and write. The analysis of the literacy levels is done in the study area. The 10 km radius of study area demonstrates a literacy rate of 72% as per census data 2011. The male literacy rate in the study area indicates 81% whereas the female literacy rate, which is an important indicator for social change, is observed to be 63% as per the census data 2011.

This needs to focus on the region and enhance further development focusing on education. (Table no 3.17.1).

**Table 3.17.1 Literacy Rate of the Study Area**

Zone	No. of Villages	Male Literacy Population	Male literacy Rate	Female Literacy Population	Female literacy Rate	Total Literacy	Total Literacy Rate
Primary Zone (0 - 3 Km)	4	4874	82.89	4008	64.25	8882	73.30
Secondary Zone (3 - 7 Km)	12	10673	81.21	8374	63.08	19047	72.10
Tertiary Zone (7 - 10 Km)	19	16946	80.02	13602	62.53	30548	71.16
<b>Study Area (0-10km)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32493</b>	<b>80.83</b>	<b>25984</b>	<b>62.97</b>	<b>58477</b>	<b>71.78</b>

Source: Census of India, 2011



**Figure 3.17.2 Gender wise Literacy Rate in the study area**

### 3.18 Family Size

Size of family also describes about family functioning, resource consumption, total income generated and their expenditure pattern. Census 2011 data suggests that most of these households have a family size of up to 4 members, knowing the size of family also give fair understanding of relating how much resource consumption is being incurred, and annual income being generated and spent.

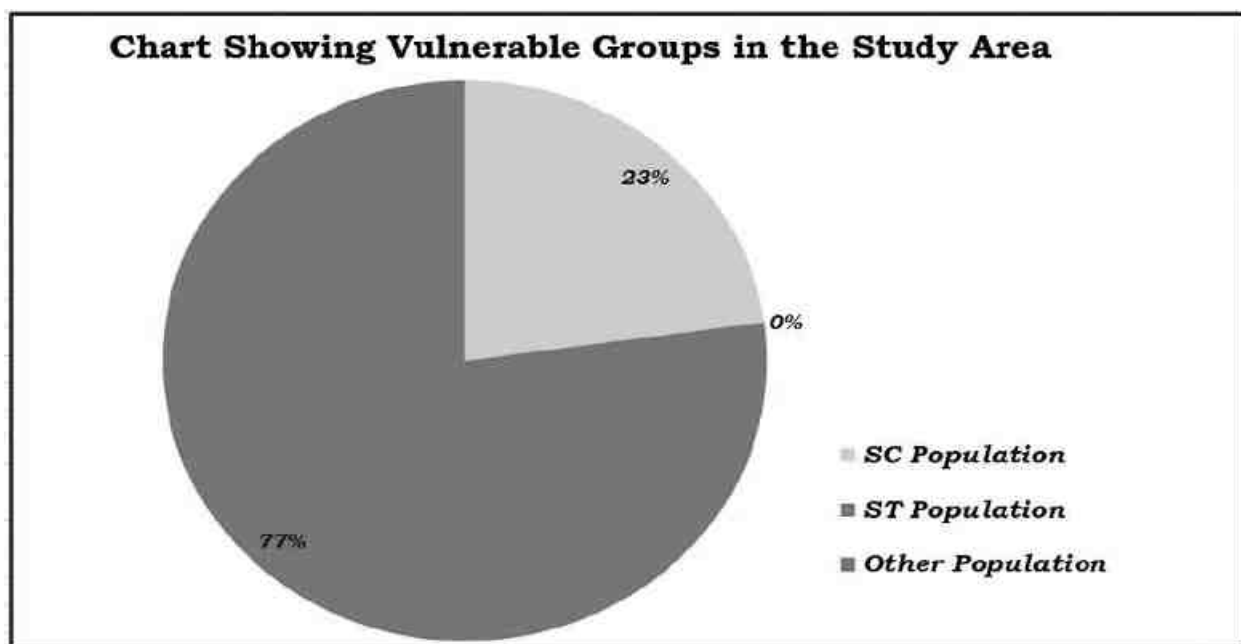
### 3.19 Vulnerable Group

While developing an action plan, it is very important to identify the population who fall under the marginalized and vulnerable groups and special attention has to be given towards these groups while making action plans. Special provisions should be made for them. In the observed villages schedule caste (SC) population is 23% and Schedule Tribe population 0.02%, Other Population is 77% in Total study area.

**Table 3.19.1 vulnerable groups of the study area**

Zone	No. of Villages	Vulnerable Groups					
		SC Population	%	ST Population	%	Other Population	%
Primary Zone (0 - 3 Km)	4	2054	14.81	0	0.00	11811	85.19
Secondary Zone (3 - 7 Km)	12	6245	20.78	6	0.02	23801	79.20
Tertiary Zone (7 - 10 Km)	19	12785	26.33	9	0.02	35769	73.65
<b>Total area (10km)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21084</b>	<b>22.80</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>71381</b>	<b>77.19</b>

Source: Census of India, 2011

**Figure 3.19.2 vulnerable groups**

### 3.20 Economic Activities

The economy of an area is defined by the occupational pattern and income level of the people in the area. The occupational structure of residents in the study area is studied with reference to work category. The population is divided occupation wise into three categories, viz., Total workers, Main workers and non-workers. The main workers include cultivators, agricultural laborers, those engaged in household industry and other services. The non-workers include those engaged in unpaid household duties like, students, retired

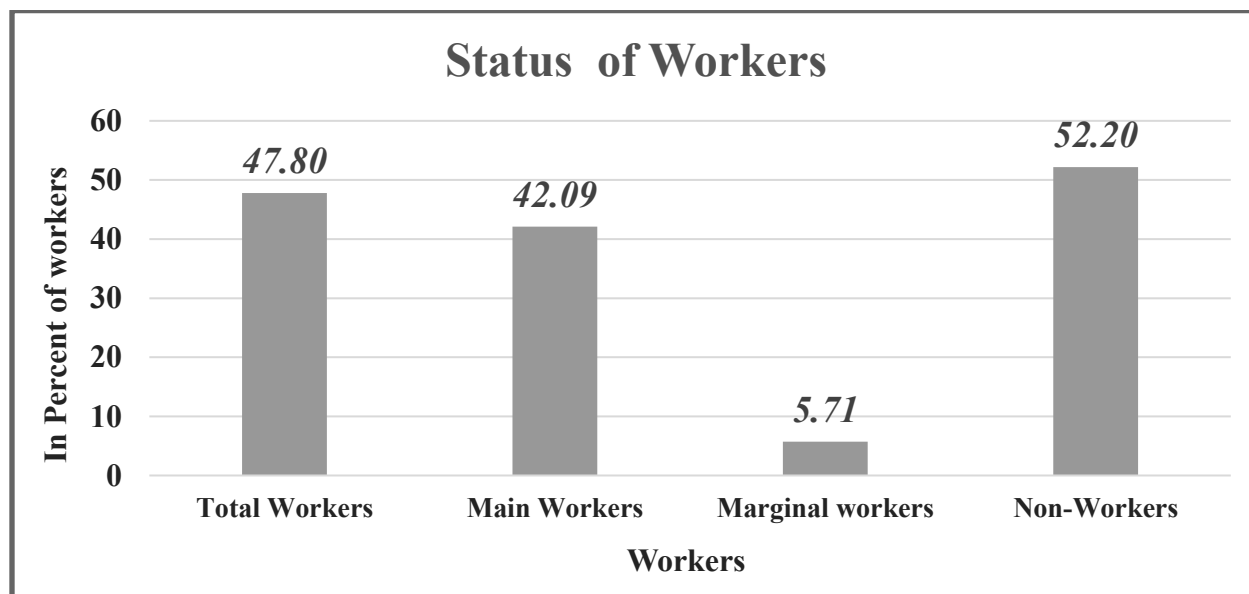
persons, dependents, beggars, vagrants etc. besides Institutional intimates or all other non-workers who do not fall under the above categories.

**Table 3.20.1 shows the work force of the study area**

Zone	No. of Villages	Total Workers	%	Main Workers	%	Marginal Workers	%	Non-Workers	%
Primary Zone (0 - 3 Km)	4	6089	43.92	5233	37.74	856	6.17	7776	56.08
Secondary Zone (3 - 7 Km)	12	15407	51.27	13704	45.60	1703	5.67	14645	48.73
Tertiary Zone (7 - 10 Km)	19	22714	46.77	19992	41.17	2722	5.61	25849	53.23
<b>Study Area (10 Km)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44210</b>	<b>47.80</b>	<b>38929</b>	<b>42.09</b>	<b>5281</b>	<b>5.71</b>	<b>48270</b>	<b>52.20</b>

*Source: Census of India, 2011*

The above table shows that out of the total working population, the percentage of main workers is 42 % while 6% are marginal workers. Number of working populations is 48% and non-working population is 52% in the study area. As per the data obtained from the survey (as mentioned previously in occupational structure) most of these people are employed for major period of the year. Also, to mention the natural environment also restricts the people in finding stable business is performed for only certain months. Thus, proposed project will act as possible exposure for them to get enrol and earn sustain livelihood.



**Figure 3.20.2. Working population in the study area**

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### 3.21 Infrastructure Base

A better network of physical infrastructure facilities (built up and roads, irrigation, power and social infrastructure support, viz. health and Education, water and sanitation are essential for the development of the rural economy.

A review of infrastructural facilities available in the area has been done based on the information from baseline survey & census data of the study area. Infrastructural facilities available in the area are described in the subsequent sections.

- Administrative offices are located in Tamil Nadu, Pudukottai district (18km-SE) from site which by local transport.
- Educational facilities availability of Government Elementary school , Mukknamalpatti Village (1.0km-SE), Government School, Tachchampatti Village (2.5km-SE), Government Primary school, Panampatti Village (4km-SW), Government Primary School, Koothnipatty Village (6km-E), Government Higher secondary school Iluppur Town Panchayat (8.0km-NW), Government School, Kudimiyamalai R.F, Vayalogam Higher Secondary school, Government school, Punginipatti Village (8.5km-NW), Iluppur Taluk many Arts and Engineering college, Training institute found in study area.
- Health facilities covered in the Core zone area Government Hospital, Mukknamalpatti Village (1.0km-SE), Government Hospital, PHC, Panampatti Village (4.5km-SW), Annavasal Town Panchayat (4.0km-E), Government Primary Health centre, Iluppur Town Panchayat (7.0km-NW), Railway Hospital, Perambur Village (5.0km-SW), Govt PHC, Rapoosal Village (6.0km-N), Buffer zone area like may clinics and Nursing home near by the Iluppur Town etc.,

**Table 3.21.1 Educational Facilities in the Surveyed Area**

Sno	Village Name	Govt Primary School (Numbers)	Govt Middle School (Numbers)	Private Middle School (Numbers)	Govt Secondary School (Numbers)	Private Secondary School (Numbers)	Govt Senior Secondary School (Numbers)	Private Senior Secondary School (Numbers)	Govt Arts and Science Degree College (Numbers)
<b>0-3km</b>									
1	Vilathuppatti	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Veerapatti	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
3	Pudur	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Perambur R.F	<b>RF area</b>							
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3-7km</b>									
1	Vellanjar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Sithanavasal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Kadambarayapatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Pinnangudi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Mambatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Perambur	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
7	Tachchampatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Panangudi	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	Vayalogam	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0
10	Kudumiyamalai	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Visalur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Annavasal (TP)	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7-10km</b>									
1	Ennai	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Punginipatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Vettukkadu	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Rapoosal	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	Keezhakkurichi	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
6	Edayapatti	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

7	Talinji	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Kathavampatti	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Gudalur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Peyal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Vannarappatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Kilikkudi	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Madiyanallur	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Panampatti	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
15	Ariyur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Mangudi	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Pulvayal	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Marayappatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Iluppur (TP)	5	3	2	2	1	1	2	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>G.Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

Source: *DCHB Census 2011, Tamil Nadu.*

**Table 3.21.2 Health/ Medical Facilities in the Surveyed Area**

Sno	Village Name	Community Health Centre (Numbers)	Primary Health Centre (Numbers)	Primary Health Sub Centre (Numbers)	Maternity And Child Welfare Centre (Numbers)	Hospital Allopathic (Numbers)	Dispensary (Numbers)	Veterinary Hospital (Numbers)	Family Welfare Centre (Numbers)	Non-Government Medical facilities Others
<b>0-3km</b>										
1	Vilathuppatti	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Veerapatti	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pudur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Perambur R.F	RF area								
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3-7km</b>										
1	Vellanjar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Sithanavasal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Kadambarayapatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4	Pinnangudi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Mambatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Perambur	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
7	Tachchampatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Panangudi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Vayalogam	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
10	Kudumiyamalai	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11	Visalur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Annavasal (TP)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>7-10km</b>										
1	Ennai	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Punginipatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Vettukkadu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Rapoosal	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
5	Keezhakkurichi	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	Edayapatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Talinji	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Kathavampatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Gudalur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Peyal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Vannarappatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Kilikkudi	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Madiyanallur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Panampatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Ariyur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Mangudi	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Pulvayal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Marayappatti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Iluppur (TP)	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>G.Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>

Source: *DCHB Census 2011, Tamil Nadu.*



### 3.21.4 Transport and Other Infrastructure Facilities in the Surveyed Area

Sno	Village Name	Post Office (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Sub Post Office (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Post And Telegraph Office (Status)	Telephone (landlines) (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Public Call Office (Mobile/PCO) (Status)	Mobile Phone Coverage (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Internet Cafes / Common Service Centre	Private Courier Facility (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Public Bus Service (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Private Bus Service (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Railway Station (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Auto/Modified Autos (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Taxi (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Vans (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Tractors (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Cycle-pulled Rickshaws (manual driven) (Status)	Carts Driven by (Status)	National Highway (Status A(1)/NA(2))	State Highway (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Major District Road (Status A(1)/NA(2))	Other District Road (Status A(1)/NA(2))
<b>0-3km</b>																						
1	Vilathuppatti	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	Veerapatti	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
3	Pudur	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
4	Perambur R.F	RF area																				
<b>3-7km</b>																						
1	Vellanjar	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	Sithanavalas	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	Kadambarayapatti	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	Pinnangudi	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
5	Mambatti	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
6	Perambur	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
7	Tachchampatti	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
8	Panangudi	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
9	Vayalogam	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
10	Kudumiyamalai	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
11	Visalur	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
12	Annavasal (TP)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
<b>7-10km</b>																						
1	Ennai	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
2	Punginipatti	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
3	Vettukkadu	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	Rapoosal	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5	Keezhakkurichi	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
6	Edayapatti	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7	Talinji	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
8	Kathavampatti	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
9	Gudalur	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1

10	Peyal	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
11	Vannarappatti	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
12	Kilikkudi	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
13	Madiyanallur	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
14	Panampatti	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
15	Ariyur	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
16	Mangudi	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
17	Pulvayal	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
18	Marayappatti	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
19	Iluppur (TP)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1

**Source: DCHB Census 2011, Tamil Nadu.**

**Index:** 1 for available and 2 for not available in the study area.

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### 3.22. Other Issues in the Study Area

1. Deforestation of Land (Cutting Trees or Plant etc.)
2. Agriculture Land decreases.
3. Lack of awareness among vulnerable groups for their welfare.
4. Medical/Clinic facilities and PHC need for the Core area.
5. Environmental clean with solid wastage pin each village.
6. Functioning of CHC, Hospital facilities with Sub Health care centers.
7. Need proper drainage system with public toilet men and women separately.
8. Road damage when load carriage way.
9. Issue of noise and air dust nearest house.
10. Employment and wages issue during quarry operation.

### 3.23 Interpretation

Based on the data, following inferences could be drawn:

- Total literacy rate in the study area is 72%.
- The study area had average educational facilities. The overall status depicts that the education is limited to primary and middle level.
- The schedule tribe community forms 0.02% and Scheduled Caste forms 23% of the total population of study area.
- The Other Population forms 77% of the total population of study area.
- The study area is well connected by District/Village Road.
- The study area not well health facilities of primary level.
- Considering the above facts, the proposed project will boost the socio-economic development activities in the area and hence will leave positive impact.
- The study area has mobile connectivity.

### 3.24 Recommendation and Suggestions

The village development plans are made in consultation with the community through Gram Sabha; these appear to address the needs of the community. However, it may be noted that at the implementation stage these plans often are fraught with problem of inadequate funds, lack of proper planning, corruption, vested interests and political agendas. Hence while ascertaining the scope for convergence with the government activities, care must be taken to ascertain realistic possibilities for implementation.

- **Women empowerment**– Home based income generation activities, vocational training programs and common education centre for increasing the literacy rate.

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- **Education** – Free uniform, construction of common rooms and library, computer education and physical education, additional schools for girls, furniture and equipment in schools, up-gradation of existing school infrastructure.
  - **Agriculture/livestock** – Infrastructure such as agricultural practices, electricity connections, assistance with buying improved tools and equipment, capacity building, supply and/or knowledge of better variety of seeds, pasture land development and trainings on animal husbandry& facility of veterinary doctor.
  - **Health** – Improvements in sanitary conditions of villages, assistance with construction of latrines, improvement in drainage system, health camps and awareness campaigns for diseases like Covid-19, malaria, typhoid, tuberculosis, yellow fever and pneumonia. Repairing of PHCs and Anganwadi centers.
  - **People with disability** – Establishment of center for special education, sensitization of the community towards disabled and awareness on Government schemes.
  - While **Developing an Action Plan**, it is very important to identify the population who falls under the marginalized and vulnerable groups. So that special attention can be given to these groups with special provisions while making action plans.
  - **Connectivity** –Transport connectivity to easiness accessibility to the region.

### 3.25 Conclusion

To evaluate the impacts of proposed quarry project on the surrounding area, it is vital to assess the baseline status of the environmental quality in the locality of the site. Hence it can be concluded that the present environment status of the study area will not be affected by the project as will adopt adequate control measures to protect the surrounding environment and will contribute in development of the study areas. The proposed project will aim to provide preferential employment to the local people there by improving the employment opportunity in the area and in turn the social standards will improve.

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## CHAPTER – 4: ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

### 4.0 *General*

The environmental impact can be categorized as either primary or secondary, primary impacts which are attributed directly by the project; secondary impacts are those which are indirectly induced. The open cast mining operations involve development of benches, Approach Road, Haul Road, Excavation and handling of material. If adequate control measures are not taken to prevent/mitigate the adverse environmental impacts/lead to damage of the eco-system.

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 for sustainable resource extraction. Based on the baseline environmental status at the existing mine site, the environmental factors that are likely to be affected (Impacts) are identified, quantified and assessed. The various anticipated impacts will be on

- Land environment
- Water Environment
- Air Environment
- Noise Environment
- Socio economic environment
- Solid waste
- Soil environment

### 4.1 *Land Environment*

#### 4.1.2 Anticipated Impact from all Proposed Projects

- 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

#### 4.1.2.1 Common Mitigation Measures for Respective Individual Proposed Projects

- 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

#### **4.1.3 Soil Environment**

##### **4.1.4 Impact on Soil Environment**

The top layer of the project site in the form of Gravel formation, the Gravel will be directly loaded into tippers for the filling and levelling of low-lying areas. There is no disposal of Gravel. The excavated rough stone will be directly loaded into dumpers to the needy customers.

There will be no disposal of waste water from the quarry operation, No discharge of toxic effluent from the proposed projects. The dust emission at working face and haul roads will be controlled by water sprinkling and plantation.

**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).

##### **4.1.5 Common Mitigation Measures for Respective Individual Proposed Projects**

- 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

### 4.1.6 Waste Dump Management

There are no wastages anticipated in this rough stone and gravel quarrying operation. The entire quarried out materials will be utilized (100%).

The overburden in the form of gravel formation the gravel will be also sold to needy customers for the filling and levelling of low-lying areas.

## 4.2 Water Environment

### 4.2.1 Anticipated Impact on Surface and ground water

The impact due to quarrying on the water quality is expected to be insignificant because of no use of chemicals or hazardous substances during quarrying process. The quarrying activity will not intersect ground water table as the maximum depth of the quarry in the cluster is 47m and water table is found at a depth of 65m BGL. The quarrying operation will be carried out well above the water table. There is no intersection of surface water bodies (Streams, Canal, Odai etc.,) in the project area. During rainy season rain water will be collected in the quarry pit and later used for greenbelt development and for the water sprinkling in the haul roads. There is no proposal for discharging of quarry pit water outside the project area.

**TABLE 4.1: WATER REQUIREMENTS**

<b>PROPOSAL – P1</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	0.5 KLD	from bore well and open well from nearby area through tankers
Green Belt development	0.3 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Drinking and Domestic purpose	0.4KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors.
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.2 KLD</b>	
<b>PROPOSAL – P2</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	1.3 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Green Belt development	1.0 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Domestic purpose	0.7 KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors.
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.0 KLD</b>	
<b>PROPOSAL – P3</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	1.4 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Green Belt development	0.3 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Domestic purpose	0.3 KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors.
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0 KLD</b>	
<b>PROPOSAL – P4</b>		
*Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	1.5 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Green Belt development	0.5 KLD	From Existing bore wells from nearby area
Domestic purpose	0.5 KLD	From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.5 KLD</b>	

\* Water for drinking purpose will be brought from approved water vendors

Source: Approved Mining Plan Pre-Feasibility Report

Total water requirement in the cluster quarries is about 8.7 KLD, the water for dust suppression and greenbelt development will be sourced from the mine pit water collected during rainy seasons, the water for domestic purpose and drinking will be sourced from the approved water vendors.

#### **4.2.2 Common Mitigation measures:**

- Garland drain, settling tank will be constructed along the proposed mining lease 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 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 monitoring (every 6 month once) and analysing the quality of water in open well, bore wells and surface water

### **4.3 Air Environment**

The air borne particulate matter is the main air pollutant in this opencast mining. The mining operation will be carried out by jackhammer drilling (35mm dia) and Hydraulic Excavators will be utilized for excavation of Rough Stone waste.

#### **4.3.1. 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.

#### 4.3.1.1. Modelling of Incremental Concentration from all Proposed Projects

Wind erosion of the exposed areas and the air borne particulate matter generated by quarrying operation, and transportation are mainly PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub> and emissions of Sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) & Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) due to excavation/loading equipment and vehicles plying on haul roads are the cause of air pollution in the project area.

Similarly, loading - unloading and transportation of Rough Stone, wind erosion of the exposed area and movement of light vehicles causes of pollution. This leads to an impact on the ambient air environment around the project area.

Anticipated incremental concentration due to this quarrying activity and net increase in emissions due to quarrying activities within 500 meters around the project area is predicted by Open Pit Source modelling using AERMOD Software.

The impact on Air Environment is due to the mining and allied activities during Land Development phase, Mining process and Transportation. The emissions of Sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) due to excavation/loading equipment and vehicles plying on haul roads are marginal. Loading - unloading and transportation of Rough Stone, wind erosion of the exposed area and movement of light vehicles will be the main polluting source in the mining activities releasing Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) affecting Ambient Air of the area. Prediction of impacts on air environment has been carried out taking into consideration cumulative production three proposed quarries. Air environment and net increase in emissions by Open pit source modelling in AERMOD Software.

#### 4.3.1.2 Emission Estimation

An emissions factor is a representative value that attempts to relate the quantity of a pollutant released to the atmosphere with an activity associated with the release of that pollutant.

The general equation for emissions estimation is:

$$E = A \times EF \times (1-ER/100)$$

Where:

E = emissions;

A = activity rate;

EF = emission factor, and

ER = overall emission reduction efficiency, %

The proposed mining activity includes various activities like ground preparation, excavation, handling and transport of ore. These activities have been analysed systematically basing on USEPA-Emission Estimation Technique

Manual, for Mining AP-42, to arrive at possible emissions to the atmosphere and estimated emissions are given in Table 4-2.

**TABLE 4.2: ESTIMATED EMISSION RATE FOR P1 to P4**

<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY "P1"- Thiru. D. Dineshwaran</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.061927615	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.000220311	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.037476028	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.002485017	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.036389383	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000185973	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000003932	g/s
<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY "P2"- Thiru.C. Selvaraj,</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.087826616	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.001263995	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.042246983	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.002491632	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.053815151	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000659847	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000032298	g/s
<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY "P3"- Thiru. M.Karupaiya</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.078039825	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.000700158	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.041272499	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.00248966	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.047533290	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000495863	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000018606	g/s
<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY "P4"- Thiru. T. Palanisamy,</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.057654502	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.000154092	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.037265229	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.00248486	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.045083526	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000179504	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000006156	g/s

#### 4.3.2 Frame work of Computation & Model details

The prediction included the impact of Excavation, Drilling, Blasting, loading and movement of vehicles during transportation and meteorological parameters such as wind speed, wind direction, temperature, rainfall, humidity and Cloud cover.

Impact was predicted over the distance of 10 km around the source to assess the impact at each receptor separately at the various locations and maximum incremental GLC value at the project site. Maximum impact of PM<sub>10</sub> was observed close to the source due to low to moderate wind speeds. Incremental value of PM<sub>10</sub> was superimposed on the base line data monitored at the proposed site to predict total GLC of PM<sub>10</sub> due to combined impacts

## Air Pollution Dispersion Modelling

### Baseline Air Quality –

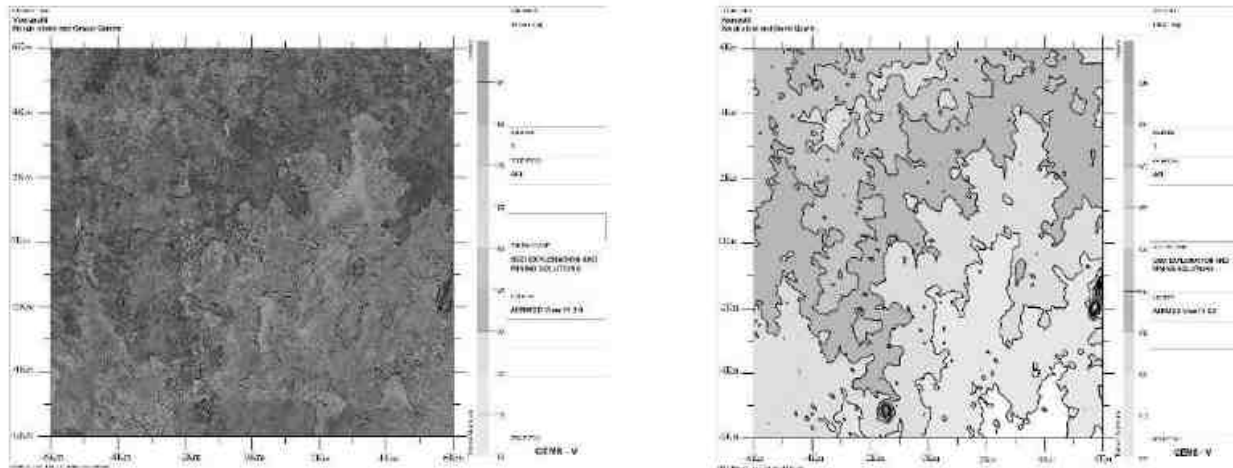
Baseline air quality has been measured at 2 locations in the cluster and 6 locations within the buffer zone of the study area. The 24 - hourly average samples of particulate matters (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>), SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> were measured following the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), 2009. Monitoring data of 8 sampling stations are given below –

### Meteorological Data –

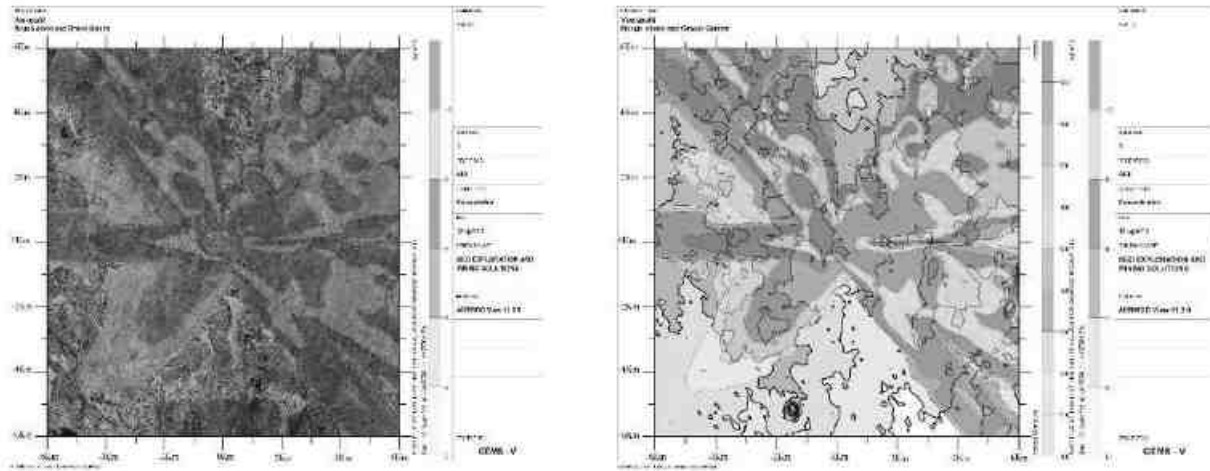
Meteorology is the key to understand the air quality. The essential relationship between meteorological condition and atmospheric dispersion involves the wind in the broadest sense. Wind fluctuations over a very wide range of time, accomplish dispersion and strongly influence other processes associated with them.

A temporary meteorological station was installed at project site and monitored continually for study period without break. The station was installed at a height of 4 m above the ground level in such a way that there are no obstructions facilitating flow of wind, wind speed, wind direction, humidity and temperature are recorded on hourly basis. A weather data was collected from IMD, Coimbatore agro for the month of Oct2022 – Dec 2022 to correlate with site data and found not much of change in the parameters.

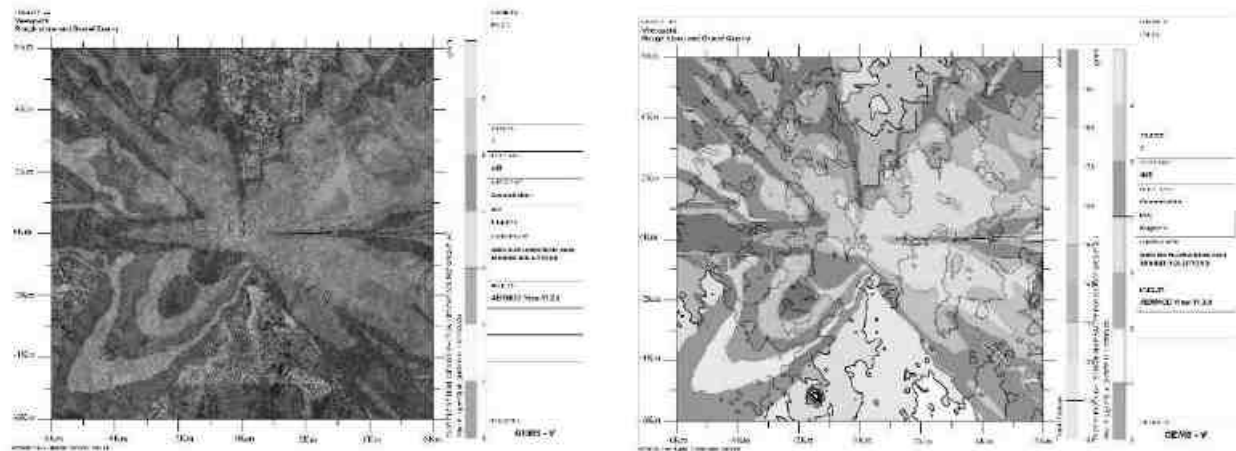
**FIGURE 4.1: AERMOD TERRAIN MAP**



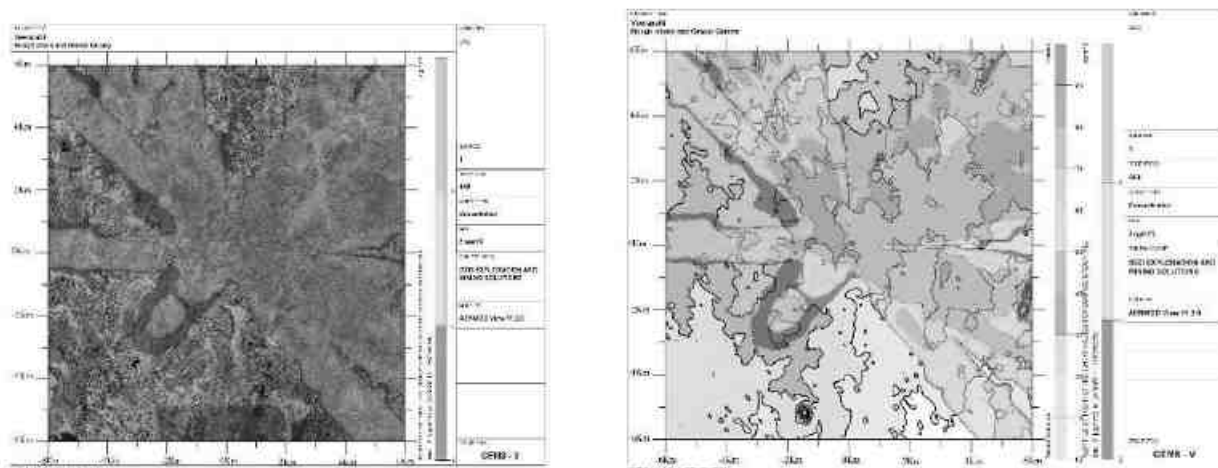
**FIGURE 4.2: PREDICTED INCREMENTAL CONCENTRATION OF PM<sub>10</sub>**



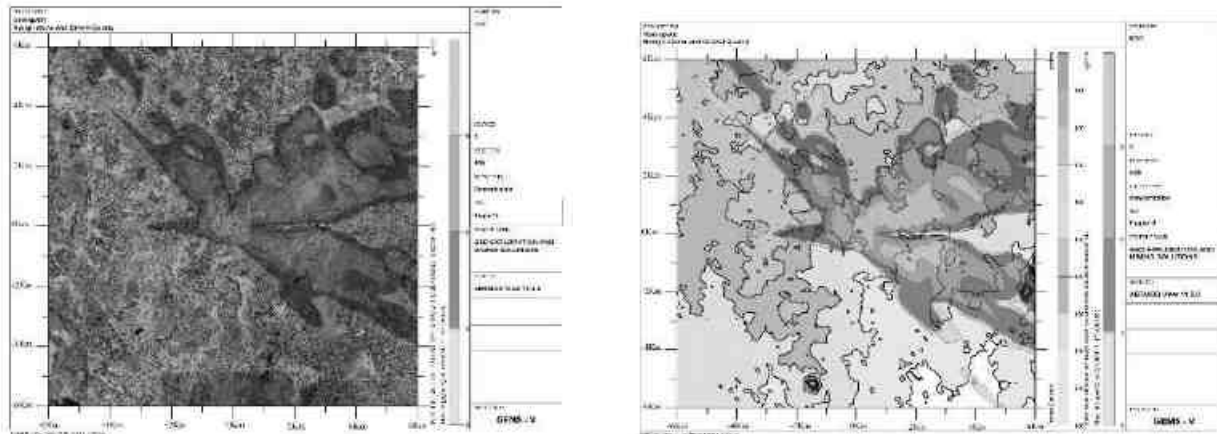
**FIGURE 4.3: PREDICTED INCREMENTAL CONCENTRATION OF PM<sub>25</sub>**



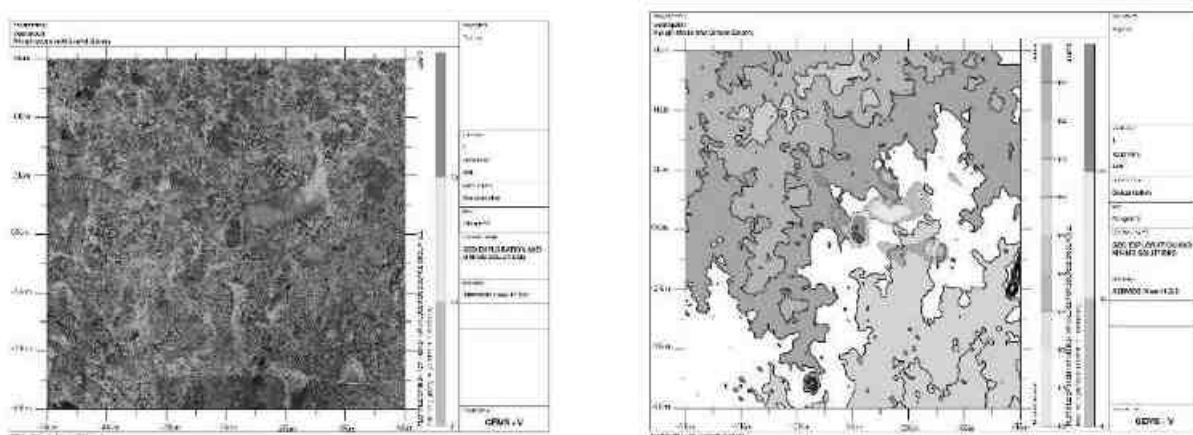
**FIGURE 4.4: PREDICTED INCREMENTAL CONCENTRATION OF SO<sub>2</sub>**



**FIGURE 4.5: PREDICTED INCREMENTAL CONCENTRATION OF NO<sub>x</sub>**



**FIGURE 4.6: PREDICTED INCREMENTAL CONCENTRATION OF FUGITIVE DUST**



4.3.2.1 Model Results

The post project Resultant Concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>& NO<sub>x</sub> (GLC) is given in Table below:

**TABLE 4.3: INCREMENTAL & RESULTANT GLC OF PM<sub>10</sub>**

Station Code	Location	X Coordinate (m)	Y Coordinate (m)	Average Baseline PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Incremental value of PM <sub>10</sub> due to mining (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (5+6)
AAQ1	10°27'53.90"N 78°40'16.29"E	58	8	19.65	12.78	32.43
AAQ2	10°27'52.18"N 78°40'1.25"E	-399	-43	25.30	12.42	37.72
AAQ3	10°27'39.31"N 78°39'11.83"E	-1911	-440	19.65	5.00	24.65
AAQ4	10°28'47.10"N 78°37'15.10"E	-3863	2125	21.53	2.98	24.51
AAQ5	10°27'33.80"N 78°41'51.10"E	2671	-2233	19.81	11.20	31.01
AAQ6	10°25'25.05"N 78°38'50.88"E	-4420	-4044	20.73	1.00	21.73
AAQ7	10°25'26.37"N 78°41'53.67"E	1883	4731	19.31	0	19.31
AAQ8	10°30'36.43"N 78°40'45.39"E	-1330	3969	19.11	8.10	27.21

**TABLE 4.4: INCREMENTAL & RESULTANT GLC OF PM<sub>2.5</sub>**

Station Code	Location	X Coordinate (m)	Y Coordinate (m)	Average Baseline PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Incremental value of PM <sub>2.5</sub> due to mining (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (5+6)
AAQ1	10°27'53.90"N 78°40'16.29"E	58	8	42.4	6.89	49.29
AAQ2	10°27'52.18"N 78°40'1.25"E	-399	-43	42.96	6.12	49.08
AAQ3	10°27'39.31"N 78°39'11.83"E	-1911	-440	39.66	3.43	43.09
AAQ4	10°28'47.10"N 78°37'15.10"E	-3863	2125	38.21	2.70	40.91
AAQ5	10°27'33.80"N 78°41'51.10"E	2671	-2233	41.47	5.61	47.08
AAQ6	10°25'25.05"N 78°38'50.88"E	-4420	-4044	40.61	1.28	41.89
AAQ7	10°25'26.37"N 78°41'53.67"E	1883	4731	37.41	0.39	37.8
AAQ8	10°30'36.43"N 78°40'45.39"E	-1330	3969	42.10	4.50	46.6

**TABLE 4.5: INCREMENTAL & RESULTANT GLC OF SO<sub>2</sub>**

Station Code	Location	X Coordinate (m)	Y Coordinate (m)	Average Baseline SO <sub>2</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Incremental value of SO <sub>2</sub> due to mining (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total SO <sub>2</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (5+6)
AAQ1	10°27'53.90"N 78°40'16.29"E	58	8	7.68	2.48	10.16
AAQ2	10°27'52.18"N 78°40'1.25"E	-399	-43	8.0	2.23	10.23
AAQ3	10°27'39.31"N 78°39'11.83"E	-1911	-440	7.68	0.61	8.29
AAQ4	10°28'47.10"N 78°37'15.10"E	-3863	2125	6.12	0	6.12
AAQ5	10°27'33.80"N 78°41'51.10"E	2671	-2233	6.85	2.04	8.89
AAQ6	10°25'25.05"N 78°38'50.88"E	-4420	-4044	7.0	0	7
AAQ7	10°25'26.37"N 78°41'53.67"E	1883	4731	6.38	0	6.38
AAQ8	10°30'36.43"N 78°40'45.39"E	-1330	3969	6.80	1.66	8.46

**TABLE 4.6: INCREMENTAL & RESULTANT GLC OF NO<sub>x</sub>**

Station Code	Location	X Coordinate (m)	Y Coordinate (m)	Average Baseline NO <sub>x</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Incremental value of NO <sub>x</sub> due to mining (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total NO <sub>x</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) (5+6)
AAQ1	10°27'53.90"N 78°40'16.29"E	58	8	24.11	9.88	33.99
AAQ2	10°27'52.18"N 78°40'1.25"E	-399	-43	21.89	9.25	31.14
AAQ3	10°27'39.31"N 78°39'11.83"E	-1911	-440	24.11	0	24.11
AAQ4	10°28'47.10"N 78°37'15.10"E	-3863	2125	25.25	0	25.25
AAQ5	10°27'33.80"N 78°41'51.10"E	2671	-2233	22.9	4.90	27.8
AAQ6	10°25'25.05"N 78°38'50.88"E	-4420	-4044	24.58	0	24.58
AAQ7	10°25'26.37"N 78°41'53.67"E	1883	4731	21.23	0	21.23
AAQ8	10°30'36.43"N 78°40'45.39"E	-1330	3969	25.19	2.00	27.19

**TABLE 4.7: INCREMENTAL & RESULTANT GLC OF FUGITIVE DUST**

Station Code	Location	X Coordinate (m)	Y Coordinate (m)	Average Baseline Fugitive ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Incremental value of Fugitive due to mining ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Total Fugitive ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) (5+6)
AAQ1	10°27'53.90"N 78°40'16.29"E	58	8	73.09	70	143.09
AAQ2	10°27'52.18"N 78°40'1.25"E	-399	-43	71.35	47	118.35
AAQ3	10°27'39.31"N 78°39'11.83"E	-1911	-440	70.40	0	70.4
AAQ4	10°28'47.10"N 78°37'15.10"E	-3863	2125	65.67	0	65.67
AAQ5	10°27'33.80"N 78°41'51.10"E	2671	-2233	74.75	0	74.75
AAQ6	10°25'25.05"N 78°38'50.88"E	-4420	-4044	72.21	0	72.21
AAQ7	10°25'26.37"N 78°41'53.67"E	1883	4731	70.45	0	70.45
AAQ8	10°30'36.43"N 78°40'45.39"E	-1330	3969	74.73	0	74.73

From the resultant of cumulative concentration i.e., Background + Incremental Concentration of pollutant in all the receptor locations without effective mitigation measures are still within the prescribed NAAQ limits of 100, 80 & 80  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub> respectively. By adopting suitable mitigation measures, the pollutant levels in the atmosphere can be further being controlled.

#### 4.3.4. Common Mitigation Measures for Respective Individual Proposed Projects

**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

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**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 checkups, 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

**4.4 Noise Environment (Impact & Mitigation Measures)**

Noise pollution is mainly due to operation like drilling & blasting and plying of trucks & HEMM. These activities will not cause any problem to the inhabitants of this area because there is no human settlement in close proximity to the project area. Noise modelling has been carried out considering blasting and compressor operation (drilling) and transportation activities.

Predictions have been carried out to compute the noise level at various distances around the working pit due to these major noise-generating sources. Noise modelling has been carried out to assess the impact on surrounding ambient noise levels. Basic phenomenon of the model is the geometric attenuation of sound. Noise at a point generates spherical waves, which are propagated outwards from the source through the air at a speed of 1,100 ft/sec, with the first wave making an ever-increasing sphere with time. As the wave spreads the intensity of noise diminishes as the fixed amount of energy is spread over an increasing surface area of the sphere. The assumption of the model is based on point source relationship i.e., for every doubling of the distance the noise levels are decreased by 6 dB (A).

For hemispherical sound wave propagation through homogeneous loss free medium, one can estimate noise levels at various locations at different sources using model based on first principle.



$$Lp_2 = Lp_1 - 20 \log (r_2/r_1) - Ae_{1,2}$$

Where:

$Lp_1$  &  $Lp_2$  are sound levels at points located at distances  $r_1$  &  $r_2$  from the source.

$Ae_{1,2}$  is the excess attenuation due to environmental conditions. Combined effect of all sources can be determined at various locations by logarithmic addition.

$$Lp_{total} = 10 \log \{10^{(Lp1/10)} + 10^{(Lp2/10)} + 10^{(Lp3/10)} + \dots\}$$

#### 4.4.1 Anticipated Impact

Attenuation due to Green Belt has been taken to be 4.9 dB (A). The inputs required for the model are:

- Source data
- Receptor data
- Attenuation factor

Source data has been computed taking into account of all the machinery and activities used in the mining process.

Same has been listed in Table 4-8.

**TABLE 4.8: ACTIVITY AND NOISE LEVEL PRODUCED BY MACHINERY**

Sl.No.	Machinery / Activity	Impact on Environment?	Noise Produced in dB(A) at 50 ft from source*
1	Blasting	Yes	94
2	Jack Hammer	Yes	88
3	Compressor	No	81
4	Excavator	No	85
5	Tipper	No	84
Total Noise Produced			95.8

\*50 feet from source = 15.24 meters

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration) – Construction Noise Handbook

The total noise to be produced by mining activity is calculated to be 95.8 dB (A). Generally, most mining operations produce noise between 100-109 dB (A). We have considered equipment and operation noise levels (max) to be approx. 109 dB (A) for noise prediction modelling.

**TABLE 4.9: PREDICTED NOISE INCREMENTAL VALUES**

Location ID	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	N7	N8
Maximum Monitored Value (Day) dB(A)	51.2	54.5	44.9	46.1	53.4	51.7	55.1	53.6
Incremental Value dB(A)	60.10	56.58	40.10	26.48	32.14	27.04	26.48	27.43
Total Predicted Noise level dB(A)	60.63	58.67	46.14	46.15	53.43	51.71	55.11	53.61
NAAQ Standards	<b>Industrial</b>		<b>Day Time- 75 dB (A)</b>			<b>Night Time- 70 dB (A)</b>		
	<b>Residential</b>		<b>Day Time- 55 dB (A)</b>			<b>Night Time- 45 dB (A)</b>		

#### 4.4.2 Common Mitigation Measures for Respective Individual Proposed Projects

The following noise mitigation measures are proposed for control of Noise.

- Time intervals for each quarries during blasting.
- Use of personal protective devices i.e., earmuffs and earplugs by workers, who are working in high noise generating areas.
- Limiting time exposure of workers to excessive noise.
- Proper and regular maintenance of vehicles, machinery and other equipment's.

- The noise generated by the machinery will be reduced by proper lubrication of the machinery and other equipment's.
- Speed of trucks entering or leaving the quarry will be limited to moderate speed to prevent undue noise from empty vehicles...
- Noise levels will be controlled by using optimum explosive charge, proper delay detonators and proper stemming to prevent blow out of holes (occasionally).
- Providing proper noise proof enclosure for the workers separated from the noise source and noise prone equipment.
- Provision of Quiet areas, where employees can get relief from workplace noise.
- The development of green belts around the periphery of the quarry site to attenuate noise.
- Regular medical check-up and proper training to personnel to create awareness about adverse noise level effects.

#### 4.4.3 Ground Vibrations

Ground vibrations due to the proposed mining activities are anticipated due to operation of Mining Machines like Excavators, drilling and blasting, transportation vehicles, etc., However, the major source of ground vibration from the quarry is blasting. The major impact of the ground vibrations is observed on the domestic houses located in the villages nearby the mine lease area. The kuchha houses are more prone to cracks and damage due to the vibrations induced by blasting whereas RCC framed structures can withstand more ground vibrations. Apart from this, the ground vibrations may develop a fear factor in the nearby settlements.

Another impact due to blasting activities is fly rocks. These may fall on the houses or agricultural fields nearby the mining lease area and may cause injury to persons or damage to the structures. Nearest habitation from the project area is located 1km Southeast in Karacheri village. The ground vibrations due to the blasting in proposed mine are calculated using the empirical equation.

The empirical equation for assessment of peak particle velocity (PPV) is:

$$V = K [R/Q^{0.5}]^{-B}$$

Where –

V = peak particle velocity (mm/s)

K = site and rock factor constant

Q = maximum instantaneous charge (kg)

B = constant related to the rock and site (usually 1.6)

R = distance from charge (m)

**TABLE 4.10: PREDICTED PPV VALUES DUE TO BLASTING**

Location ID	Maximum Charge in kgs	Nearest Habitation in m	PPV in m/ms
P1	26	418	0.434
P2	84	228	2.922
P3	57	375	0.967
P4	21	295	0.638

From the above, the charge per blast of 84 Kg is well below the Peak Particle Velocity of 8 mm/s as per Directorate General of Mines Safety for safe level criteria through Circular No. 7 dated 29/8/1997. It should be ensured that the explosives used for blasting at one blast should not exceed more than 28 Kg at any point of time. However, as per statutory requirement control measures will be adopted to avoid the impacts due to ground vibrations and fly rocks due to blasting.

#### 4.4.3.1 Common Mitigation Measures for Respective Individual Proposed Projects

- The blasting operations in the cluster quarries are carried out without deep hole drilling and blasting using delay detonators, which reduces the ground vibrations;
- Proper quantity of explosive, suitable stemming materials and appropriate delay system will be adopted to avoid overcharging and for safe blasting;
- Adequate safe distance from blasting will be maintained as per DGMS guidelines;
- Blasting shelter will be provided as per DGMS guidelines;
- Blasting operations will be carried out only during day time;
- The charge per delay will be minimized and preferably a greater number of delays will be used per blasts;
- During blasting, other activities in the immediate vicinity will be temporarily stopped;
- Drilling parameters like depth, diameter and spacing will be properly designed to give proper blast;
- A fully trained explosives blast man (Mining Mate, Mines Foreman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Mines Manager/ 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mines Manager) will be appointed.
- A set of shot firing rules will be drawn up and blasting shall commence outlining the detailed operating procedures that will be followed to ensure that shot firing operations on site take place without endangering the workforce or public.
- Sufficient angular stemming material will be used to confine the explosive force and minimise environmental disturbance caused by venting / misfire.
- The detonators will be connected in a predetermined sequence to ensure that only one charge is detonated at any one time and a NONEL or similar type initiation system will be used.
- The detonation delay sequence shall be designed so as to ensure that firing of the holes is in the direction of free faces so as to minimise vibration effects.
- Appropriate blasting techniques shall be adopted such that the predicted peak particle velocity shall not exceed 8 Hz.
- Vibration monitoring will be carried out every 6 months to check the efficacy of blasting practices

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## **4.5 Ecology and Biodiversity**

### **4.5.1 Impact on Biological Environment**

The developmental programs, policies, and projects operated or managed by government or private bodies can cause potentially significant changes in the physical, biological, and socio-economic environment. In some cases, the changes may be beneficial while in others it may be detrimental to the environment. Accordingly, environmental impact studies are required for systematic identification, qualification, and interpretation of the anticipated changes. The main environmental problems associated with mining activities are deforestation, land degradation (change in topography, soil erosion), visual intrusion, disturbance to the hydrological system, and water, air, and noise pollution which ultimately impact upon the floral and faunal status of the project area.

### **4.5.2. Impact Identification and Evaluation**

In general, impact prediction methods argue that the foremost step in impact appraisal must consider and identify project actions that are likely to bring significant changes in the project environment. The present study determined to predict the likely impacts of the Proposed Rough stone quarry Mining Project in the surrounding environment with a specific focus on biological attributes covering habitats/ecosystems and associated biodiversity. Likely impacts identified were categorized into different levels like direct or primary and indirect or secondary impacts based on the influence of sources of impacts. Parambaikaddu Reserve Forest is located about 2.26 km on the southwest side. There is no National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary in the study area. In addition, No Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife corridors, or, Tiger / Elephant reserves within 10 km of the project area. No Schedule- I species were found in the buffer zone of the proposed project area during the biodiversity assessment.

### **4.5.3. Impact on Flora**

The proposed mine lease area is plain terrain and it is Patta land which is not fit for cultivation. It is mostly devoid of any considerable vegetation. The proposed mine lease area (core zone) not encompasses any designated forest land within it. The vegetation is very sparse and scanty. So, there will be no impact on flora from the mining operation. There will not be much contamination of soil or any other materials from the mining operation. No threatened plant species were reported in the core and buffer study area during the field survey.

#### **4.5.3.1 Anticipated Impact on agricultural land associated with flora**

1. There are no impacts on the nearby agricultural land due to this mining activity.
2. None of the plants will be cut during the operational phase of the mine.

3. There shall be negligible air emissions or effluents from the project site. During loading the truck, dust generation will be likely. This shall be a temporary effect and not anticipated to affect the surrounding vegetation significantly.

Most of the land in the buffer area is undulating terrain with croplands, grass patches, and small shrubs. Hence, there will be no effect on the flora of the region.

#### **4.5.4 Mitigation Measures**

##### **4.5.4.1. General Guidelines for Green Belt Development**

In selecting plant species for green belt and plantation purposes in and around the proposed mine lease area native species, fruit-bearing trees, medicinal plants, and dense canopy trees should be selected. These species should be tolerant to pollution levels as per Bio- Geography zones of India.

After the operation of mining production capacity, green belt and Plantation species should be in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Environmental Clearance Green belt is created not only for the purpose of protecting sensitive areas or maintaining the ecological balance but because they also act as efficient biological filters or sinks for particulate and gaseous emissions, generated by vehicular movements and various industrial and mining activities. Optimally designed green belts can be effective in reducing the impact of fugitive emissions and pollutants accidentally or otherwise released at ground levels.

##### **4.5.4.2. Green Belt Development Plan**

Greenbelt means planting of special type of plants suitable to that particular agro climate zone and soil characteristics in a place which will make the area cooler, reduce air pollution, prevent soil erosion and further improve the soil fertility status. A green belt around the periphery of boundary and road side will be created to avoid erosion of soil, prevention of landslides, minimize the air pollution and noise pollution in the project area. The green plants are capable of absorbing air pollutants and forming sinks for pollutants. Leaves with their vast area in a tree crown, absorb pollutants on their surface, effectively reducing their concentration and noise level in the ambient.

##### **4.5.4.3 Proposed Green Belt**

Extensive green belt development will be started during the construction phase, which will continue till the operation of the plant. About 1500-2000 trees will be planted per hectare all around the plant, approach roads, and township premises. Locally available types of trees which are resistant to pollutants will be planted. In addition to the above, all open spaces available within the premises will be developed as nursery, park, gardens and other forms of greenery. 5 m wide greenbelt will be developed along the plant premises, as per land available.

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#### 4.5.4.4 Guidelines & Techniques for Green Belt Development

An extensive survey of the project area was undertaken to observe the structure and composition of vegetation. Hence a combination of the plant is selected depending upon the topographical suitability and species selected as per SPCB Guideline and ToR. The soil characteristics were kept in mind. Based on this survey and environmental conditions suitable native plants species have been proposed for green belt development plan.

#### 4.5.4.5 Development of Green Belt

The plantation matrix adopted for the green belt development includes pit of 0.3 m x 0.3 m size with a spacing of 2 m x 2 m. In addition, earth filling and manure may also be required for the proper nutritional balance and nourishment of the sapling. It is also recommended that the plantation has to be taken up randomly and the landscaping aspects could be taken into consideration. Multi-layered plantations comprising of medium height trees (7 m to 10 m) and shrubs (5 m height) are proposed for the green belt.

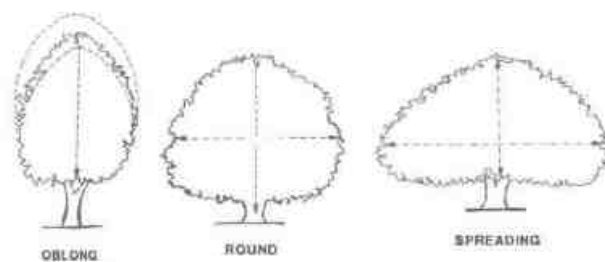
Greenbelt is a set of rows of trees planted in such a fashion, to create effective barrier between the project and surroundings. The greenbelt helps to capture the fugitive emissions, attenuate the noise levels in the existing project and simultaneously improving aesthetics of the surroundings.

#### 4.5.4.6 Design of Green Belt

The present plan comprises the details of field investigations. Plant species for greenbelt development are selected as per CPCB guidelines. The green belt will be developed along the periphery of the Proposed Rough stone quarry. The greenbelt development plan has been formulated considering the parameters such as climate, soil types, topography, etc.

##### a. Characteristic features of plants to be used for Absorption of pollutant gases

- Plant species should be perennial and evergreen with thick canopy cover.
- The crown of the tree (mass of foliage/leaves and branches growing outward from the trunk of the tree) should be either Oblong, Round, or Spreading for effective absorption of pollutant gases.
- Plant should have foliage of longer duration.
- The foliage should be freely exposed through: Adequate height of crown, Openness of foliage/leaves in canopy, Big leaves (long and broad laminar surfaces).



(\*Source: Guidance for Developing Green belts Manual, CPCB 2000)

**Table No 4.11 List of plant species proposed for Greenbelt development**

S. No	Scientific name	Tamil Name
1	<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Vilva maram
2	<i>Albizia lebeck</i>	Vaagai maram
3	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Konrai tree
4	<i>Lannea coromandelica</i>	Othiyam
5	<i>Limonia acidissima</i>	Vila maram
6	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Naval maram
7	<i>Toona ciliata</i>	Santhana Vembu
8	<i>Ficus hispida</i>	Aththi maram
9	<i>Borassus flabellifer</i>	Panai-maram
10	<i>Madhuca longifolia</i>	Illupai maram

(\*Source: Term of Reference-ToR)

**Table No 4.12. Species suitable for abatement of noise and dust pollution**

S. No	Botanical name	Common name
1	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Vembhu maram
2	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Arasan maram
3	<i>Ficus hispida</i>	Aththi maram
4	<i>Bombax ceiba</i>	Mul Elavu
5	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Naval maram
6	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	Puliyamaram

7	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Manga maram
8	<i>Harwickia binata</i>	Anjan maram
9	<i>Delonix regia</i>	Neruppu Kondrai
10	<i>Cassia Fistula</i>	Sara Kondrai

(\*Source: Guidance for Developing Green belts Manual, CPCB 2000)

The above-suggested list covers species with thick canopy cover, perennial green nature, native origin, and a large leaf area index. The proposed species will help in forming an effective barrier between the mine site area and the surroundings.

These species need to be planted along the periphery of the lease area to absorb fugitive emissions and noise levels which is generated during mining activities. All the open spaces, where tree plantation may not be possible, should be covered with shrubs and grass to prevent erosion of topsoil.

#### **Some of the important aspects to be considered are:**

- ✓ The planting of trees in each row will be in staggered orientation.
- ✓ In the front row, shrubs will be grown.
- ✓ Since the trunks of the tall trees are generally devoid of foliage, it will be useful to have shrubs in front of the trees so as to give coverage to this portion.
- ✓ The spacing between the trees will be maintained slightly less than the normal spaces, so that the trees may grow vertically and slightly increase the effective height of the green belt.

#### **4.5.5. Anticipated Impact on Fauna**

- Since the terrestrial fauna in the study area is distributed away from the mine site, the impacts of project are likely to be much low on terrestrial fauna of the region. The proposed mining lease area is devoid of any significant vegetation, it is not suitable for permanent habitat for any specific wildlife.
- Habitat degradation and disturbance to the faunal group due to ground vibration and increase in noise level will be minimized or resolved by modern technologies. So, from above facts, it is revealed that there will be no impact on fauna. No threatened fauna species reported in the core and buffer study area.



#### 4.5.5.1. Measures for protection and conservation of wildlife species

- Topsoil has a large number of seeds of native plant species in the mining area.
- Topsoil will be used for restoration and suitable surfaces for planted seedlings.
- Checks and controls the movement of vehicles in and out of the mine.
- Undertaking mitigative measures for a conducive environment to the flora and fauna in consultation with Forest Department.
- A dust suppression system will be installed within the mine and periphery of the mine.
- Plantation around the mine area will help in creating habitats for small faunal species and create a better environment for various fauna. Creating and developing awareness for nature and wildlife in the adjoining villages.

#### 4.5.6. Impact on Aquatic Biodiversity

Mining activities will not disturb the aquatic ecology as there is no effluent discharge proposed from the Rough stone quarry. There is no natural perennial surface water body within the mine lease area, like wetlands, rivers streams, Odai, Vaari, Canal, Channel, lakes, Ponds, tanks, and farmer sites. There is no impact on fish habitats and the food WEB/ food chain in the water body and Reservoir. There are few seasonal water bodies located in the study area (buffer zone). The seasonal fluctuation of water level (mostly during December) is very evident for these water bodies and most of the water bodies dry up during the peak summer season. Aquatic biodiversity is not observed in the study area.

**TABLE 4.11: RECOMMENDED SPECIES FOR GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Sl.No	Name of the plant (Botanical)	Family Name	Common Name	Habit
1	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Meliaceae	Neem, Vembu	Tree
2	<i>Albiziafalcatorea</i>	Fabaceae	Tamarind, Puliyamaram	Tree
3	<i>Polyalthialongifolia</i>	Annonaceae	Kattumaram	Tree
4	<i>Borassus Flabellifer</i>	Arecaceae	Palmyra Palm	Tree

The 7.5m Safety distance along the boundary has been identified to be utilized for subsequent Afforestation. However, the afforestation should always be carried out in a systematic and scientific manner. Regional trees like Neem, Pongamia, Pinnata, and Casuarina will be planted along the Lease boundary and avenue plantation will be carried out in respective proposed projects. The rate of survival expected to be 80% in this area. Afforestation Plan is given in Table No.4.13 and budget of green belt development plan are given in Table No.4.14.

**TABLE 4.12: GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

<b>PROPOSAL FOR P1 – Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of trees proposed to be planted</b>	<b>Survial %</b>	<b>Area to be planted</b>	<b>Name of the species</b>
I	It is proposed to plant <b>600 Nos</b> of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized areas and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia pinnata, Casuarina, etc
<b>PROPOSAL FOR P2 – Thiru.C. Selvaraj,</b>				
I	It is proposed to plant <b>1300 Nos</b> of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia pinnata, Casuarina, etc.,
<b>PROPOSAL FOR P3 – Thiru. M.Karupaiya</b>				
I	It is proposed to plant <b>980 Nos</b> of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Casuarina, etc
<b>PROPOSAL FOR P4 – Thiru. T.Palanisamy</b>				
I	It is proposed to plant <b>900 Nos</b> of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Casuarina, etc

**TABLE 4.13: BUDGET FOR GREEBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN-P1- Thiru. D. Dineshwaran**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>		<b>YEARS</b>					<b>RATE</b>	<b>COST (Rs.)</b>
		<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>		
Plantation in the quarried out top benches and approach road	Nos.	120	120	120	120	120	@100 Rs Per sapling	60,000/-
	Cost	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000		
Wire Fencing (In Mtrs) 100 Mtrs		30000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	30,000/-
Garland drain (In Mtrs) 80 Mtrs		24000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	24,000/-
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>1,14,000/-</b>

**TABLE 4.14: BUDGET FOR GREEBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN-P2- Thiru.C. Selvaraj,**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>		<b>YEARS</b>					<b>RATE</b>	<b>COST (Rs.)</b>
		<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>		
Plantation in the quarried out top benches and approach road	Nos.	260	260	260	260	260	@100 Rs Per sapling	130,000/-
	Cost	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000		
Wire Fencing (In Mtrs) 70 Mtrs		21000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	21,000/-
Garland drain (In Mtrs) 50 Mtrs		15000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	15,000/-
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>1,66,000/-</b>

**TABLE 4.15: BUDGET FOR GREEBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN-P3- Thiru. M.Karuppaiya**

ACTIVITY		YEARS					RATE	COST (Rs.)
		I	II	III	IV	V		
Plantation in the quarried out top benches and approach road	Nos.	196	196	196	196	196	@100 Rs Per sapling	98,000/-
	Cost	19,600	19,600	19,600	19,600	19,600		
Wire Fencing (In Mtrs) 100 Mtrs		30000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	30,000/-
Garland drain (In Mtrs) 80 Mtrs		24000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	24,000/-
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>1,52,000/-</b>

**TABLE 4.16: BUDGET FOR GREEBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN-P4- Thiru. T. Palanisamy,**

ACTIVITY		YEAR					RATE	AMOUNT (INR)
		I	II	III	IV	V		
Plantation under safety zone	Nos.	90	90	90	90	90	@100 Rs Per sapling	Rs.45,000/-
	Cost	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000		
Plantation cost in the quarried out top benches, approach road and Panchayat road	Nos.	90	90	90	90	90	@100 Rs Per sapling	Rs.45,000/-
	Cost	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000		
Wire Fencing (In Mtrs) 640		1,92,000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	Rs.1,92,000/-
Garland drain (In Mtrs) 400		1,20,000	-	-	-	-	@300 Rs Per Meter	Rs.1,20,000/-
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>Rs.4,02,000/-</b>

After complete extraction of mineral, the excavated pits will be allowed to collect rainwater and seepage water to serve as a reservoir to charge the nearby wells. Fish culture will also be attempted. A bund will be constructed around the pits. In order to minimize the impact of mining on the vegetation outside the mine lease area, it is recommended that adequate protection measures must be implemented. As mining involves movement of vehicles and increased anthropogenic activities, some of the areas can be fenced by involving local people and educating them about increased benefits of such activities.

#### 4.5.3. Anticipated Impact on Fauna

- There is no Wildlife Sanctuary and Biosphere Reserve within 10 km radius of the project site.
- No rare, endemic & endangered species are reported in the buffer zone. However, during the course of mining, the management will practice scientific method of mining with proper Environmental Management Plan including pollution control measures especially for air and noise, to avoid any adverse impact on the surrounding wildlife.
- Fencing around all the proposed mine lease areas will be constructed to restrict the entry of stray animals
- Green belt development will be carried out which will help in minimizing adverse impact on the flora found in the area.

#### 4.5.3.1. Measures for protection and conservation of wildlife species

- Undertaking mitigative measures for conducive environment to the flora and fauna in consultation with Forest Department.
- Dust suppression system will be installed within mine and periphery of mine for all proposed projects
- Plantation around mine area will help in creating habitats for small faunal species and to create better environment for various fauna. Creating and developing awareness for nature and wildlife in the adjoining villages.

#### 4.5.3.2. Mitigation Measures

- All the preventive measures will be taken for growth & development of fauna.
- Creating and development awareness for nature and wildlife in the adjoin villages.
- The workers shall be trained to not harm any wildlife, should it come near the project site. No work shall be carried out after 6.00 pm.

#### 4.5.4. Impact on Aquatic Biodiversity

Mining activities will not disturb the existing aquatic ecology as there is no effluent discharge proposed from the rough stone and gravel quarry. There is no natural perennial surface water body within the mine lease area. Hence, aquatic biodiversity is not observed in the mine lease area.

#### 4.5.5. Impact Assessment on Biological Environment

A detail of impact and assessments was mentioned in Table No 4.15.

**TABLE 4.17: ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

S.No	Attributes	Assessment
1	Impact of mining activity on agricultural land nearby the proposed project site.	Agricultural land is located away from the proposed project site. There are no impacts on the agricultural land & Horticulture.
	Activities of the project affect the breeding/nesting sites of birds and animals	No breeding and nesting site was identified in the mining lease site. The fauna sighted mostly migrated from the buffer area.
2	Located near an area populated by rare or endangered species	No Endangered, Critically Endangered, or vulnerable species were sighted in the core mining lease area.
3	Proximity to national park/wildlife sanctuary/reserve forest /mangroves/coastline/estuary/sea	There is no Eco Sensitive zone/ Critically polluted area/ HACA/CRZ located within 10 km radius of the area. Parambaikaddu Reserve forest is located about 2.26 km on the southwest side.
4	The proposed project restricts access to waterholes for wildlife	'No '
5	Proposed mining project impact surface water quality that also provides water to wildlife	'No 'scheduled or threatened wildlife animals sighted regularly core in the core area.

6	Proposed mining project increases siltation that would affect nearby biodiversity areas.	Surface runoff management such as drains is constructed properly so there will be no siltation effect in the nearby mining area.
7	Risk of fall/slip or cause death to wild animals due to project activities.	'No'
8	The project release effluents into a water body that also supplies water to a wildlife.	Mining activities will not disturb the aquatic ecology as there is no effluent discharge proposed from the Rough stone quarry. so the chances of water becoming polluted is low.
9	Mining projects affect the forest-based livelihood/ any specific forest product on which local livelihood depended.	'No'
10	The project likely to affect migration routes.	'No' migration route observed during the monitoring period.
11	The project is likely to affect the flora of an area, which have medicinal value	'No'
12	Forestland is to be diverted, has carbon high sequestration.	'No' There was no forest land diverted.
13	The project is likely to affect wetlands, Fish breeding grounds, and marine ecology.	'No'. Wetland was not present in the near core Mining lease area. No breeding and nesting ground is present in the core mining area.

(\*Source: EIA Guidance Manual-Mining and Minerals, 2010)

**TABLE 4.18: ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY**

Sl. No	Aspect Description	Likely Impacts on Ecology and Biodiversity (EB)	Impact Consequence - Probability Description / Justification	Significance	Mitigation Measures
<b>Pre-Mining Phase</b>					
1	Uprooting of vegetation of lease area	Site specific loss of common floral diversity (Direct impact)	Site possesses common floral (not trees) species. Clearance of these species will not result in loss of flora	Less severe	No immediate action required. However, Greenbelt /plantation will be developed in project site and in periphery of the project boundary, which will improve flora and fauna diversity of the project area.
		Site specific loss of associated faunal diversity (Partial impact)	Site supports only common species, which use wide variety of habitats of the buffer zone reserve forest area. So, there is no threat of faunal diversity.		
		-Loss of Habitat (Direct impact)	Site does not form Unique / critical habitat structure for		

			unique flora or fauna.		
<b>Mining phase</b>					
2	Excavation of mineral using machine and labours, Transportation activities will generate noise.	Site-specific disturbance to normal faunal movements at the site due to noise. (Partial impact)	Site does not form unique / critical habitat structure for unique flora or fauna.	Less severe	Mining activity should not be operated after 5PM. Excavation of dump and transportation work should stop before 7PM.
3	Vehicular Movement for transportation of materials will result in generation of dust (SPM) due to haul roads and emission of SO <sub>2</sub> ,NO <sub>2</sub> ,CO etc.	Impact on surrounding agriculture and associated fauna due to deposition of dust and Emission of CO. (Indirect impact)	Impact is less as the agricultural land far from core area.	Less severe	All vehicles will be certified for appropriate Emission levels. More plantation has been suggested Upgrade the vehicles with alternative fuel such as biodiesel, methanol and biofuel around the mining area.

## 4.6 Socio Economic Impacts

### 4.6.1 Construction Phase

#### *Anticipated Impacts:*

- ♣ No. of people will get employment during the construction stage resulting in the ancillary development and growth. Nearby Local people will be given preference for employment on the basis of their skill and experience.
- ♣ Further due to proposed project, influx of working community will also generate an indirect employment through development of nearby market/ shops, trade centers, activities, transportation etc.
- ♣ Population influx during the construction phase can introduce various water and vector borne diseases which can lead to various unhygienic health problems in the area by disturbing the existing sanitation infrastructure.
- ♣ Rapid diverse population influx at the project site can create unusual behavioural activity such as worker-community conflicts, increase violence such as theft/stabbing, and increased consumption of drugs/alcohol within the area.
- ♣ Impacts on the health of nearby villagers can be envisaged due to the transportation activities leading to short term exposure of fugitive dust, resulting in various acute diseases such as increased eye irritation, nausea, headache etc.

#### **Mitigation measures:**

- ♣ Deploying of mobile toilets or the construction of temporary toilets will be done near to the construction site with the adequate water supply.
- ♣ Awareness programme will be conducted before the monsoon season regarding the spread of water borne/ vector diseases.
- ♣ Mosquito repellents will be provided in the nearby villages and at construction site to avoid the spread of diseases.
- ♣ To overcome behavioral impact, proper site in charge with timely supervision will be done. In advance, facilities with equipped medical and safety services will be provided to take a control over the incident/violence if any caused.

♣ To overcome behavioral impact, supervision will be done by site in charge. In advance, emergency cell will be formed with fully equipped communication system, medical and safety services to take control over the incident/violence caused.

#### **4.6.2 Operation Phase:**

##### ***Anticipated Impacts:***

♣ Long term exposure to the pollutants such as PM, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> Cement dust have a potential to create health impacts such as risk of cardiovascular and respiratory disease, eye irritation, bronchitis, lung damage, increased heart ailments, etc.

♣ Other impacts, associated with the applied for rough stone and Gravel quarry Project will create a positive impact as it will result in the overall development of the area in respect to the infrastructure development, educational growth, health facilities etc., as a part of the CSR activity.

##### ***Mitigation Measures:***

♣ In order to mitigate the long-term health impacts, efficient Air Pollution Control Equipment (APCE) like Bag House / Bag Filter / ESP will be installed at all major stacks to keep the emissions within the permissible limits. To reduce the gaseous emission, Pyro-process itself acts as a long SO<sub>2</sub> scrubber and De - NO<sub>x</sub> system will be installed for fuel burning along with calciner for low NO<sub>x</sub> formation. To reduce fugitive emission from vehicles and machineries will be regularly monitored and maintained.

♣ For emergency, proposed to develop an occupational health centre for its employees and nearby villagers.

#### **4.6.3 Impact Evaluation:**

**Table 4.6.3 Impact Evaluation** *Impact evaluation is given in table below.*

<b>Impact Evaluation Element</b>	Impact on socio economics due to the applied for rough stone and Gravel quarry over an cluster extent of 7.80.5 ha of Patta lands in Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu State.			
<b>Potential Effect/ Concern</b>	Proposed project will provide direct & indirect employment opportunities to the local residents, which will help to increase their earning and better living standard as well as further up-liftment of socio-economic status of the area.			
<b>Characteristics of Impacts</b>				
Nature	Positive		Negative	Netural
	✓			
Type	Direct	Indirect	Cumulative	
			✓	
Extent	Project area	Local	Zonal	Regional
	✓			
Duration	Short time		Long term	
			✓	

Intensity	Low		Medium	High
				✓
Frequency	Remote (R)	Occasional (O)	Periodic (P)	Continuous (C)
			✓	
Significance of Impact				
Significance	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major
			✓	

#### 4.7 Occupational Health and Safety

Occupational health and safety hazards occur during the operational phase of mining and primarily include the following:

- Respiratory hazards
- Noise
- Physical hazards
- Explosive storage and handling

##### 4.7.1 Respiratory Hazards

Long-term exposure to silica dust may cause silicosis the following measures are proposed:

- Cabins of excavators and tippers will be enclosed with AC and sound proof
- Use of personal dust masks will be made compulsory

##### 4.7.2 Noise

Workers are likely to get exposed to excessive noise levels during mining activities. The following measures are proposed for implementation

- No employee will be exposed to a noise level greater than 85 dB(A) for a duration of more than 8 hours per day without hearing protection
- The use of hearing protection will be enforced actively when the equivalent sound level over 8 hours reaches 85 dB(A), the peak sound levels reach 140 dB(C), or the average maximum sound level reaches 110 dB(A)
- Ear muffs provided will be capable of reducing sound levels at the ear to at least 85 dB(A)
- Periodic medical hearing checks will be performed on workers exposed to high noise levels

##### 4.7.3 Physical Hazards

The following measures are proposed for control of physical hazards

- Specific personnel training on work-site safety management will be taken up;
- Work site assessment will be done by rock scaling of each surface exposed to workers to prevent accidental rock falling and / or landslide, especially after blasting activities;



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- Natural barriers, temporary railing, or specific danger signals will be provided along rock benches or other pit areas where work is performed at heights more than 2m from ground level;
  - Maintenance of yards, roads and footpaths, providing sufficient water drainage and preventing slippery surfaces with an all-weather surface, such as coarse gravel will be taken up

#### **4.7.4 Occupational Health Survey**

All the persons will undergo pre-employment and periodic medical examination. Employees will be monitored for occupational diseases by conducting the following tests

- General physical tests
- Audiometric tests
- Full chest, X-ray, Lung function tests, Spirometric tests
- Periodic medical examination – yearly
- Lung function test – yearly, those who are exposed to dust
- Eye test

Essential medicines will be provided at the site. The medicines and other test facilities will be provided at free of cost. The first aid box will be made available at the mine for immediate treatment.

First aid training will be imparted to the selected employees regularly. The lists of first aid trained members shall be displayed at strategic places.

#### **4.8 Mine Waste Management**

No waste is anticipated from any of the proposed quarries.

#### **4.9 Mine Closure**

Mine closure plan is the most important environmental requirement in mining projects. The mine closure plan should cover technical, environmental, social, legal and financial aspects dealing with progressive and post closure activities. The closure operation is a continuous series of activities starting from the decommissioning of the project. Therefore, progressive mine closure plan should be specifically dealt with in the mining plan and is to be reviewed along with mining plan. As progressive mine closure is a continuous series of activities, it is obvious that the proposals of scientific mining have included most of the activities to be included in the closure plan. While formulating the closure objectives for the site, it is important to consider the existing or the pre-mining land use of the site; and how the operation will affect this activity.

The primary aim is to ensure that the following broad objectives along with the abandonment of the mine can be successfully achieved:

- To create a productive and sustainable after-use for the site, acceptable to mine owners, regulatory agencies, and the public
  - To protect public health and safety of the surrounding habitation
  - To minimize environmental damage
  - To conserve valuable attributes and aesthetics
  - To overcome adverse socio-economic impacts.
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### 4.9.1 Mine Closure Criteria

The criteria involved in mine closure are discussed below:

#### 4.9.1.1 Physical Stability

All anthropogenic structures, which include mine workings, buildings, rest shelters etc., remaining after mine decommissioning should be physically stable. They should present no hazard to public health and safety as a result of failure or physical deterioration and they should continue to perform the functions for which they were designed. The design periods and factors of safety proposed should take full account of extreme events such as floods, hurricane, winds or earthquakes, etc. and other natural perpetual forces like erosion, etc.,

#### 4.9.1.2 Chemical Stability

The solid wastes on the mine site should be chemically stable. This means that the consequences of chemical changes or conditions leading to leaching of metals, salts or organic compounds should not endanger public health and safety nor result in the deterioration of environmental attributes. If the pollutant discharge likely to cause adverse impacts is predicted in advance, appropriate mitigation measures like settling of suspended solids or passive treatment to improve water quality as well as quantity, etc., could be planned. Monitoring should demonstrate that there is no adverse effect of pollutant concentrations exceeding the statutory limits for the water, soil and air qualities in the area around the closed mine.

#### 4.9.1.3 Biological Stability

The stability of the surrounding environment is primarily dependent upon the physical and chemical characteristics of the site, whereas the biological stability of the mine site itself is closely related to rehabilitation and final land use. Nevertheless, biological stability can significantly influence physical or chemical stability by stabilizing soil cover, prevention of erosion/wash off, leaching, etc.,

A vegetation cover over the disturbed site is usually one of the main objectives of the rehabilitation programme, as vegetation cover is the best long-term method of stabilizing the site. When the major earthwork components of the rehabilitation programme have been completed, the process of establishing a stable vegetation community begins. For re-vegetation, management of soil nutrient levels is an important consideration. Additions of nutrients are useful under three situations.

- Where the nutrient level of spread topsoil is lower than material in-situ e.g. for development of social forestry
- Where it is intended to grow plants with a higher nutrient requirement than those occurring naturally e.g. planning for agriculture
- Where it is desirable to get a quick growth response from the native flora during those times when moisture is not a limiting factor e.g. development of green barriers

The Mine closure plan should be as per the approved mining plan. The mine closure is a part of approved mine plan and activities of closure shall be carried out as per the process described in mine closure plan.

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## CHAPTER – 5: ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES (TECHNOLOGY AND SITE)

### 5.0 Introduction:

Consideration of alternatives to a project proposal is a requirement of EIA process. This quarry is site specific. The site has been selected based on geological investigation and exploration and from the Existing quarry pits around the project site. Drilling, Blasting, Excavation, Loading & Transportation will be carried out in this quarrying operation.

- This area denotes the indicative of flow pattern of the rock mass in N30<sup>0</sup>E to S30<sup>0</sup>W with dipping SE60<sup>0</sup>.
- Transportation facility for materials & manpower.
- Overall impact on environment and mitigation feasibility.
- Socio – economic background.

Enough infrastructure exists and lesser resources are required to be deployed. Since, any major construction for infrastructure is not required and hence does not affect the environment considerably.

### 5.1 Factors Behind the Selection of Project Site

Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Projects at Veerapatti cluster quarries are a site specific. The proposed mining lease area has following advantages: -

- The mineral deposit occurs in a non-forest area.
- There is no habitation within the project area; hence no R & R issues exist.
- There is no river, stream, nallah and water bodies in the applied mine lease area.
- Availability of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers in this region.
- All the basic amenities such as medical, fire fighting, education, transportation, communication and infrastructural facilities are well connected and accessible.
- The mining operations will not intersect the ground water level. Hence, no impact on ground water environment.
- Study area falls in seismic zone – III, there is no major history of landslides, earthquake, subsidence etc., recorded in the past history.

### 5.2 Analysis of Alternative Site

The mineral deposits are site specific in nature; hence, question of seeking alternate site does not arise for this project.

### 5.3 Factors Behind Selection of Proposed Technology

Mechanized open cast mining operation with drilling and blasting method will be used to extract Rough Stone and Gravel in the area. The quarry areas fall in the clusters has following advantages –

- As the mineral deposition is homogeneous and batholith formation, therefore opencast method of working out deposit is preferred over underground method.

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- The material will be loaded after sprinkling with water with the help of excavators into dumpers / trippers and transported to the needy customers.
  - Blasting and availability of drills along with controlled blasting technology gives desired fragmentation so that the mineral is handled safely and used without secondary blasting.

Semi skilled labours fit for quarrying operations are easily available around the nearby villages.

#### ***5.4 Analysis of Alternative Technology***

Open cast mechanized method has been selected for this project. This technology is having least gestation period, economically viable, safest and less labour intensive. The method has inbuilt flexibility for increasing or decreasing the production as per market condition.

## CHAPTER – 6: ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAMME

### 6.0 General

Environmental Monitoring will be taken up for various environmental components as per conditions stipulated in Environmental Clearance Letter issued by MoEF & Consent to Operate issued by the State Pollution Control Board. Monitoring reports will be submitted to regulator as per statutory requirements. The entire monitoring work will be carried out by MoEF & CC / NABL recognized laboratories.

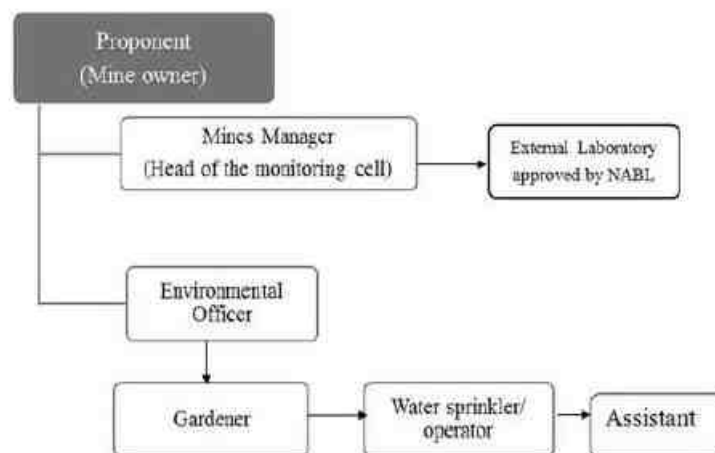
The monitoring and evaluation of environmental parameters indicates potential changes occurring in the environment, which paves way for implementation of rectifying measures wherever required to maintain the status of the natural environment. Evaluation is also a very effective tool to judge the effectiveness or deficiency of the measures adopted and provides insight for future corrections.

### 6.1 Methodology of Monitoring Mechanism

Implementation of EMP and periodic monitoring will be carried out by the proponents and respective quarry owners in the cluster quarries. A comprehensive monitoring mechanism has been devised for monitoring of impacts due to proposed project; Mine Management Level environmental protection measures like dust suppression, treatment and recycling of waste water, control of noise due to blasting and Ground vibration, maintenance of machinery and vehicles, housekeeping in the mine premises, plantation, implementation of other hand, implementation of area level protection measures like plantation and green Environmental Management Plan and environmental clearance conditions will be monitored by the proponent. On the belt development, environmental quality monitoring etc.,

An environment monitoring cell (EMC) will be constituted at the quarry consisting of following members to monitor the implementation of EMP and other environmental protection measures.

**FIGURE 6.1 HIERARCHY OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL**



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

The environmental monitoring cell will co-ordinate all monitoring programs at site and data thus generated will be regularly furnished to the State regulatory agencies. The sampling and analysis report of the monitored environmental attributes will be submitted to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) at a frequency of monthly, half-yearly and yearly. The half-yearly reports will be submitted to Ministry of Environment and Forest, Regional Office and SEIAA as well.

The sampling and analysis of the environmental attributes will be as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)/Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC).

## 6.2 *Implementation Schedule of Mitigation Measures*

The mitigation measures proposed in Chapter-4 will be implemented so as to reduce the impact on the environment due to the operations of the proposed project. Implementation schedule of mitigation measures is given in Table 6.1.

**TABLE 6.1 IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

Sl No.	Recommendations	Time Period	Schedule
1	Land Environment Control Measures	Before commissioning of the project	Immediately after the commencement of the project
2	Soil Quality Control Measures	Before commissioning of the project	Immediately after the commencement of the project
3	Water Pollution Control Measures	Before commissioning of the project and along with mining operation	Immediately and as project progress
4	Air Pollution Control Measures	Before commissioning of the project and along with mining operation	Immediately and as project progress
5	Noise Pollution Control Measures	Before commissioning of the project and along with mining operation	Immediately and as project progress
6	Ecological Environment	Phase wise implementation every year along with mine operations	Immediately and as project progress

## 6.3 *Monitoring Schedule and Frequency*

The environmental monitoring will be conducted in the mine operations as follows:

- Air quality;
- Water and wastewater quality;
- Noise levels;

- Soil Quality; and
- Greenbelt Development

The details of monitoring are detailed in Table 6.2

**TABLE 6.2: PROPOSED MONITORING SCHEDULE POST EC FOR P1 TO P4**

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 <sub>2.5</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> .
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

Source: Guidance of manual for mining of minerals, February 2010

#### **6.4 Environmental Policy of the Proponents**

The project proponents in the proposed quarries are committed to ensure that:

- Protect the environment by control and prevention of pollution and promote green environment.
- To operate the quarry with an objective of no injuries and accidents at the work place and provide a safe work place for our employees, contractors and others who perform their duties.
- Adequate health care will be taken to all the employees and create process to reduce the adverse effect of the operations on Health of the employees.
- Provide safety appliance and continuous training in safety to employees to ensure safe production and achieve the target of zero accidents.
- Develop safe working methods and practices, remove unsafe work conditions and consider all the aspects at the early stages of process development to provide safe working atmosphere.
- Communicate Safety, Health and Environmental Policy to all employees for better understanding and practice.

### 6.5 *Budgetary Provision for Environmental Monitoring Programme*

The cost in respect of monitoring of environmental attributes, parameter to be monitored, sampling/monitoring locations with frequency and cost provision against each proposal is shown in Table 6.3. Monitoring work will be outsourced to external laboratory approved by NABL / MoEF.

The proposed total cost for Environmental Monitoring Programme for Four proposed quarries in cluster for the mining plan period is Rs 15,20,000/-.

**TABLE 6.3 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING BUDGET**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Sl. Nos</b>	<b>Capital Cost</b>
Air Quality, Meteorology, Water Quality, Hydrology, Soil Quality Noise Quality, Vibration Study Greenbelt	P1	Rs.3,80,000/-
	P2	Rs.3,80,000/-
	P3	Rs.3,80,000/-
	P4	Rs.3,80,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,20,000/-</b>

Source: Approved Mining Plan

### 6.6 *Reporting Schedules of Monitored Data*

The monitored data on Air quality, Water quality, Noise levels and other environmental attributes will be periodically examined by the proponent with Environmental Monitoring cell and necessary corrective measures will be carried out. The monitoring data will be submitted to Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board in the Compliance to CTO Conditions & environmental audit statements every year to MoEF & CC and Half-Yearly Compliance Monitoring Reports to MoEF & CC Regional Office and SEIAA.

Periodical reports to be submitted to: -

- MoEF & CC – Half yearly status report
- TNPCB - Half yearly status report
- Department of Geology and Mining: quarterly, half yearly annual reports
- SEIAA, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Besides the Mines Manager/Agent will submit the periodical reports to –

- Director of mines safety,
- Labour enforcement officer,
- Controller of explosives as per the norms stipulated by the department.



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## CHAPTER – 7: ADDITIONAL STUDIES

### 7.0 General

The following Additional Studies were done as per items identified by project proponent and items identified by regulatory authority. Items identified by public and other stakeholders will be incorporated after Public Hearing.

- Public Consultation
- Risk Assessment
- Disaster Management Plan
- Cumulative Impact Study
- Plastic Waste Management
- Post-COVID Health Management Plan

### 7.1. *Public Consultation:*

Application to The Member Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) to conduct Public Hearing in a systematic, time bound and transparent manner ensuring widest possible public participation at the project site or in its close proximity in the district is submitted along with this Draft EIA / EMP Report and the outcome of public hearing proceedings will be detailed in the Final EIA/EMP Report.

### 7.2 *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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 cluster 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. Risk Assessment is all about prevention of accidents and to take necessary steps to prevent it from happening.

Factors of risks involved due to human induced activities in connection with mining & allied activities with detailed analysis of causes and control measures for the mine is given in below Table 7.1.

**TABLE 7.1 RISK ASSESSMENT & CONTROL MEASURES**

S. No	Risk factors	Causes of risk	Control measures
1	Accidents due to explosives and heavy mining machineries	Improper handling and unsafe working practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All safety precautions and provisions of Mine Act, 1952, Metalliferous Mines Regulation, 1961 and Mines Rules, 1955 will be strictly followed during all mining operations;</li> <li>▪ Entry of unauthorized persons will be prohibited;</li> <li>▪ Fire fighting and first-aid provisions in the mine office complex and mining area;</li> <li>▪ Provisions of all the safety appliances such as safety boot, helmets, goggles etc. will be made available to the employees and regular check for their use.</li> <li>▪ Working of quarry, as per approved plans and regularly updating the mine plans;</li> <li>▪ Cleaning of mine faces shall be daily done in order to avoid any overhang or undercut;</li> <li>▪ Handling of explosives, charging and firing shall be carried out by competent persons only under the supervision of a Mine Manager;</li> <li>▪ Maintenance and testing of all mining equipment as per manufacturer 's guidelines.</li> </ul>
2	Drilling& Blasting	<p>Due to improper and unsafe practices</p> <p>Due to high pressure of compressed air, hoses may burst</p> <p>Drill Rod may break</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safe operating procedure established for drilling (SOP) will be strictly followed.</li> <li>▪ Only trained operators will be deployed.</li> <li>▪ No drilling shall be commenced in an area where shots have been fired until the blaster/blasting foreman has made a thorough Examination of all places.</li> <li>▪ Drilling shall not be carried on simultaneously on the benches at places directly one above the other.</li> <li>▪ Periodical preventive maintenance and replacement of worn-out accessories in the compressor and drill equipment as per operator manual.</li> <li>▪ All drills unit shall be provided with wet drilling shall be maintained in efficient working in condition.</li> <li>▪ Operator shall regularly use all the personal protective equipment.</li> </ul>
3	Blasting	Fly rock, ground vibration, Noise and dust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The maximum charge per delay and by optimum blast hole pattern, vibrations will be controlled within the permissible limit and blast can be conducted safely.</li> </ul>

		Improper charging, stemming & Blasting/fining of blast holes  Vibration due to movement of vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SOP for Charging, Stemming &amp; Blasting/Firing of Blast Holes will be followed by blasting crew during initial stage of operation</li> <li>▪ Shots are fired during daytime only.</li> <li>▪ All holes charged on any one day shall be fired on the same day.</li> <li>▪ The danger zone is and will be distinctly demarcated (by means of red flags)</li> </ul>
4	Transportation	Potential hazards and unsafe workings contributing to accident and injuries  Overloading of material  While reversal & overtaking of vehicle  Operator of truck leaving his cabin when it is loaded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Before commencing work, drivers personally check the dumper/truck/tipper for oil(s), fuel and water levels, tyre inflation, general cleanliness and inspect the brakes, steering system, warning devices including automatically operated audio visual reversing alarm, rear view mirrors, side indicator lights etc., are in good condition.</li> <li>▪ Not allow any unauthorized person to ride on the vehicle nor allow any unauthorized person to operate the vehicle.</li> <li>▪ Concave mirrors should be kept at all corners</li> <li>▪ All vehicles should be fitted with reverse horn with one spotter at every tipping point</li> <li>▪ Loading according to the vehicle capacity</li> <li>▪ Periodical maintenance of vehicles as per operator manual</li> </ul>
5	Natural calamities	Unexpected happenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Escape Routes will be provided to prevent inundation of storm water</li> <li>▪ Fire Extinguishers &amp; Sand Buckets</li> </ul>
6	Failure of Mine Benches and Pit Slope	Slope geometry, Geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ultimate or over all pit slope shall be below 60° and each bench height shall be 5m height.</li> </ul>

### 7.3 Disaster Management Plan

Natural disasters like Earthquake, Land slides has 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.

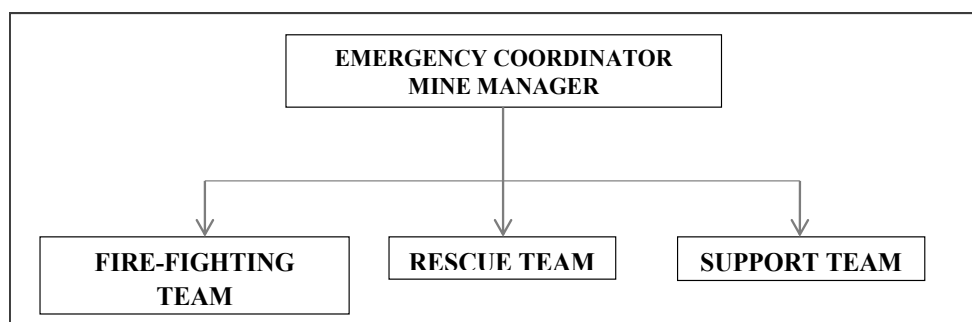
The objective of the Disaster Management Plan is to make use of the combined resources of the mine and the outside services to achieve the following:

- 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.

In case a disaster takes place, despite preventive actions, disaster management will have to be done in line with the descriptions below. There is an organization proposed for dealing with the emergency situations and the coordination among key personnel and their team has been shown in Fig 7.1.

**FIGURE 7.1: DISASTER MANAGEMENT TEAM LAYOUT FOR P1 TO P4**



The emergency organization shall be headed by emergency coordinator who will be qualified competent mine manager. There would be three teams for taking care of emergency situations – Fire-Fighting Team, Rescue Team and Support Team. The proposed composition of the teams is given in Table 7.2.

**TABLE 7.2: PROPOSED TEAMS TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCY SITUATION**

DESIGNATION	QUALIFICATION
<b>FIRE-FIGHTING TEAM</b>	
Team Leader/ Emergency Coordinator (EC)	Mines Manager
Team Member	Mines Foreman
Team Member	Mining Mate
<b>RESCUE TEAM</b>	
Team Leader/ Emergency Coordinator (EC)	Mines Manager
Team Member/ Incident Controller (IC)	Environment Officer
Team Member	Mining Foreman
<b>SUPPORT TEAM</b>	
Team Leader/ Emergency Coordinator (EC)	Mines Manager
Assistant Team Leader	Environment Officer
Team Member	Mining Mate
Security Team Leader/ Emergency Security Controller	Mines Foreman

Once the mine becomes operational, the above table along with names of personnel will be prepared and made easily available to workers. A mobile communication network and wireless shall connect Mine Emergency Control Room (MECR) to control various departments of the mine, fire station and neighbouring industrial units/mines.

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**Roles and responsibilities of emergency team –****(a) Emergency coordinator (EC)**

The emergency coordinator shall assume absolute control of site

**(b) Incident controller (IC)**

Incident controller shall be a person who shall go to the scene of emergency and supervise the action plan to overcome or contain the emergency. Shift supervisor or Environmental Officer shall assume the charge of IC.

**(c) Communication and advisory team**

The advisory and communication team shall consist of heads of Mining Departments i.e., Mines Manager

**(d) Roll call coordinator**

The Mine Foreman shall be Roll Call Coordinator. The roll call coordinator will conduct the roll call and will evacuate the mine personnel to assembly point. His prime function shall be to account for all personnel on duty.

**(e) Search and rescue team**

There shall be a group of people trained and equipped to carryout rescue operation of trapped personnel. The people trained in first aid and fire-fighting shall be included in search and rescue team

**(f) Emergency security controller**

Emergency Security Controller shall be senior most security person located at main gate office and directing the outside agencies e.g. fire brigade, police, doctor and media men etc.,

**Emergency control procedure –**

The onset of emergency, will in all probability, commence with a major fire or explosion or collapse of wall along excavation and shall be detected by various safety devices and also by members of operational staff on duty. If located by a staff member on duty, he (as per site emergency procedure of which he is adequately briefed) will go to nearest alarm call point, break glass and trigger off the alarms. He will also try his best to inform about location and nature of accident to the emergency control room. In accordance with work emergency procedure the following key activities will immediately take place to interpret and take control of emergency.

- On site fire crew led by a fireman will arrive at the site of incident with fire foam tenders and necessary equipment.
- Emergency security controller will commence his role from main gate office
- Incident controller shall rush to the site of emergency and with the help of rescue team and will start handling the emergency.
- Site main controller will arrive at MECR with members of his advisory and communication team and will assume absolute control of the site.
  - He will receive information continuously from incident controller and give decisions and directions to:
    - Incident controller
    - Mine control rooms
    - Emergency security controller

### Proposed fire extinguishers at different locations –

The following type of fire extinguishers is proposed at strategic locations within the quarry.

Location	Type of Fire Extinguishers
Electrical Equipment's	CO <sub>2</sub> type, foam type, dry chemical powder type
Fuel Storage Area	CO <sub>2</sub> type, foam type, dry chemical powder type, Sand bucket
Office Area	Dry chemical type, foam type

### Alarm system to be followed during disaster –

On receiving the message of disaster from Site Controller, fire-fighting team, the mine control room attendant will sound siren wailing for 5 minutes. Incident controller will arrange to broadcast disaster message through public address system.

On receiving the message of "Emergency Over" from Incident Controller the emergency control room attendant will give "All Clear Signal", by sounding alarm straight for 2 minutes.

The features of alarm system will be explained to one and all to avoid panic or misunderstanding during disaster.

### In order to prevent or take care of hazard / disasters if any the following control measures have been adopted.

- All safety precautions and provisions of Metalliferous Mines Regulations (MMR), 1961 is strictly followed during all mining operations
- Fire fighting and first-aid provisions in the mines office complex and mining area will be provided.
- Provisions of all the safety appliances such as safety boot, helmets, goggles, dust masks, ear plugs and ear muffs etc. are made available to the employees and the use of same is strictly adhered to through regular monitoring
- Training and refresher courses for all the employees working in the quarry in phase manner
- Cleaning of mine faces will be carried out regularly
- Provision of high-capacity standby pumps with generator sets with enough quantity of diesel for emergency pumping especially during monsoon.
- A blasting SIREN will be used at the time of blasting for audio signal.
- Checking of blasting area for any un-blasted hole or material.
- Warning notice boards indicating the time of blasting and NOT TO TRESPASS will be displayed at prominent places

## 7.4 CUMULATIVE IMPACT STUDY

There are 7 proposed and 1 existing quarries, 13 abandoned quarry 1 Expired quarry falls in the cluster. The list of quarries is as below –

**TABLE 7.3: LIST OF QUARRIES WITHIN 500 METER RADIUS FROM THIS PROPOSAL**

PROPOSED QUARRIES				
CODE	Name of the Proponent and Address	S.F. Nos, Village & Taluk	Extent in Ha	Status
P1	<b>Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran</b> S/o. Devadass, No,54/B, Periyasengapatti,	145/3A & 145/4A of Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	0.87.5	Obtained ToR vide, Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9247/SEAC/ToR- 1200/2022 Dated:14.07.2022

	Annasaval, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District			
P2	<b>Thiru.C. Selvaraj,</b> S/o.Chokkalingam, No.34/D, Sengapatti, Annasaval, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	159/5B2, 160, 161/1, 159/3A, 159/3B, 159/3C,159/4A, 159/4B, 159/5A and 159/5B1, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	2.17.0	Obtained ToR vide, Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9242/ToR-1199/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P3	<b>Thiru. M.Karuppaiya</b> S/o.Maduraiveeran, No.252, West Street, Mannavelampatti, Mangudi, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	153/11, 153/9A2 & 153/7A1B2A, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	1.62.5	Obtained ToR Vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9249/ ToR-1201/2022 Dated:14.07.2022
P4	<b>Thiru. T. Palanisamy,</b> S/o.Thirumeni, No.15/2, Vadugar street, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	145/1, 144/4B, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	1.49.0	Lr.No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.9518/2022 Dated:09.02.2023- Thiru. T. Palanisamy
<b>Toatl Extent</b>			<b>6.16.0</b>	
<b>EXISTING QUARRIES</b>				
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b>	<b>S.F. Nos, Village &amp; Taluk</b>	<b>Extent in Ha</b>	<b>Lease Period</b>
<b>E1</b>	<b>Thiru.P.Sabapathi</b> S/o.Palanyandi, Seethapatty, Kilikudi Post, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	153/2 & etc., Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	1.18.5	23.08.2017 to 22.08.2022
<b>E2</b>	<b>Thiru.D.Ramu Servai</b> S/O. Duraisamy Servai, Mannavelampatti, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	153/6B, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	0.46.0	29.09.2017 to 28.09.2022
<b>Toatl Extent</b>			<b>1.64.5</b>	
<b>EXPIRED QURRIES</b>				
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b>	<b>S.F. Nos, Village &amp; Taluk</b>	<b>Extent in Ha</b>	<b>Lease Period</b>
<b>Ex-1</b>	<b>Thiru.C. Shanmugam,</b> S/O. Chidambaram, Sivankoil Theru, IlluppurPost & Taluk, Pudukkottai District	532/3J, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.60.5</b>	19.01.2017 to 18.01.2022
<b>Ex-2</b>	<b>Thiru.A.Alagupandiyen</b> S/O.Alaguperumal, Poikadippatti, IlluppurPost & Taluk,	148/3A, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.33.0</b>	30.12.2016 to 29.12.2021
<b>Ex-3</b>	<b>Thiru.A.Alagupandiyen</b> S/O.Alaguperumal, Veerappatti, Illuppur Post & Taluk,	145/3A, 145/4A, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.87.5</b>	01.03.2016 to 28.02.2021
<b>Ex-4</b>	<b>Thiru.C. Chelladurai,</b> S/o, Chinnaiiah, Poikadippatti, Illuppur Post & Taluk, Pudukkottai District	145/1 Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.88.0</b>	30.07.2016 to 29.07.2021

<b>Ex-5</b>	<b>Thiru.U.Ganasamoorthy</b> S/o.Umayan Sekey, Punginipatti, Irundhirapatti	153/1, Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk,	<b>0.41.0</b>	23.06.2016 to 22.06.2021
	<b>Toatl Extent</b>		<b>3.10.0</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT</b>			<b>7.80.5</b>	

**Note:-**

- Cluster area is calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification – S.O. 2269 (E) Dated: 01.07.2016

As per above notification S.O.2269(E) dated : 01.07.2016 in para (b) in Appendix XI,- (ii)(5): The lease not operative for three years or more and leases which have got environmental clearance as on 15th January, 2016 shall not be counted for calculating the area of cluster, but shall be included in the Environment Management Plan and the Regional Environmental Management Plan”

**TABLE 7.4: SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS IN CLUSTER**

<b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL “P1”</b>		
Name of the Mine	<b>Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran, Rough Stone &amp; Gravel Quarry Project</b>	
Land Type	It is a Patta land. Jointly Registered in the name of Thiru. C. Selvaraj and Thiru. A. Alagu Pandiyan, vide Patta No. 3012. Project proponent obtained Consent Registered from Pattadhar	
S.F. Nos	145/3A & 145/4A	
Extent	0.87.5 Ha	
Previous quarry operation details	1. <b>Thiru. A. Alagupandian</b> , over an extent of 0.87.5ha of Patta lands in S.F.Nos.145/3A & 145/4A of Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.1505/2012 (G&M), Dated:19.02.2016 for the period of five years from 01.03.2016 to 28.02.2021.	
Existing pit dimensions	100m (L) x 80m (W) x15m(D)	
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	TopSoil
	2,84,101 m <sup>3</sup>	896 m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	90,755 m <sup>3</sup>	792 m <sup>3</sup>
Proposed production for five years upto the depth of 42m as per ToR	90,755 m <sup>3</sup>	
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years	
Depth restricted as per ToR	42m (2m Topsoil + 40m Rough stone) below the ground level	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	109m(L) x 81m (W) x42m(D)	
Toposheet No	58 J/11	
Latitude	10° 27' 47.37"N to 10° 27' 51.65"N	
Longitude	78° 40' 04.53"E to 78° 40' 07.51"E	
Highest elevation	116m AMSL	
Machinery proposed	Jack Hammer	2
	Compressor	1
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1
	Tipppers	1
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	15 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 18,53,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-



	Total	Rs. 22,33,000/-	
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-		
<b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P2"</b>			
Name of the Mine	Thiru.C. Selvaraj, Roughstone and gravel quarry		
Land Type	Thiru. C. Selvaraj, it is a Patta lands. Patta Land No.1351 Thiru.C. Chellaiah, vide Patta Nos. 3100, 1004, 3011 & 3069. Project proponent obtained Consent Registered from Pattadhar		
S.F. No.	S.F.Nos.159/3A (P), 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B1 (P) & 5B2, 160 & 161/1		
Extent	2.17.0 Ha		
Previous quarry operation details	<p>Operated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thiru. C. Selvaraj, 0.65.0 Ha, S.F.Nos.159/5B2, 160 &amp; 161/1 Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.3191/2004 (G&amp;M), Dated:02.12.2004 Lease period of five years.</li> <li>➤ Thiru. C. Chellaiah, Extent 0.76.0 Ha, S.F. Nos 159/3B, 3C, 4A, 4B &amp; 5A Pudukkottai District vide Rc.No.2380/2007 (G&amp;M), Dated: 31.08.2007 Period of five years from 19.09.2007 to 18.09.2012 expired on 18.09.2012.</li> </ul>		
Existing pit dimension	Pit I - 103m (L) X 52m (W) X 1m (D) Pit II - 90m (L) X 67m (W) X 5m (D) Pit III - 70m (L) X 86m (W) X 15m (D)		
Depth restricted as per ToR	38m (2m Topsoil + 1m Weathered Formation + 35m Rough stone) below the ground level		
Geological Resources	Rough Stone	Weathered Rock	Topsoil
	7,13,270m <sup>3</sup>	7,161m <sup>3</sup>	8,598 m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Weathered Rock	Topsoil
	2,90,855m <sup>3</sup>	7,161m <sup>3</sup>	8,598 m <sup>3</sup>
Proposed production for five years upto the depth of 43m as per ToR	2,90,855m <sup>3</sup>		
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years		
Ultimate Pit Dimension	Pit I - 131m (L) X 54m (W) X 33m (D) Pit II - 69m (L) X 93m (W) X 43m (D) Pit III - 89m (L) X 86m (W) X 43m (D)		
Toposheet No	58 - J/11		
Latitude	10° 27' 55.92"N to 10° 28' 05.25"N		
Longitude	78° 40' 09.68"E to 78° 40' 16.09"E		
Highest Elevation	130m AMSL		
Machinery	Jack Hammer	7	
	Compressor	2	
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1	
	Tipplers	3	
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators		
Manpower Deployment	14 Nos		
Total Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 47,72,000/-	
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-	
	Total	Rs. 51,52,000/-	
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-		
<b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P3"</b>			

Name of the Mine	Thiru. M.Karuppaiya, Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
Land Type	It is a Patta lands. Registered in the name of the applicant (Thiru.M. Karuppaiya), vide Patta No. 3974, Thiru.P. Chinnakannu, vide Patta No. 3972. Project proponent obtained Consent Registered from Pattadhar	
S.F. No.	153/7A1B2A, 153/9A2 & 153/11	
Extent	1.62.5 Ha	
Previous quarry details	It is a fresh lease application	
Depth restricted as per ToR	27m bgl (2m Gravel + 25m Rough stone)	
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	5,68,750m <sup>3</sup>	32,500m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	1,96,175 m <sup>3</sup>	27,296
Proposed production for five years upto the depth of 27 m as per ToR	Roughstone	Gravel
	98,100 m <sup>3</sup>	27,296 m <sup>3</sup>
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	10 Years	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	134m (L) X 150m (W) X 37m (D)	
Toposheet No	58-J/11	
Latitude	10°27'51.07"N to 10°27'56.30"N	
Longitude	78°40'11.42"E to 78°40'17.37"E	
Highest Elevation	130m AMSL	
Machinery	Jack Hammer	3
	Compressor	1
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1
	Tippers	2
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	20 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 45,93,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 7,60,000/-
	Total	Rs. 53,53,000/-
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-	
<b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P4"</b>		
Name of the Mine	Thiru. T. Palanisamy, Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
Land Type	Patta land (Patta No.4244 & 377)	
S.F. No.	145/1 and 144/4B	
Extent	1.49.0 Ha	
Previous quarry details	Operated by Thiru.C. Chelladurai, over an extent of 0.88.0 ha, S.F.No.145/1, vide Rc.No.372/2013 (G&M), Dated:04.06.2016 for the period of five years from 30.07.2016 to 29.07.2021	
Existing pit dimension	92m (L) X 68m (W) X 25m (D)	
Proposed depth	30m (2m Gravel + 28m Rough stone) below the ground level	
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	2,18,287m <sup>3</sup>	12,408m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	71,512m <sup>3</sup>	9,310m <sup>3</sup>
Proposed production for five years	71,512m <sup>3</sup>	9,310m <sup>3</sup>
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	Pit I - 92m (L) X 68m (W) X 30m (D)	
	Pit II - 65m (L) X 47m (W) X 30m (D)	
	Pit III - 72m (L) X 27m (W) X 10m (D)	

Toposheet No	58-J/11	
Latitude	10° 27' 49.93"N to 10° 27' 55.85"N	
Longitude	78° 40' 00.42"E to 78° 40' 05.19"E	
Highest Elevation	134m AMSL	
Water Level	73m in summer and at 68m in rainy seasons	
Machinery	Hydraulic Excavator	1
	Tippers	2
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	32 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 23,04,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 3,80,000/-
	Total	Rs. 26,84,000/-
CER Cost	Rs.5,00,000/-	

SALIENT FEATURES OF Existing "E1"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru P. Sabapathi Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
Land Type	Patta land	
S.F. No.	153/2 & etc	
Extent	1.18.5 Ha	
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	85,000m <sup>3</sup>	-
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years	
Toposheet No	58-J/11	
Latitude	10° 27' 55"N to 10° 27' 62"N	
Longitude	78° 40' 18"E to 78° 40' 15"E	
Highest Elevation	138m Amsl	
Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	19Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 37,08,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 4,00,000/-
	Total	Rs. 41,08,000 /-
CER cost (2.0%)	Rs.74,160/-	

SALIENT FEATURES OF Existing "E2"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru. D. Ramu Servai, Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
Land Type	Patta land	
S.F. No.	153/6B	
Extent	0.46.0 Ha	
Previous quarry details	Operated by R9.No.1504/2012(G&M), dated: 18.11.2014	
Proposed depth	16m	
Geological Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
Mineable Reserves	Rough Stone	Gravel
	16,330m <sup>3</sup>	-
Proposed production for five years upto the depth of 30m as per ToR	16,330m <sup>3</sup>	-
Mining Plan Period / Lease Period	5 Years	
Toposheet No	58-J/11	
Latitude	10° 27' 50"N to 10° 27' 54"N	
Longitude	78° 40' 08"E to 78° 40' 10"E	
Highest Elevation	134m Amsl	

Blasting	Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators	
Manpower Deployment	13 Nos	
Total Project Cost	Project Cost	Rs. 20,84,000/-
	EMP Cost	Rs. 4,25,000/-
	Total	Rs. 25,09,000/-
CER cost (2.0%)	Rs.51,000/-	

Source: Approved Mining Plan of the respective proposals

The Cumulative Impact is mainly anticipated due to drilling & blasting and excavation and transportation activities in all the quarries (proposed and existing) within the cluster and major impact anticipated is on Air & Noise Environment and Ground Vibrations due to blasting.

### Impact on Air Environment –

Calculating the Cumulative Load of Mining within the cluster is as shown in table 7.5 & 7.6

**TABLE 7.5 CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF ROUGH STONE IN CLUSTER**

Quarry	Production for five-year plan period	Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Day Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Number of Lorry Load Per Day @ 12m <sup>3</sup> per load
P1	90,755	18,151	61	5Trips /Day
P2	2,80,855	56,171	187	16 Trips /Day
P3	1,96,175	39,235	131	11Trips /Day
P4	71,512	14,302	48	4 Trips /day
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,39,297</b>	<b>1,27,859</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>36Trips /Day</b>
E1	85,000	17,000	56	4 Trips /day
E2	16,330	3,266	11	1Trips /Day
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,01,330</b>	<b>20,266</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>5Trips /Day</b>
<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>7,40,627</b>	<b>1,48,125</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>41 Trips /Day</b>

**TABLE 7.6: CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF GRAVEL IN CLUSTER**

Quarry	Mineable Reserves in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Day in m <sup>3</sup>	Number of Lorry Load @ 12m <sup>3</sup> per load
P1	896	299	1	1 Trips /Day, 6- Trips /week
P2	8,598	2,866	10	1- Trips /week
P3	27296	9098	30	3- Trips /week
P4	9,310	3,103	10	1- Trips /week
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,100</b>	<b>15,366</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4 Trips/ week</b>
E1	-	-	-	-
E2	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,100</b>	<b>15,366</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4 Trips/ week</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>46,100</b>	<b>15,366</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4 Trips/ week</b>

Source: Approved Mining plans of the respective projects

Based on the above production quantities the emissions due to various activities in all the 4 proposal quarry and 1 existing quarries includes various activities like ground preparation, excavation, handling and transport of mineral. These activities have been analysed systematically basing on USEPA-Emission Estimation Technique Manual, for Mining AP-42, to arrive at possible emissions to the atmosphere and estimated emissions are given in Table 7.7.

**TABLE 7.7: EMISSION ESTIMATION FROM CLUSTER**

<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY “P1”- Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.061927615	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.000220311	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.037476028	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.002485017	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.036389383	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000185973	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000003932	g/s
<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY “P2”- Thiru.C. Selvaraj,</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.087826616	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.001263995	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.042246983	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.002491632	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.053815151	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000659847	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000032298	g/s
<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY “P3”- Thiru. M.Karupaiya</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.078039825	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.000700158	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.041272499	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.00248966	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.047533290	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000495863	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000018606	g/s
<b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY “P4”- Thiru. T.Palanisamy,</b>				
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Source type</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>	Drilling	Point Source	0.057654502	g/s
	Blasting	Point Source	0.000154092	g/s
	Mineral Loading	Point Source	0.037265229	g/s
	Haul Road	Line Source	0.00248486	g/s/m
	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.045083526	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000179504	g/s
Estimated Emission Rate for NO <sub>x</sub>	Overall Mine	Area Source	0.000006156	g/s

Source: Emission Formula

**TABLE 7.8: INCREMENTAL & RESULTANT GLC WITHIN CLUSTER**

<b>PM<sub>10</sub> in µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	
Location	AAQ1 – CORE
Background (average)	19.65
Highest Incremental	12.78
Resultant	32.43
NAAQ Norms	100 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub> in µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	
Background (average)	42.4
Highest Incremental	6.89
Resultant	49.29
NAAQ Norms	80 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>SO<sub>2</sub> in µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	
Location	AAQ1 – CORE
Background (average)	7.68

Highest Incremental	2.48
Resultant	10.16
NAAQ Norms	80 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
NO <sub>x</sub> in µg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Location	AAQ1 – CORE
Background (average)	24.11
Incremental	9.88
Resultant	33.99
NAAQ Norms	80 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Noise Environment –

Noise pollution is mainly due to operation like drilling & blasting and plying of trucks & HEMM. Cumulative Noise modelling has been carried out considering blasting and compressor operation (drilling) and transportation activities. Predictions have been carried out to compute the noise level at various distances around the different quarries within the 500 m radius.

For hemispherical sound wave propagation through homogeneous loss free medium, one can estimate noise levels at various locations at different sources using model based on first principle.

$$Lp_2 = Lp_1 - 20 \log (r_2/r_1) - Ae_{1,2}$$

Where:

$Lp_1$  &  $Lp_2$  are sound levels at points located at distances  $r_1$  &  $r_2$  from the source.

$Ae_{1,2}$  is the excess attenuation due to environmental conditions. Combined effect of all sources can be determined at various locations by logarithmic addition.

$$Lp_{total} = 10 \log \{10^{(Lp1/10)} + 10^{(Lp2/10)} + 10^{(Lp3/10)} + \dots\}$$

Attenuation due to Green Belt has been taken to be 4.9 dB (A). The inputs required for the model are:

Source data has been computed taking into account of all the machinery and activities used in the mining process.

**TABLE 7.9: 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	51.2	60.1	60.6	Residential Day Time– 55 dB (A) Night Time- 45 dB (A)
N2	54.5	56.6	58.7	
N3	44.9	40.1	46.1	
N4	46.1	26.5	46.1	
N5	53.4	32.1	53.4	
N6	51.7	27.0	51.7	
N7	55.1	26.5	55.1	
N8	53.6	27.4	53.6	

Source: Lab Monitoring Data

The incremental noise level is found within the range of 26.5– 40.1 dB (A) in Buffer zone. The noise level at different receptors in buffer zone is lower due to the distance involved and other topographical features adding to the noise attenuation. The resultant Noise level due to monitored values and calculated values at the receptors are based on the mathematical formula considering attenuation due to Green Belt as 4.9 dB (A) the barrier effect. From the above table, it can be seen that the ambient noise levels at all the locations near habitations are within permissible limits of Residential Area (buffer zone) as per THE NOISE POLLUTION (REGULATION AND CONTROL)

RULES, 2000 (The Principal Rules were published in the Gazette of India, vide S.O. 123(E), dated 14.2.2000 and subsequently amended vide S.O. 1046(E), dated 22.11.2000, S.O. 1088(E), dated 11.10.2002, S.O. 1569 (E), dated 19.09.2006 and S.O. 50 (E) dated 11.01.2010 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.).

### Ground Vibrations

Ground vibrations due to mining activities in the all the 4 proposal quarry and 1 existing quarries within cluster are anticipated due to operation of Mining Machines like Excavators, drilling and blasting, transportation vehicles, etc. However, the major source of ground vibration from the all the 4 proposal quarry and 1 existing quarries is blasting. The major impact of the ground vibrations is observed on the domestic houses located in the villages nearby the mine lease area. The kuchha houses are more prone to cracks and damage due to the vibrations induced by blasting whereas RCC framed structures can withstand more ground vibrations. Apart from this, the ground vibrations may develop a fear factor in the nearby settlements.

Another impact due to blasting activities is fly rocks. These may fall on the houses or agricultural fields nearby the mining areas and may cause injury to persons or damage to the structures. Nearest Habitations from 8mines respectively are as in below Table 7.9

**TABLE 7.10: NEAREST HABITATION FROM EACH MINE**

Location ID	Distance in Meters
Habitation Near P1	418
Habitation Near P2	228
Habitation Near P3	375
Habitation Near P4	295

Source: Satellite Imagery and Field Data

The ground vibrations due to the blasting in all the mines are calculated using the empirical equation for assessment of peak particle velocity (PPV) is:

$$V = K [R/Q^{0.5}]^{-B}$$

Where –

V = peak particle velocity (mm/s)

K = site and rock factor constant

Q = maximum instantaneous charge (kg)

B = constant related to the rock and site (usually 1.6)

R = distance from charge (m)

**TABLE 7.11: GROUND VIBRATIONS AT 4 MINES**

Location ID	Maximum Charge in kgs	Nearest Habitation in m	PPV in m/ms
P1	26	418	0.434
P2	84	228	2.922
P3	57	375	0.967
P4	21	295	0.638

Source: PPV Calculation

From the above table, the charge per blast is considered as maximum in each mine and the resultant PPV is well below the Peak Particle Velocity of 8 mm/s as per Directorate General of Mines Safety for safe level criteria through Circular No. 7 dated 29/8/1997.

### Socio Economic Environment –

The 4 mines shall provide employment and revenue will be created to government

**TABLE 7.12: SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM 6 MINES**

Location Code	Employment	Project Cost	CER Cost
P1	15	Rs. 18,53,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
P2	14	Rs. 47,72,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
P3	20	Rs. 45,93,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
P4	32	Rs. 23,04,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>Rs. 1,35,22,000/-</b>	<b>Rs. 20,00,000/-</b>
E1	19	Rs. 37,08,000	Rs. 74,160/-
E2	13	Rs. 25,09,000/-	Rs. 51,000/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Rs. 25,09,000/-</b>	<b>Rs. 1,25,160/-</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>Rs.1,60,31,000/-</b>	<b>Rs.21,25,160/-</b>

A total of 113 people will get employment due to 4 mines in cluster and already employed at existing mines are 32 Nos. Allocation for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) shall be made as per Government of India, MoEF & CC Office Memorandum F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III, Dated: 01.05.2018 by all the mines.

As per para 6 (II) of the office memorandum, all the mines being a green field project & Capital Investment is ≤ 100 crores, they shall contribute 2% of Capital Investment towards CER as per directions of EAC/SEAC.

- 4 Proposed projects shall fund towards CER – **Rs. 20,00,000/-**
- Existing project shall fund towards CER – **Rs. 1,25,160/-**
- Projects in Cluster shall fund towards CER – **Rs.21,25,160/-**

**TABLE 7.13: GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS FROM 4 MINES & 2 EXISTING MINES**

PROPOSAL FOR P1 – Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran				
Year	No. of trees proposed to be planted	Survial %	Area to be planted	Name of the species
I	It is proposed to plant 600 Nos of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized areas and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia pinnata, Casuarina, etc
PROPOSAL FOR P2 – Thiru.C. Selvaraj,				
I	It is proposed to plant 1300 Nos of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia pinnata, Casuarina, etc.,
PROPOSAL FOR P3 – Thiru. M.Karuppaiya				
I	It is proposed to plant 980 Nos of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Casuarina, etc



<b>PROPOSAL FOR P4 – Thiru. T.Palanisamy</b>				
I	It is proposed to plant <b>900</b> Nos of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Casuarina, etc
<b>EXISTING FOR – E1-Thiru. P.Sabapathi</b>				
I	It is proposed to plant <b>600</b> Nos of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Casuarina, etc
<b>EXISTING FOR – E1-Thiru. D. Ramu Servai</b>				
I	It is proposed to plant <b>200</b> Nos of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Casuarina, etc

Based on the Proposed Mining Plans it's anticipated that there shall growth of native species of Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Casuarina, etc in the Cluster at a rate of 4,580 Trees Planted over a period of 5 Years with Survival Rate of 80% and expected growth is around 3,680 Trees over an area of all proposed quarries and existing quarries

## 7.5 PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR P1 TO P4

All the Project Proponent shall comply with Tamil Nadu Government Order (Ms) No. 84 Environment and Forest (EC.2) Department Dated: 25.06.2018 regarding ban on one time use and throw away plastics irrespective of thickness with effect from 01.01.2019 under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

### Objective –

- To investigate the actual supply chain network of plastic waste.
- To identify and propose a sustainable plastic waste management by installing bins for collection of recyclables with all the plastic waste
- Preparation of a system design layout, and necessary modalities for implementation and monitoring.

**TABLE 7.14: ACTION PLAN TO MANAGE PLASTIC WASTE**

Sl.No.	Activity	Responsibility
1	Framing of Layout Design by incorporating provision of the Rules, user fee to be charged from waste generators for plastic waste management, penalties/fines for littering, burning plastic waste or committing any other acts of public nuisance	Mines Manager
2	Enforcing waste generators to practice segregation of bio-degradable, recyclable and domestic hazardous waste	Mines Manager
3	Collection of plastic waste	Mines Foreman
4	Setting up of Material Recovery Facilities	Mines Manager
5	Segregation of Recyclable and Non-Recyclable plastic waste at Material Recovery Facilities	Mines Foreman
6	Channelization of Recyclable Plastic Waste to registered recyclers	Mines Foreman
7	Channelization of Non-Recyclable Plastic Waste for use either in Cement kilns, in Road Construction	Mines Foreman
8	Creating awareness among all the stakeholders about their responsibility	Mines Manager
9	Surprise checking's of littering, open burning of plastic waste or committing any other acts of public nuisance	Mine Owner

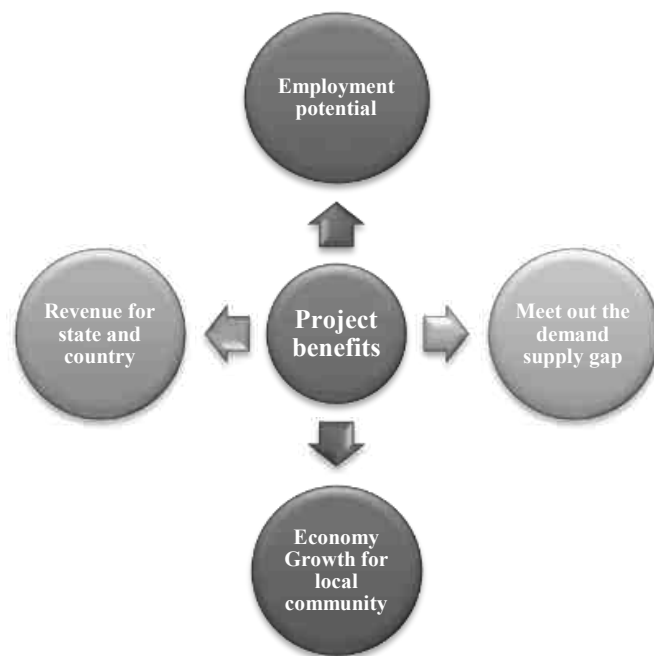
Source: Proposed by FAE's and EC

## CHAPTER – 8: PROJECT BENEFITS

### 8.0 General

The Four Proposed Projects for Quarrying Rough Stone and Gravel at Veerapatti Village aims to produce cumulatively 6,49,297 m<sup>3</sup> Rough Stone over period of 5 Years & 45,996m<sup>3</sup> 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



### 8.1 Employment Potential

It is proposed to provide employment to about 94 persons for carrying out mining operations and give preference to the local people in providing employment. In addition, there will be opportunity for indirect employment to many people in the form of contractual jobs, business opportunities, service facilities etc. the economic status of the local people will be enhanced due to mining project.

### 8.2 Socio-Economic Welfare Measures Proposed

The impact of mining activity in the area will be more positive than negative on the socio-economic environment in the immediate project impact area. The employment opportunities both direct and indirect will contribute to enhanced money incomes to job seekers with minimal skill sets especially among the local communities.

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### 8.3 Improvement in Physical Infrastructure

The proposed project site is located in Palathurai and Madukkarai village, Madukkarai taluk, Coimbatore District of Tamil Nadu and the area have communications, roads and other facilities already well established. The following physical infrastructure facilities will further improve due to the cluster quarry projects.

- Road Transport facilities
- Communications
- Medical, Educational and social benefits will be made available to the nearby civilian population in addition to the workmen employed in the mine.

### 8.4 Improvement in Social Infrastructure

The quarry projects in the region will have positive impact on the social economic condition of the area by way of providing employment to the local peoples; thereby increasing the per capita income, housing, education, medical and transportation facilities, economic status, health and agriculture.

- Social welfare program like medical camps, educational facilities to the poverty level students, providing water supply from the quarries during drought seasons will be taken from the project proponent's
- Supplementing Govt. efforts in health monitoring camps, social welfare and various Awareness programs among the rural population.

### 8.5 Other Tangible Benefits

The proposed quarry project is likely to have other tangible benefits as given below.

- Indirect employment opportunities to local people in contractual works like construction of infrastructural facilities, transportation, sanitation, for supply of goods and services to the quarry site and other community services.
- Additional housing demand for rental accommodation will increase.
- Cultural, recreation and aesthetic facilities will also improve.
- Improvement in communication, transport, education, community development and medical facilities and overall change in employment and income opportunity.
- The State Government will also benefit directly from the proposed mine, through increased revenue from royalties, cess, DMF, GST etc.,

## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Individual Project Proponents will take responsibility to develop awareness among all levels of their staff about CSR activities and the integration of social processes with business processes. Those involved with the undertaking of CSR activities will be provided with adequate training and re-orientation.

Under this programme, the project proponents will take-up following programmes for social and economic development of villages within 10 km of the project site. For this purpose, separate budget will be provided every year. For finalization of these schemes, proponent will interact with LSG. The schemes will be selected from the following broad areas –

- Health Services
- Social Development
- Infrastructure Development
- Education & Sports
- Self-Employment

### CSR Cost Estimation

- CSR activities will be taken up in the Veerapatti village mainly contributing to education, health, training of women self-help groups and contribution to infrastructure etc., CSR budget is allocated as 2.5% of the profit.

### CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY–

Allocation for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) shall be made as per Government of India, MoEF & CC Office Memorandum F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III, Dated: 01.05.2018.

As per para 6 (II) of the office memorandum, all the mines being a green field project & Capital Investment is  $\leq$  100 crores, they shall contribute 2% of Capital Investment towards CER as per directions of EAC/SEAC and the total CER amount from the 4 proposed mines is Rs 20,00,00/-.

**TABLE 8.1 CER – ACTION PLAN**

Code	CER
P1	Rs 5,00,000/-
P2	Rs 5,00,000/-
P3	Rs 5,00,000/-
P4	Rs 5,00,000/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs 20,00,000/-</b>

Source: Field survey conducted by FAE, consultation with project proponent

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## **CHAPTER – 9: ENVIRONMENTAL COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

Not Applicable, Since Environmental Cost Benefit Analysis not recommended at the Scoping stage.

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## **CHAPTER - 10: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – P1**

### **10.0 General**

Environment Management Plan (EMP) aims at the preservation of ecological system by considering in-built pollution abatement facilities at the proposed site. Good practices of Environmental Management plan will ensure to keep all the environmental parameters of the project in respect of Ambient Air quality, Water quality, Socio – economic improvement standards.

Mitigation measures at the source level and an overall environment management plan at the study area are elicited so as to improve the supportive capacity of the receiving bodies. The EMP presented in this chapter discusses the administrative aspects of ensuring that mitigative measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored after approval of the EIA.

### **10.1 Environmental Policy**

The Project Proponent is committed to conduct all its operations and activities in an environmentally responsible manner and to continually improve environmental performance.

The Proponent Thiru. **Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran** will –

- Meet the requirements of all laws, acts, regulations, and standards relevant to its operations and activities
- Allocate necessary resources to ensure the implementation of the environmental policy
- Ensure that an effective closure strategy is in place at all stages of project development and that progressive reclamation is undertaken as early as possible to reduce potential long-term environmental and community impacts
- Implement a program to train employees in general environmental issues and individual workplace environmental responsibilities
- Implement monitoring programmes to provide early warning of any deficiency or unanticipated performance in environmental safeguards
- Conduct periodic reviews to verify environmental performance and to continuously strive towards improvement

#### **Description of the Administration and Technical Setup –**

The Environment Monitoring Cell discussed under Chapter 6 will ensure effective implementation of environment management plan and to ensure compliance of environmental statutory guidelines through Mine Management Level of each Proposed Quarry.

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.

## 10.2 Land Environment Management –

Land degradation is one of the major adverse impacts of opencast mining in the form of excavated voids and contamination of soil affects the viability of the soil resource.

Soil contamination then has a number of flow-on effects like, Inhibition of plant growth, and death of existing plants in contaminated areas and contamination of soil also has potential to impact on a surface water quality and groundwater resources.

**TABLE 10.1: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR LAND ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Designing vehicle wash-down system so that all washed water is captured and passed through grease and oil separators.	Mines Manager
Re fueling will be carried out in a safe location, away from vehicle movement pathways	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Greenbelt development and its maintenance	Environment Officer
Garland drains with catch pits to be provided all around the project area to prevent run off affecting the surrounding lands.	Environment Officer
The periphery of Project area will be planted with thick plantation to arrest the fugitive dust, which will also act as acoustic barrier.	Mines Manager
Thick plantation using native flora species will be carried out on the top benches.	Mines Manager
There will be formation of a small surface water body in the mined-out area, which can be used for watering the greenbelt at the conceptual stages.	Environment Officer

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.3 Soil Management

### Top Soil Management –

- There is topsoil available for this project site.

### Overburden / Waste and Side Burden Management –

- The overburden in the form of Gravel formation, the Gravel will be directly loaded into tippers for the filling and levelling of low-lying areas, this will be done only after obtaining permission and paying necessary seigniorage fees to the Government.

**TABLE 10.2: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT**

<b>CONTROL</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
Garland drains are to be paved around the quarry pit area to arrest possible wash off in the rainy seasons	Mines Manager
Surface run-off from the surface water via garland drains will be diverted to the mine pits	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Design haul roads and other access roads with drainage systems to minimize concentration of flow and erosion risk	Environment Officer
keeping records of mitigation of erosion events, to improve on management techniques	Environment Officer
A monitoring map with information including their GPS coordinates, erosion type, intensity, and the extent of the affected area, as well as existing control measures and assessment of their performance	Environment Officer
Empty sediment from sediment traps Maintain, repair or upgrade garland drain system	Environment Officer
Test soils for pH, EC, chloride, exchangeable cations, particle size and water holding capacity	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

#### **10.4 Water Management**

In the proposed quarrying project, no process is involved for the effluent generation, only oil & grease from the machinery wash is anticipated and domestic sewage from mine office.

The quarrying operation is proposed upto a depth of 42m BGL, the water table in the area is 68m – 73 m below ground level, hence the proposed projects will not intersect the Ground water table during entire quarry period.

**TABLE 10.3: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR WATER ENVIRONMENT**

<b>CONTROL</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
To maximize the reuse of pit water for water supply	Mines Foreman
Temporary and permanent garland drain will be constructed to contain the catchments of the mining area and to divert runoff from undisturbed areas through the mining areas	Mines Manager
Natural drains/nallahs/brooklets outside the project area should not be disturbed at any point of mining operations	Mines Manager
Ensure there is no process effluent generation or discharge from the project area into water bodies	Mines Foreman
Domestic sewage generated from the project area will be disposed in septic tank and soak pit system	Mines Foreman
Monthly or after rainfall, inspection for performance of water management structures and systems	Mines Manager
Conduct ground water and surface water monitoring for parameters specified by CPCB	Manager Mines

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

#### **10.5 Air Quality Management**

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**TABLE 10.4: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR AIR ENVIRONMENT**

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Generation of dust during excavation is minimized by daily (twice) water sprinkling on working face and daily (twice) water sprinkling on haul road	Mines Manager
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Maintenance as per operator manual of the equipment and machinery in the mines to minimizing air pollution	Mines Manager
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring carried out in the project area and in surrounding villages to access the impact due to the mining activities and the efficacy of the adopted air pollution control measures	Mines Manager
Provision of Dust Mask to all workers	Mines Manager
Greenbelt development all along the periphery of the project area	Mines Manager

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## 10.6 Noise Management

There will be intermittent noise levels due to vehicular movement, trucks loading, drilling and blasting and other allied activities. No mining activities are planned during night time.

**TABLE 10.5: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR NOISE ENVIRONMENT**

<b>CONTROL</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
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Deployment of mining equipment with an inbuilt mechanism to reduce noise	Mines Manager
Provision of earmuff/ ear plugs to workers working in noise prone zones in the mines	Mining Mate
Provision of effective silencers for mining machinery and transport vehicles	Mines Manager
Provision of sound proof AC operator cabins to HEMM	Mines Manager
Sharp drill bits are used to minimize noise from drilling	Mines Foreman
Controlled blasting technologies are adopted by using delay detonators to minimize noise from blasting	Mines Manager
Annual ambient noise level monitoring shall be carried out in the project area and in surrounding villages to access the impact due to the mining activities and the efficacy of the adopted noise control measures. Additional noise control measures will be adopted if required as per the observations during monitoring	Mines Manager
Reduce maximum instantaneous charge using delays while blasting	Mining Mate
Change the burden and spacing by altering the drilling pattern and/or delay layout, or altering the hole inclination	Mines Manager
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## 10.7 Ground Vibration and Fly Rock Control

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Controlled blasting using delay detonators will be carried out to maintain the PPV value (below 8Hz) well within the prescribed standards of DGMS	Mines Manager
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Proper stemming of holes should be carried out with statutory competent qualified blaster under the supervision of statutory mines manager to avoid any anomalies during blasting	Mines Manager
Suitable spacing and burden will be maintained to avoid misfire / fly rocks	Manager Mines
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## 10.8 Biological Environment Management

The proponent will take all necessary steps to avoid the impact on the ecology of the area by adopting suitable management measures in the planning and implementation stage. During mining, thick plantation will be carried out around the project periphery, on safety barrier zone, on top benches of quarried out area etc.,

Following control measures are proposed for its management and will be the responsibility of the Mines Manager.

- Greenbelt development all along the safety barrier of the project area
- It is also proposed to implement the greenbelt development programme and post plantation status will be regularly checked for every season.
- The main attributes that retard the survival of sapling is fugitive dust, this fugitive dust can be controlled by water sprinkling on the haul roads and installing a sprinkler unit near the newly planted area.
- Year wise greenbelt development will be recorded and monitored
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  - Spacing between the plants
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  - Density of plantation
- The ultimate reclamation planned leaves a congenial environment for development of flora & immigration of small fauna through green belt and water reservoir. The green belt and water reservoir developed within the Project at the end of mine life will attract the birds and animals towards the project area in the post mining period.

### 10.8.1 Green Belt Development Plan

About 600 nos. of saplings is proposed to be planted for the Mining plan period in safety barrier of applied mine lease area with survival rate 80%. The greenbelt development plan has been prepared keeping in view the land use changes that will occur due to mining operation in the area.

**TABLE 10.7 PROPOSED GREENBELT ACTIVITIES FOR 5 YEAR PLAN PERIOD – P1to P4**

PROPOSAL FOR P1 – Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran				
Year	No. of trees proposed to be planted	Survial %	Area to be planted	Name of the species
I	It is proposed to plant 600 Nos of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Un utilized areas and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia pinnata, Casuarina, etc

Source: Conceptual Plan of Approved Mining plan& proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

The objectives of the greenbelt development plan are –

- Provide a green belt around the periphery of the quarry area to combat the dispersal of dust in the adjoining areas,
- Protect the erosion of the soil, Conserve moisture for increasing ground water recharging,
- Restore the ecology of the area, restore aesthetic beauty of the locality and meet the requirement of fodder, fuel and timber of the local community.

A well-planned Green Belt with multi rows (three tiers) preferably with long canopy leaves shall be developed with dense plantations around the boundary and haul roads to prevent air, dust noise propagation to undesired places and efforts will be taken for the enhancement of survival rate.

### 10.8.2 Species Recommended for Plantation

Following points have been considered while recommending the species for plantation:

- Creating of bio-diversity.
- Fast growing, thick canopy cover, perennial and evergreen large leaf area,
- Efficient in absorbing pollutants without major effects on natural growth

**TABLE 10.8: RECOMMENDED SPECIES TO PLANT IN THE GREENBELT – P1**

S.No	Botanical Name	Local Name	Importance
1.	Azadirachta indica	Neem, Vembu	Neem oil & neem products
2.	Tamarindus indica	Tamarind	Edible & Medicinal and other Uses
3.	Polyalthia longifolia	Nettilinkam	Tall and evergreen tree
4.	Borassus Flabellifer	Palmyra Palm	Tall Wind breaker tree and its fruits are edible

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

### 10.9 Occupational Safety & Health Management

Occupational safety and health are very closely related to productivity and good employer-employee relationship. The main factors of occupational health impact in quarries are fugitive dust and noise. Safety of employees during quarrying operation and maintenance of mining equipment will be taken care as per Mines Act 1952

and Rule 29 of Mines Rules 1955. To avoid any adverse effect on the health of workers due to dust, noise and vibration sufficient measures have been provided.

#### 10.9.1 Medical Surveillance and Examinations –

- Identifying workers with conditions that may be aggravated by exposure to dust & noise and establishing baseline measures for determining changes in health.
- Evaluating the effect of noise on workers
- Enabling corrective actions to be taken when necessary
- Providing health education

The health status of workers in the mine shall be regularly monitored under an occupational surveillance program. Under this program, all the employees are subjected to a detail medical examination at the time of employment. The medical examination covers the following tests under mines act 1952.

- General Physical Examination and Blood Pressure
- X-ray Chest and ECG
- Sputum test
- Detailed Routine Blood and Urine examination

The medical histories of all employees will be maintained in a standard format annually. Thereafter, the employees will be subject to medical examination annually. The below tests keep upgrading the database of medical history of the employees.

**TABLE 10.9: MEDICAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE – P1**

Sl.No	Activities	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	5 <sup>th</sup> Year
1	Initial Medical Examination (Mine Workers)					
A	Physical Check-up					
B	Psychological Test					
C	Audiometric Test					
D	Respiratory Test					
2	Periodical Medical Examination (Mine Workers)					
A	Physical Check - up					
B	Audiometric Test					
C	Eye Check - up					
D	Respiratory Test					
3	Medical Camp (Mine Workers & Nearby Villagers)					
4	Training (Mine Workers)					

Medical Follow ups:- Work force will be divided into three targeted groups age wise as follows:-		
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>PME as per Mines Rules 1955</b>	<b>Special Examination</b>

Less than 25 years	Once in a Three Years	In case of emergencies
Between 25 to 40 Years	Once in a Three Years	In case of emergencies
Above 40 Years	Once in a Three Years	In case of emergencies
Medical help on top priority immediately after diagnosis/ accident is the essence of preventive aspects.		

### 10.9.2 Proposed Occupational Health and Safety Measures –

- The mine site will have adequate drinking water supply so that workers do not get dehydrated.
- Lightweight and loose-fitting clothes having light colours will be preferred to wear.
- Noise exposure measurements will be taken to determine the need for noise control strategies.
- The personal protective equipment will be provided for mine workers.
- Supervisor will be instructed for reporting any problems with hearing protectors or noise control equipment.
- At noisy working activity, exposure time will be minimized.
- Dust generating sources will be identified and proper control measure will be adopted.
- Periodic medical examinations will be provided for all workers.
- Strict observance of the provisions of DGMS Acts, Rules and Regulations in respect of safety both by management and the workers.
- The width of road will be maintained more than thrice the width of the vehicle. A code of traffic rules will be implemented.
- In respect of contract work, safety code for contractors and workers will be implemented. They will be allowed to work under strict supervision of statutory person/officials only after they will impart training at vocational training centres. All personal protective equipment's will be provided to them.
- A safety committee meeting every month will be organized to discuss the safety of the mines and the persons employed.
- Celebration of annual mines safety week and environmental week in order to develop safety awareness and harmony amongst employees and co quarry owners.

**FIGURE 10.1: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO THE MINE WORKERS – P1**

### 10.9.3 Health and Safety Training Programme

The Proponents will provide special induction program along with machinery manufacturers for the operators and co-operators to run and maintain the machinery effectively and efficiently. The training program for the supervisors and office staffs will be arranged in the Group Vocational Training Centres in the State and engage Environmental Consultants to provide periodical training to all the employees to carry out the mining operation in and eco-friendly manner.

**TABLE 10.10: LIST OF PERIODICAL TRAININGS PROPOSED FOR EMPLOYEES – P1**

Course	Personnel	Frequency	Duration	Instruction
New-Employee Training	All new employees exposed to mine hazards	Once	One week	Employee rights Supervisor responsibilities Self-rescue Respiratory devices Transportation controls Communication systems Escape and emergency evacuation Ground control hazards Occupational health hazards Electrical hazards First aid Explosives
Task Training Like Drilling, Blasting, Stemming, safety, Slope stability, Dewatering, Haul road maintenance,	Employees assigned to new work tasks	Before new Assignments	Variable	Task-specific health & safety procedures and SOP for various mining activity. Supervised practice in assigned work tasks.
Refresher Training	All employees who received new-hire training	Yearly	One week	Required health and safety standards Transportation controls Communication systems

				Escape ways, emergency evacuations Fire warning Ground control hazards First aid Electrical hazards Accident prevention Explosives Respirator devices
Hazard Training	All employees exposed to mine hazards	Once	Variable	Hazard recognition and avoidance Emergency evacuation procedures Health standards Safety rules Respiratory devices

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator as per DGMS Norms

#### 10.9.4 Budgetary Provision for Environmental Management –

Adequate budgetary provision has been made by the Company for execution of Environmental Management Plan. The Table 10.11 gives overall investment on the environmental safeguards and recurring expenditure for successful monitoring and implementation of control measures.

**TABLE 10.11: EMP BUDGET FOR PROPOSED PROJECT – P1**

	Mitigation Measure	Provision for Implementation	Capital	Recurring
<b>Air Environment</b>	Compaction, gradation and drainage on both sides for Haulage Road	Rental Dozer & drainage construction on haul road @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare; and yearly maintenance @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare	8750	8750
	Fixed Water Sprinkling Arrangements + Water sprinkling by own water tankers	Fixed Sprinkler Installation and New Water Tanker Cost for Capital; and Water Sprinkling (thrice a day) Cost for recurring	800000	50000
	Muffle blasting – To control fly rocks during blasting	Blasting face will be covered with sand bags / steel mesh / old tyres / used conveyor belts	0	5000
	Wet drilling procedure / latest eco-friendly drill machine with separate dust extractor unit	Dust extractor @ Rs. 25,000/- per unit deployed as capital & @ Rs. 2500 per unit recurring cost for maintenance -2 Units	50000	5000
	No overloading of trucks/tippers/tractors	Manual Monitoring through Security guard	0	5000
	Stone carrying trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	Monitoring if trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	0	10000
	Enforcing speed limits of 20 km/hr within ML area	Installation of Speed Governors @ Rs. 5000/- per Tipper/Dumper deployed - 5 Units	5000	250
	Regular monitoring of exhaust fumes as per RTO norms	Monitoring of Exhaust Fumes by Manual Labour	0	5000
	Regular sweeping and maintenance of approach roads for at least about 200 m from ML Area	Provision for 2 labours @ Rs.10,000/labour (Contractual) per Hectare	0	17500



	Installing wheel wash system near gate of quarry	Installation + Maintenance + Supervision	50000	20000
<b>Noise Environment</b>	Source of noise will be during operation of transportation vehicles, HEMM for this proper maintenance will be done at regular intervals.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Oiling & greasing of Transport vehicles and HEMM at regular interval will be done	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Adequate silencers will be provided in all the diesel engines of vehicles.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a fitness certificate.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Safety tools and implements that are required will be kept adequately near blasting site at the time of charging.	Provision made in OHS part	0	0
	Line Drilling all along the boundary to reduce the PPV from blasting activity and implementing controlled blasting.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Proper warning system before blasting will be adopted and clearance of the area before blasting will be ensured.	Blowing Whistle by Mining Mate / Blaster / Competent Person	0	0
	Provision for Portable blaster shed	Installation of Portable blasting shelter	50000	2000
	NONEL Blasting will be practiced to control Ground vibration and fly rocks	Rs. 30/- per 6 Tonnes of Blasted Material	0	227097
<b>Waste Management</b>	Waste management (Spent Oil, Grease etc.,)	Provision for domestic waste collection and disposal through authorized agency	5000	20000
		Installation of dust bins	5000	2000

	Bio toilets will be made available outside mine lease on the land of owner itself	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
<b>Mine Closure</b>	1. Progressive Closure Activity - Surface Runoff managent	Provision for garland drain @ Rs. 10,000/- per Hectare with maintenance of Rs. 5,000/- per annum	8750	5000
	2. Progressive Closure Activity Barbed Wire Fencing to quarry area will be provisioned.	Per Hectare fencing Cost @ Rs. 2,00,000/- with Maintenance of Rs 10,000/- per annum	175000	10000
	3. Progressive Closure Activity Green belt development - 500 trees per one hectare - Proposal for 600Trees - (300 Inside Lease Area & 300 Outside Lease Area)	Site clearance, preparation of land, digging of pits / trenches, soil amendments, transplantation of saplings @ 200 per plant (capital) for plantation inside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	60000	9000
		Avenue Plantation @ 300 per plant (capital) for plantation outside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	90000	9000
	4. Implementation of Final Mine Closure Activity as per Approved Mining Plan on Last Year	Few activities already covered as progressive closure activities as greenbelt development, wire fencing, garland drain. *For Final Closure Activities 15% of the proposed closure cost will be spent during the final mine closure stage - Last Year	9600	0

	5. Contribution towards Green Fund. As per TNMMCR 1959, Rule 35 A	The Contribution towards Green Funds @ 10% of Seigniorage fee are indicated as part of EMP Budge and not necessarily implemented in the Project Site	515336	0
<b>Implementation of EC, Mining Plan &amp; DGMS Condition</b>	Size 6' X 5' with blue background and white letters as mentioned in MoM Appendix II by the SEAC TN	Fixed Display Board at the Quarry Entrance as permanent structure mentioning Environmental Conditions	10000	1000
	Air, Water, Noise and Soil Quality Sampling every 6 Months for Compliance Report of EC Conditions	Submission of 2 Half Yearly Compliance - Lab Monitoring Report as per CPCB norms	0	50000
	Workers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipment's	Provision of PPE @ Rs. 4000/- per employee with recurring based on wear and tear (say, @ Rs. 1000/- per employee) - 15 Employees	60000	15000
	Health check up for workers will be provisioned	IME & PME Health check up @ Rs. 1000/- per employee	0	15000
	First aid facility will be provided	Provision of 2 Kits per Hectare @ Rs. 2000/-	0	1750
	Mine will have safety precaution signages, boards.	Provision for signages and boards made	10000	2000
	No parking will be provided on the transport routes. Separate provision on the south side of the hill will be made for vehicles /HEMMs. Flaggers will be deployed for traffic management	Parking area with shelter and flags @ Rs. 50,000/- per hectare project and Rs. 10,000/- as maintenance cost	43750	10000

	Installation of CCTV cameras in the mines and mine entrance	Camera 4 Nos, DVR, Monitor with internet facility	30000	5000
	Implementation as per Mining Plan and ensure safe quarry working	Mines Manager (1 <sup>st</sup> Class / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class / Mine Foreman) under regulation 34 / 34 (6) of MMR, 1961 and Mining Mate under regulation 116 of MMR, 1961 @ 40,000/- for Manager & @ 25,000/- for Foreman / Mate	0	780000
<b>CER</b>	As per MoEF & CC OM 22-65/2017-IA.III Dated 25.02.2021	Detailed Description in following slides and Budget allocation is included as per MoeEF & CC OM	500000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1961250</b>	<b>1290347</b>

In order to implement the environmental protection measures, an amount of Rs. 19.61 lakhs as capital cost and recurring cost as Rs. 12.90 lakhs as recurring cost is proposed considering present market price considering present market scenario for the proposed project.

<b>Year Wise Break Up</b>	
1st Year	32,51,597
2nd Year	13,54,864
3rd Year	14,22,608
4th Year	14,93,738
5th Year	15,78,025
Total	91 lakhs

## 10.10 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 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.

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## CHAPTER - 10: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – P2

### 10.1 General

Environment Management Plan (EMP) aims at the preservation of ecological system by considering in-built pollution abatement facilities at the proposed site. Good practices of Environmental Management plan will ensure to keep all the environmental parameters of the project in respect of Ambient Air quality, Water quality, Socio– economic improvement standards.

Mitigation measures at the source level and an overall environment management plan at the study area are elicited so as to improve the supportive capacity of the receiving bodies. The EMP presented in this chapter discusses the administrative aspects of ensuring that mitigative measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored after approval of the EIA.

### 10.2 Environmental Policy

The Project Proponent is committed to conduct all its operations and activities in an environmentally responsible manner and to continually improve environmental performance.

The Proponent **Thiru.C. Selvaraj** will –

- Allocate necessary resources to ensure the implementation of the environmental policy
- Meet the requirements of all laws, acts, regulations, and standards relevant to its operations and activities
- Implement a program to train employees in general environmental issues and individual workplace environmental responsibilities
- Ensure that an effective closure strategy is in place at all stages of project development and that progressive reclamation is undertaken as early as possible to reduce potential long-term environmental and community impacts
- Implement monitoring programmes to provide early warning of any deficiency or unanticipated performance in environmental safeguards
- Conduct periodic reviews to verify environmental performance and to continuously strive towards improvement

#### Description of the Administration and Technical Setup –

The Environment Monitoring Cell discussed under Chapter 6 will ensure effective implementation of environment management plan and to ensure compliance of environmental statutory guidelines through Mine Management Level of each Proposed Quarry.

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.

### 10.3 Land Environment Management –

Land degradation is one of the major adverse impacts of opencast mining in the form of excavated voids and contamination of soil affects the viability of the soil resource.

Soil contamination then has a number of flow-on effects like, Inhibition of plant growth, and death of existing plants in contaminated areas and contamination of soil also has potential to impact on a surface water quality and groundwater resources.

**TABLE 10.1: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR LAND ENVIRONMENT**

<b>CONTROL</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
Designing vehicle wash-down system so that all washed water is captured and passed through grease and oil separators.	Mines Manager
Re fueling will be carried out in a safe location, away from vehicle movement pathways	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Greenbelt development and its maintenance	Environment Officer
Garland drains with catch pits to be provided all around the project area to prevent run off affecting the surrounding lands.	Environment Officer
The periphery of Project area will be planted with thick plantation to arrest the fugitive dust, which will also act as acoustic barrier.	Mines Manager
Thick plantation using native flora species will be carried out on the top benches.	Mines Manager
There will be formation of a small surface water body in the mined out area, which can be used for watering the greenbelt at the conceptual stages.	Environment Officer

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.4 Soil Management

### Top Soil Management –

- There is topsoil avail for this project site.

### Overburden / Waste and Side Burden Management –

- The overburden in the form of Gravel formation, the Gravel will be directly loaded into tippers for the filling and levelling of low-lying areas, this will be done only after obtaining permission and paying necessary seigniorage fees to the Government.

**TABLE 10.2: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Garland drains are to be paved around the quarry pit area to arrest possible wash off in the rainy seasons	Mines Manager
Surface run-off from the surface water via garland drains will be diverted to the mine pits	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Design haul roads and other access roads with drainage systems to minimize concentration of flow and erosion risk	Environment Officer
keeping records of mitigation of erosion events, to improve on management techniques	Environment Officer
A monitoring map with information including their GPS coordinates, erosion type, intensity, and the extent of the affected area, as well as existing control measures and assessment of their performance	Environment Officer
Empty sediment from sediment traps Maintain, repair or upgrade garland drain system	Environment Officer
Test soils for pH, EC, chloride, exchangeable cations, particle size and water holding capacity	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.5 Water Management

In the proposed quarrying project, no process is involved for the effluent generation, only oil & grease from the machinery wash is anticipated and domestic sewage from mine office.

The quarrying operation is restricted upto a depth of 43m BGL as per the ToR, the water table in the area is 68 m – 73 m below ground level, hence the proposed projects will not intersect the Ground water table during entire quarry period.

**TABLE 10.3: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR WATER ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
To maximize the reuse of pit water for water supply	Mines Foreman
Temporary and permanent garland drain will be constructed to contain the catchments of the mining area and to divert runoff from undisturbed areas through the mining areas	Mines Manager
Natural drains/nallahs/brooklets outside the project area should not be disturbed at any point of mining operations	Mines Manager
Ensure there is no process effluent generation or discharge from the project area into water bodies	Mines Foreman
Domestic sewage generated from the project area will be disposed in septic tank and soak pit system	Mines Foreman

Monthly or after rainfall, inspection for performance of water management structures and systems	Mines Manager
Conduct ground water and surface water monitoring for parameters specified by CPCB	Manager Mines

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Medical help on top priority immediately after diagnosis/ accident is the essence of preventive aspects.		

### 10.9.2 Proposed Occupational Health and Safety Measures –

- The mine site will have adequate drinking water supply so that workers do not get dehydrated.
- Lightweight and loose fitting clothes having light colours will be preferred to wear.
- Noise exposure measurements will be taken to determine the need for noise control strategies.
- The personal protective equipment will be provided for mine workers.
- Supervisor will be instructed for reporting any problems with hearing protectors or noise control equipment.
- At noisy working activity, exposure time will be minimized.
- Dust generating sources will be identified and proper control measure will be adopted.
- Periodic medical examinations will be provided for all workers.
- Strict observance of the provisions of DGMS Acts, Rules and Regulations in respect of safety both by management and the workers.
- The width of road will be maintained more than thrice the width of the vehicle. A code of traffic rules will be implemented.
- In respect of contract work, safety code for contractors and workers will be implemented. They will be allowed to work under strict supervision of statutory person/officials only after they will impart training at vocational training centres. All personal protective equipment's will be provided to them.
- A safety committee meeting every month will be organized to discuss the safety of the mines and the persons employed.
- Celebration of annual mines safety week and environmental week in order to develop safety awareness and harmony amongst employees and co quarry owners.

**FIGURE 10.1: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO THE MINE WORKERS – P2**



### 10.9.3 Health and Safety Training Programme

The Proponents will provide special induction program along with machinery manufacturers for the operators and co-operators to run and maintain the machinery effectively and efficiently. The training program for the supervisors and office staffs will be arranged in the Group Vocational Training Centres in the State and engage

Environmental Consultants to provide periodical training to all the employees to carry out the mining operation in and eco-friendly manner.

**TABLE 10.10: LIST OF PERIODICAL TRAININGS PROPOSED FOR EMPLOYEES – P2**

Course	Personnel	Frequency	Duration	Instruction
New-Employee Training	All new employees exposed to mine hazards	Once	One week	Employee rights Supervisor responsibilities Self-rescue Respiratory devices Transportation controls Communication systems Escape and emergency evacuation Ground control hazards Occupational health hazards Electrical hazards First aid Explosives
Task Training Like Drilling, Blasting, Stemming, safety, Slope stability, Dewatering, Haul Road maintenance,	Employees assigned to new work tasks	Before new Assignments	Variable	Task-specific health & safety procedures and SOP for various mining activity. Supervised practice in assigned work tasks.
Refresher Training	All employees who received new-hire training	Yearly	One week	Required health and safety standards Transportation controls Communication systems Escape ways, emergency evacuations Fire warning Ground control hazards First aid Electrical hazards Accident prevention Explosives Respirator devices
Hazard Training	All employees exposed to mine hazards	Once	Variable	Hazard recognition and avoidance Emergency evacuation procedures Health standards Safety rules Respiratory devices

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator as per DGMS Norms

#### 10.9.4 Budgetary Provision for Environmental Management –

Adequate budgetary provision has been made by the Company for execution of Environmental Management Plan. The Table 10.11 gives overall investment on the environmental safeguards and recurring expenditure for successful monitoring and implementation of control measures.

**TABLE 10.11: EMP BUDGET FOR PROPOSED PROJECT – P2**

	Mitigation Measure	Provision for Implementation	Capital	Recurring
<b>Air Environment</b>	Compaction, gradation and drainage on both sides for Haulage Road	Rental Dozer & drainage construction on haul road @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare; and yearly maintenance @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare	21700	21700
	Fixed Water Sprinkling Arrangements + Water sprinkling by own water tankers	Fixed Sprinkler Installation and New Water Tanker Cost for Capital; and Water Sprinkling (thrice a day) Cost for recurring	800000	50000
	Muffle blasting – To control fly rocks during blasting	Blasting face will be covered with sand bags / steel mesh / old tyres / used conveyor belts	0	5000
	Wet drilling procedure / latest eco-friendly drill machine with separate dust extractor unit	Dust extractor @ Rs. 25,000/- per unit deployed as capital & @ Rs. 2500 per unit recurring cost for maintenance -7 Units	175000	17500
	No overloading of trucks/tippers/tractors	Manual Monitoring through Security guard	0	5000
	Stone carrying trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	Monitoring if trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	0	10000
	Enforcing speed limits of 20 km/hr within ML area	Installation of Speed Governors @ Rs. 5000/- per Tipper/Dumper deployed - 3 Units	15000	750
	Regular monitoring of exhaust fumes as per RTO norms	Monitoring of Exhaust Fumes by Manual Labour	0	5000
	Regular sweeping and maintenance of approach roads for at least about 200 m from ML Area	Provision for 2 labours @ Rs.10,000/labour (Contractual) per Hectare	0	43400

	Installing wheel wash system near gate of quarry	Installation + Maintenance + Supervision	50000	20000
<b>Noise Environment</b>	Source of noise will be during operation of transportation vehicles, HEMM for this proper maintenance will be done at regular intervals.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Oiling & greasing of Transport vehicles and HEMM at regular interval will be done	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Adequate silencers will be provided in all the diesel engines of vehicles.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a fitness certificate.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Safety tools and implements that are required will be kept adequately near blasting site at the time of charging.	Provision made in OHS part	0	0
	Line Drilling all along the boundary to reduce the PPV from blasting activity and implementing controlled blasting.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Proper warning system before blasting will be adopted and clearance of the area before blasting will be ensured.	Blowing Whistle by Mining Mate / Blaster / Competent Person	0	0
	Provision for Portable blaster shed	Installation of Portable blasting shelter	50000	2000
	NONEL Blasting will be practiced to control Ground vibration and fly rocks	Rs. 30/- per 6 Tonnes of Blasted Material	0	732433
<b>Waste Management</b>	Waste management (Spent Oil, Grease etc.,)	Provision for domestic waste collection and disposal through authorized agency	5000	20000
		Installation of dust bins	5000	2000

	Bio toilets will be made available outside mine lease on the land of owner itself	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
<b>Mine Closure</b>	1. Progressive Closure Activity - Surface Runoff managent	Provision for garland drain @ Rs. 10,000/- per Hectare with maintenance of Rs. 5,000/- per annum	21700	5000
	2. Progressive Closure Activity Barbed Wire Fencing to quarry area will be provisioned.	Per Hectare fencing Cost @ Rs. 2,00,000/- with Maintenance of Rs 10,000/- per annum	434000	10000
	3. Progressive Closure Activity Green belt development - 500 trees per one hectare - Proposal for 1300 Trees - (400 Inside Lease Area & 900 Outside Lease Area)	Site clearance, preparation of land, digging of pits / trenches, soil amendments, transplantation of saplings @ 200 per plant (capital) for plantation inside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	80000	12000
		Avenue Plantation @ 300 per plant (capital) for plantation outside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	270000	27000
	4. Implementation of Final Mine Closure Acty as per Approved Mining Plan on Last Year	Few activities already covered as progressive closure activities as greenbelt development, wire fencing, garland drain. *For Final Closure Activities 15% of the proposed closure cost will be spent during the final mine closure stage - Last Year	9900	0



	5. Contribution towards Green Fund. As per TNMMCR 1959, Rule 35 A	The Contribution towards Green Funds @ 10% of Seigniorage fee are indicated as part of EMP Budge and not necessarily implemented in the Project Site	1662060	0
<b>Implementation of EC, Mining Plan &amp; DGMS Condition</b>	Size 6' X 5' with blue background and white letters as mentioned in MoM Appendix II by the SEAC TN	Fixed Display Board at the Quarry Entrance as permanent structure mentioning Environmental Conditions	10000	1000
	Air, Water, Noise and Soil Quality Sampling every 6 Months for Compliance Report of EC Conditions	Submission of 2 Half Yearly Compliance - Lab Monitoring Report as per CPCB norms	0	50000
	Workers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipment's	Provision of PPE @ Rs. 4000/- per employee with recurring based on wear and tear (say, @ Rs. 1000/- per employee) - 30Employees	120000	30000
	Health check up for workers will be provisioned	IME & PME Health check up @ Rs. 1000/- per employee	0	30000
	First aid facility will be provided	Provision of 2 Kits per Hectare @ Rs. 2000/-	0	4340
	Mine will have safety precaution signages, boards.	Provision for signages and boards made	10000	2000
	No parking will be provided on the transport routes. Separate provision on the south side of the hill will be made for vehicles /HEMMs. Flaggers will be deployed for traffic management	Parking area with shelter and flags @ Rs. 50,000/- per hectare project and Rs. 10,000/- as maintenance cost	108500	10000

	Installation of CCTV cameras in the mines and mine entrance	Camera 4 Nos, DVR, Monitor with internet facility	30000	5000
	Implementation as per Mining Plan and ensure safe quarry working	Mines Manager (1 <sup>st</sup> Class / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class / Mine Foreman) under regulation 34 / 34 (6) of MMR, 1961 and Mining Mate under regulation 116 of MMR, 1961 @ 40,000/- for Manager & @ 25,000/- for Foreman / Mate	0	780000
<b>CER</b>	As per MoEF & CC OM 22-65/2017-IA.III Dated 25.02.2021	Detailed Description in following slides and Budget allocation is included as per MoeEF & CC OM	500000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2705900</b>	<b>1901123</b>

In order to implement the environmental protection measures, an amount of Rs.27.05 lakhs as capital cost and recurring cost as Rs. 19.01 lakhs as recurring cost is proposed considering present market price considering present market scenario for the proposed project.

<b>Year Wise Break Up</b>	
1st Year	46,07,023
2nd Year	19,96,179
3rd Year	20,95,988
4th Year	22,00,788
5th Year	23,20,727
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,32,20,705</b>

**10.10 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.

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## CHAPTER - 10: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – P3

### 10.0 General

Environment Management Plan (EMP) aims at the preservation of ecological system by considering in-built pollution abatement facilities at the proposed site. Good practices of Environmental Management plan will ensure to keep all the environmental parameters of the project in respect of Ambient Air quality, Water quality, Socio – economic improvement standards.

Mitigation measures at the source level and an overall environment management plan at the study area are elicited so as to improve the supportive capacity of the receiving bodies. The EMP presented in this chapter discusses the administrative aspects of ensuring that mitigative measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored after approval of the EIA.

### 10.1 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Project Proponent is committed to conduct all its operations and activities in an environmentally responsible manner and to continually improve environmental performance.

The Proponent **Thiru. M.Karuppaiya** will –

- Allocate necessary resources to ensure the implementation of the environmental policy
- Meet the requirements of all laws, acts, regulations, and standards relevant to its operations and activities
- Implement a program to train employees in general environmental issues and individual workplace environmental responsibilities
- Ensure that an effective closure strategy is in place at all stages of project development and that progressive reclamation is undertaken as early as possible to reduce potential long-term environmental and community impacts
- Implement monitoring programmes to provide early warning of any deficiency or unanticipated performance in environmental safeguards
- Conduct periodic reviews to verify environmental performance and to continuously strive towards improvement

#### Description of the Administration and Technical Setup –

The Environment Monitoring Cell discussed under Chapter 6 will ensure effective implementation of environment management plan and to ensure compliance of environmental statutory guidelines through Mine Management Level of each Proposed Quarry.

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.

## 10.2 Land Environment Management –

Land degradation is one of the major adverse impacts of opencast mining in the form of excavated voids and contamination of soil affects the viability of the soil resource.

Soil contamination then has a number of flow-on effects like, Inhibition of plant growth, and death of existing plants in contaminated areas and contamination of soil also has potential to impact on a surface water quality and groundwater resources.

**TABLE 10.1: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR LAND ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Designing vehicle wash-down system so that all washed water is captured and passed through grease and oil separators.	Mines Manager
Re fueling will be carried out in a safe location, away from vehicle movement pathways	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Greenbelt development and its maintenance	Environment Officer
Garland drains with catch pits to be provided all around the project area to prevent run off affecting the surrounding lands.	Environment Officer
The periphery of Project area will be planted with thick plantation to arrest the fugitive dust, which will also act as acoustic barrier.	Mines Manager
Thick plantation using native flora species will be carried out on the top benches.	Mines Manager
There will be formation of a small surface water body in the mined out area, which can be used for watering the greenbelt at the conceptual stages.	Environment Officer

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.3 Soil Management

### Top Soil Management –

- There is no topsoil for this project site.

### Overburden / Waste and Side Burden Management –

- The overburden in the form of Gravel formation, the Gravel will be directly loaded into tippers for the filling and levelling of low-lying areas, this will be done only after obtaining permission and paying necessary seigniorage fees to the Government.

**TABLE 10.2: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Garland drains are to be paved around the quarry pit area to arrest possible wash off in the rainy seasons	Mines Manager
Surface run-off from the surface water via garland drains will be diverted to the mine pits	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Design haul roads and other access roads with drainage systems to minimize concentration of flow and erosion risk	Environment Officer
keeping records of mitigation of erosion events, to improve on management techniques	Environment Officer

A monitoring map with information including their GPS coordinates, erosion type, intensity, and the extent of the affected area, as well as existing control measures and assessment of their performance	Environment Officer
Empty sediment from sediment traps Maintain, repair or upgrade garland drain system	Environment Officer
Test soils for pH, EC, chloride, exchangeable cations, particle size and water holding capacity	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

#### 10.4 Water Management

In the proposed quarrying project, no process is involved for the effluent generation, only oil & grease from the machinery wash is anticipated and domestic sewage from mine office.

The quarrying operation is restricted upto a depth of 37m BGL as per the ToR, the water table in the area is 68m – 73m below ground level, hence the proposed projects will not intersect the Ground water table during entire quarry period.

**TABLE 10.3: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR WATER ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
To maximize the reuse of pit water for water supply	Mines Foreman
Temporary and permanent garland drain will be constructed to contain the catchments of the mining area and to divert runoff from undisturbed areas through the mining areas	Mines Manager
Natural drains/nallahs/brooklets outside the project area should not be disturbed at any point of mining operations	Mines Manager
Ensure there is no process effluent generation or discharge from the project area into water bodies	Mines Foreman
Domestic sewage generated from the project area will be disposed in septic tank and soak pit system	Mines Foreman
Monthly or after rainfall, inspection for performance of water management structures and systems	Mines Manager
Conduct ground water and surface water monitoring for parameters specified by CPCB	Manager Mines

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

#### 10.5 Air Quality Management

The existing and proposed mining activities would result in the increase of particulate matter concentrations due to fugitive dust. Water sprinkling twice per day on the haul roads, approach roads in the vicinity would be undertaken and will be continued as there is possibility for dust generation due to truck mobility. It will be ensured that vehicles are properly maintained to comply with exhaust emission requirements

**TABLE 10.4: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR AIR ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Generation of dust during excavation is minimized by daily (twice) water sprinkling on working face and daily (twice) water sprinkling on haul road	Mines Manager
Wet drilling procedure /drills with dust extractor system to control dust generation during drilling at source itself is implemented	Mines Manager

Maintenance as per operator manual of the equipment and machinery in the mines to minimizing air pollution	Mines Manager
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring carried out in the project area and in surrounding villages to access the impact due to the mining activities and the efficacy of the adopted air pollution control measures	Mines Manager
Provision of Dust Mask to all workers	Mines Manager
Greenbelt development all along the periphery of the project area	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.6 Noise Management

There will be intermittent noise levels due to vehicular movement, trucks loading, drilling and blasting and other allied activities. No mining activities are planned during night time.

**TABLE 10.5: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR NOISE ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Development of thick greenbelt all along the Buffer Zone (7.5 Meters) of the project area to attenuate the noise and the same will be maintained	Mines Manager
Preventive maintenance of mining machinery and replacement of worn-out accessories to control noise generation	Mines Foreman
Deployment of mining equipment with an inbuilt mechanism to reduce noise	Mines Manager
Provision of earmuff / ear plugs to workers working in noise prone zones in the mines	Mining Mate
Provision of effective silencers for mining machinery and transport vehicles	Mines Manager
Provision of sound proof AC operator cabins to HEMM	Mines Manager
Sharp drill bits are used to minimize noise from drilling	Mines Foreman
Controlled blasting technologies are adopted by using delay detonators to minimize noise from blasting	Mines Manager
Annual ambient noise level monitoring shall be carried out in the project area and in surrounding villages to access the impact due to the mining activities and the efficacy of the adopted noise control measures. Additional noise control measures will be adopted if required as per the observations during monitoring	Mines Manager
Reduce maximum instantaneous charge using delays while blasting	Mining Mate
Change the burden and spacing by altering the drilling pattern and/or delay layout, or altering the hole inclination	Mines Manager
Undertake noise or vibration monitoring	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.7 Ground Vibration and Fly Rock Control

**TABLE 10.6: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR GROUND VIBRATIONS & FLY ROCK**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Controlled blasting using delay detonators will be carried out to maintain the PPV value (below 8Hz) well within the prescribed standards of DGMS	Mines Manager
Drilling and blasting will be carried under the supervision of qualified persons	Mines Manager
Proper stemming of holes should be carried out with statutory competent qualified blaster under the supervision of statutory mines manager to avoid any anomalies during blasting	Mines Manager
Suitable spacing and burden will be maintained to avoid misfire / fly rocks	Manager Mines

Number of blast holes will be restricted to control ground vibrations	Manager Mines
Blasting will be carried out only during noon time	Mining Mate
Undertake noise or vibration monitoring	Mines Manager
ensure blast holes are adequately stemmed for the depth of the hole and stemmed with suitable angular material	Mines Foreman

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.8 Biological Environment Management

The proponent will take all necessary steps to avoid the impact on the ecology of the area by adopting suitable management measures in the planning and implementation stage. During mining, thick plantation will be carried out around the project periphery, on safety barrier zone, on top benches of quarried out area etc.,

Following control measures are proposed for its management and will be the responsibility of the Mines Manager.

- Greenbelt development all along the safety barrier of the project area
- It is also proposed to implement the greenbelt development programme and post plantation status will be regularly checked for every season.
- The main attributes that retard the survival of sapling is fugitive dust, this fugitive dust can be controlled by water sprinkling on the haul roads and installing a sprinkler unit near the newly planted area.
- Year wise greenbelt development will be recorded and monitored
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Medical help on top priority immediately after diagnosis/ accident is the essence of preventive aspects.		

**10.9.2 Proposed Occupational Health and Safety Measures –**

- The mine site will have adequate drinking water supply so that workers do not get dehydrated.
- Lightweight and loose fitting clothes having light colours will be preferred to wear.
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- Supervisor will be instructed for reporting any problems with hearing protectors or noise control equipment.
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- Dust generating sources will be identified and proper control measure will be adopted.
- Periodic medical examinations will be provided for all workers.
- Strict observance of the provisions of DGMS Acts, Rules and Regulations in respect of safety both by management and the workers.
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	exposed to mine hazards			Respiratory devices Transportation controls Communication systems Escape and emergency evacuation Ground control hazards Occupational health hazards Electrical hazards First aid Explosives
Task Training Like Drilling, Blasting, Stemming, safety, Slope stability, Dewatering, Haul road maintenance,	Employees assigned to new work tasks	Before new Assignments	Variable	Task-specific health & safety procedures and SOP for various mining activity. Supervised practice in assigned work tasks.
Refresher Training	All employees who received new-hire training	Yearly	One week	Required health and safety standards Transportation controls Communication systems Escape ways, emergency evacuations Fire warning Ground control hazards First aid Electrical hazards Accident prevention Explosives Respirator devices
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#### 10.9.4 Budgetary Provision for Environmental Management –

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	Fixed Water Sprinkling Arrangements + Water sprinkling by own water tankers	Fixed Sprinkler Installation and New Water Tanker Cost for Capital; and Water Sprinkling (thrice a day) Cost for recurring	800000	50000
	Muffle blasting – To control fly rocks during blasting	Blasting face will be covered with sand bags / steel mesh / old tyres / used conveyor belts	0	5000
	Wet drilling procedure / latest eco-friendly drill machine with separate dust extractor unit	Dust extractor @ Rs. 25,000/- per unit deployed as capital & @ Rs. 2500 per unit recurring cost for maintenance -3 Units	75000	7500
	No overloading of trucks/tippers/tractors	Manual Monitoring through Security guard	0	5000
	Stone carrying trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	Monitoring if trucks will be covered by tarpaulin	0	10000
	Enforcing speed limits of 20 km/hr within ML area	Installation of Speed Governors @ Rs. 5000/- per Tipper/Dumper deployed - 2 Units	10000	500
	Regular monitoring of exhaust fumes as per RTO norms	Monitoring of Exhaust Fumes by Manual Labour	0	5000
	Regular sweeping and maintenance of approach roads for at least about 200 m from ML Area	Provision for 2 labours @ Rs.10,000/labour (Contractual) per Hectare	0	32500

	Installing wheel wash system near gate of quarry	Installation + Maintenance + Supervision	50000	20000
<b>Noise Environment</b>	Source of noise will be during operation of transportation vehicles, HEMM for this proper maintenance will be done at regular intervals.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Oiling & greasing of Transport vehicles and HEMM at regular interval will be done	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Adequate silencers will be provided in all the diesel engines of vehicles.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a fitness certificate.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Safety tools and implements that are required will be kept adequately near blasting site at the time of charging.	Provision made in OHS part	0	0
	Line Drilling all along the boundary to reduce the PPV from blasting activity and implementing controlled blasting.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Proper warning system before blasting will be adopted and clearance of the area before blasting will be ensured.	Blowing Whistle by Mining Mate / Blaster / Competent Person	0	0
	Provision for Portable blaster shed	Installation of Portable blasting shelter	50000	2000
	NONEL Blasting will be practiced to control Ground vibration and fly rocks	Rs. 30/- per 6 Tonnes of Blasted Material	0	255060
<b>Waste Management</b>	Waste management (Spent Oil, Grease etc.,)	Provision for domestic waste collection and disposal through authorized agency	5000	20000
		Installation of dust bins	5000	2000

	Bio toilets will be made available outside mine lease on the land of owner itself	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
<b>Mine Closure</b>	1. Progressive Closure Activity - Surface Runoff managment	Provision for garland drain @ Rs. 10,000/- per Hectare with maintenance of Rs. 5,000/- per annum	16250	5000
	2. Progressive Closure Activity Barbed Wire Fencing to quarry area will be provisioned.	Per Hectare fencing Cost @ Rs. 2,00,000/- with Maintenance of Rs 10,000/- per annum	325000	10000
	3. Progressive Closure Activity Green belt development - 500 trees per one hectare - Proposal for 980Trees - (380 Inside Lease Area & 600 Outside Lease Area)	Site clearance, preparation of land, digging of pits / trenches, soil amendments, transplantation of saplings @ 200 per plant (capital) for plantation inside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	76000	11400
		Avenue Plantation @ 300 per plant (capital) for plantation outside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	180000	18000
	4. Implementation of Final Mine Closure Activity as per Approved Mining Plan on Last Year	Few activities already covered as progressive closure activities as greenbelt development, wire fencing, garland drain. *For Final Closure Activities 15% of the proposed closure cost will be spent during the final mine closure stage - Last Year	53100	0

	5. Contribution towards Green Fund. As per TNMMCR 1959, Rule 35 A	The Contribution towards Green Funds @ 10% of Seigniorage fee are indicated as part of EMP Budge and not necessarily implemented in the Project Site	578790	0
<b>Implementation of EC, Mining Plan &amp; DGMS Condition</b>	Size 6' X 5' with blue background and white letters as mentioned in MoM Appendix II by the SEAC TN	Fixed Display Board at the Quarry Entrance as permanent structure mentioning Environmental Conditions	10000	1000
	Air, Water, Noise and Soil Quality Sampling every 6 Months for Compliance Report of EC Conditions	Submission of 2 Half Yearly Compliance - Lab Monitoring Report as per CPCB norms	0	50000
	Workers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipment's	Provision of PPE @ Rs. 4000/- per employee with recurring based on wear and tear (say, @ Rs. 1000/- per employee) - 20 Employees	80000	20000
	Health check up for workers will be provisioned	IME & PME Health check up @ Rs. 1000/- per employee	0	20000
	First aid facility will be provided	Provision of 2 Kits per Hectare @ Rs. 2000/-	0	3250
	Mine will have safety precaution signages, boards.	Provision for signages and boards made	10000	2000
	No parking will be provided on the transport routes. Separate provision on the south side of the hill will be made for vehicles /HEMMs. Flaggers will be deployed for traffic management	Parking area with shelter and flags @ Rs. 50,000/- per hectare project and Rs. 10,000/- as maintenance cost	81250	10000



	Installation of CCTV cameras in the mines and mine entrance	Camera 4 Nos, DVR, Monitor with internet facility	30000	5000
	Implementation as per Mining Plan and ensure safe quarry working	Mines Manager (1 <sup>st</sup> Class / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class / Mine Foreman) under regulation 34 / 34 (6) of MMR, 1961 and Mining Mate under regulation 116 of MMR, 1961 @ 40,000/- for Manager & @ 25,000/- for Foreman / Mate	0	780000
<b>CER</b>	As per MoEF & CC OM 22-65/2017-IA.III Dated 25.02.2021	Detailed Description in following slides and Budget allocation is included as per MoeEF & CC OM	500000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2319750</b>	<b>1366460</b>

In order to implement the environmental protection measures, an amount of Rs.23.19 lakhs as capital cost and recurring cost as Rs. 13.66 lakhs as recurring cost is proposed considering present market price considering present market scenario for the proposed project.

<b>Year Wise Break Up</b>	
1st Year	36,86,210
2nd Year	14,34,783
3rd Year	15,06,522
4th Year	15,81,848
5th Year	17,14,041
Total	99 lakhs

## 10.10 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.

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## CHAPTER - 10: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – P4

### 10.0 General

Environment Management Plan (EMP) aims at the preservation of ecological system by considering in-built pollution abatement facilities at the proposed site. Good practices of Environmental Management plan will ensure to keep all the environmental parameters of the project in respect of Ambient Air quality, Water quality, Socio – economic improvement standards.

Mitigation measures at the source level and an overall environment management plan at the study area are elicited so as to improve the supportive capacity of the receiving bodies. The EMP presented in this chapter discusses the administrative aspects of ensuring that mitigative measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored after approval of the EIA.

### 10.1 Environmental Policy

The Project Proponent is committed to conduct all its operations and activities in an environmentally responsible manner and to continually improve environmental performance.

The Proponent **Thiru. T.Palanisamy**, will –

- Allocate necessary resources to ensure the implementation of the environmental policy
- Meet the requirements of all laws, acts, regulations, and standards relevant to its operations and activities
- Implement a program to train employees in general environmental issues and individual workplace environmental responsibilities
- Ensure that an effective closure strategy is in place at all stages of project development and that progressive reclamation is undertaken as early as possible to reduce potential long-term environmental and community impacts
- Implement monitoring programmes to provide early warning of any deficiency or unanticipated performance in environmental safeguards
- Conduct periodic reviews to verify environmental performance and to continuously strive towards improvement

#### **Description of the Administration and Technical Setup –**

The Environment Monitoring Cell discussed under Chapter 6 will ensure effective implementation of environment management plan and to ensure compliance of environmental statutory guidelines through Mine Management Level of each Proposed Quarry.

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.

## 10.2 Land Environment Management –

Land degradation is one of the major adverse impacts of opencast mining in the form of excavated voids and contamination of soil affects the viability of the soil resource. Soil contamination then has a number of flow-on effects like, Inhibition of plant growth, and death of existing plants in contaminated areas and contamination of soil also has potential to impact on a surface water quality and groundwater resources.

**TABLE 10.1: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR LAND ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Designing vehicle wash-down system so that all washed water is captured and passed through grease and oil separators.	Mines Manager
Re fueling will be carried out in a safe location, away from vehicle movement pathways	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Greenbelt development and its maintenance	Environment Officer
Garland drains with catch pits to be provided all around the project area to prevent run off affecting the surrounding lands.	Environment Officer
The periphery of Project area will be planted with thick plantation to arrest the fugitive dust, which will also act as acoustic barrier.	Mines Manager
Thick plantation using native flora species will be carried out on the top benches.	Mines Manager
There will be formation of a small surface water body in the mined-out area, which can be used for watering the greenbelt at the conceptual stages.	Environment Officer

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.3 Soil Management

### Top Soil Management –

- There is no topsoil for this project site.

### Overburden / Waste and Side Burden Management –

- The overburden in the form of Gravel formation, the Gravel will be directly loaded into tippers for the filling and levelling of low-lying areas, this will be done only after obtaining permission and paying necessary seigniorage fees to the Government.

**TABLE 10.2: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR SOIL MANAGEMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Garland drains are to be paved around the quarry pit area to arrest possible wash off in the rainy seasons	Mines Manager

Surface run-off from the surface water via garland drains will be diverted to the mine pits	Mine Foreman & Mining Mate
Design haul roads and other access roads with drainage systems to minimize concentration of flow and erosion risk	Environment Officer
keeping records of mitigation of erosion events, to improve on management techniques	Environment Officer
A monitoring map with information including their GPS coordinates, erosion type, intensity, and the extent of the affected area, as well as existing control measures and assessment of their performance	Environment Officer
Empty sediment from sediment traps Maintain, repair or upgrade garland drain system	Environment Officer
Test soils for pH, EC, chloride, exchangeable cations, particle size and water holding capacity	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

#### 10.4 Water Management

In the proposed quarrying project, no process is involved for the effluent generation, only oil & grease from the machinery wash is anticipated and domestic sewage from mine office.

The quarrying operation is restricted upto a depth of 30m BGL as per the ToR, the water table in the area is 68 m – 73 m below ground level, hence the proposed projects will not intersect the Ground water table during entire quarry period.

**TABLE 10.3: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR WATER ENVIRONMENT**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
To maximize the reuse of pit water for water supply	Mines Foreman
Temporary and permanent garland drain will be constructed to contain the catchments of the mining area and to divert runoff from undisturbed areas through the mining areas	Mines Manager
Natural drains/nallahs/brooklets outside the project area should not be disturbed at any point of mining operations	Mines Manager
Ensure there is no process effluent generation or discharge from the project area into water bodies	Mines Foreman
Domestic sewage generated from the project area will be disposed in septic tank and soak pit system	Mines Foreman
Monthly or after rainfall, inspection for performance of water management structures and systems	Mines Manager
Conduct ground water and surface water monitoring for parameters specified by CPCB	Manager Mines

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

#### 10.5 Air Quality Management

The existing and proposed mining activities would result in the increase of particulate matter concentrations due to fugitive dust. Water sprinkling twice per day on the haul roads, approach roads in the vicinity would be undertaken and will be continued as there is possibility for dust generation due to truck mobility. It will be ensured that vehicles are properly maintained to comply with exhaust emission requirements.

**TABLE 10.4: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR AIR ENVIRONMENT**

<b>CONTROL</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
Generation of dust during excavation is minimized by daily (twice) water sprinkling on working face and daily (twice) water sprinkling on haul road	Mines Manager
Wet drilling procedure /drills with dust extractor system to control dust generation during drilling at source itself is implemented	Mines Manager
Maintenance as per operator manual of the equipment and machinery in the mines to minimizing air pollution	Mines Manager
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring carried out in the project area and in surrounding villages to access the impact due to the mining activities and the efficacy of the adopted air pollution control measures	Mines Manager
Provision of Dust Mask to all workers	Mines Manager
Greenbelt development all along the periphery of the project area	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.6 Noise Management

There will be intermittent noise levels due to vehicular movement, trucks loading, drilling and blasting and other allied activities. No mining activities are planned during night time.

**TABLE 10.5: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR NOISE ENVIRONMENT**

<b>CONTROL</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
Development of thick greenbelt all along the Buffer Zone (7.5 Meters) of the project area to attenuate the noise and the same will be maintained	Mines Manager
Preventive maintenance of mining machinery and replacement of worn-out accessories to control noise generation	Mines Foreman
Deployment of mining equipment with an inbuilt mechanism to reduce noise	Mines Manager
Provision of earmuff / ear plugs to workers working in noise prone zones in the mines	Mining Mate
Provision of effective silencers for mining machinery and transport vehicles	Mines Manager
Provision of sound proof AC operator cabins to HEMM	Mines Manager
Sharp drill bits are used to minimize noise from drilling	Mines Foreman
Controlled blasting technologies are adopted by using delay detonators to minimize noise from blasting	Mines Manager
Annual ambient noise level monitoring shall be carried out in the project area and in surrounding villages to access the impact due to the mining activities and the efficacy of the adopted noise control measures. Additional noise control measures will be adopted if required as per the observations during monitoring	Mines Manager
Reduce maximum instantaneous charge using delays while blasting	Mining Mate
Change the burden and spacing by altering the drilling pattern and/or delay layout, or altering the hole inclination	Mines Manager
Undertake noise or vibration monitoring	Mines Manager

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.7 Ground Vibration and Fly Rock Control

**TABLE 10.6: PROPOSED CONTROLS FOR GROUND VIBRATIONS & FLY ROCK**

CONTROL	RESPONSIBILITY
Controlled blasting using delay detonators will be carried out to maintain the PPV value (below 8Hz) well within the prescribed standards of DGMS	Mines Manager
Drilling and blasting will be carried under the supervision of qualified persons	Mines Manager
Proper stemming of holes should be carried out with statutory competent qualified blaster under the supervision of statutory mines manager to avoid any anomalies during blasting	Mines Manager
Suitable spacing and burden will be maintained to avoid misfire / fly rocks	Manager Mines
Number of blast holes will be restricted to control ground vibrations	Manager Mines
Blasting will be carried out only during noon time	Mining Mate
Undertake noise or vibration monitoring	Mines Manager
ensure blast holes are adequately stemmed for the depth of the hole and stemmed with suitable angular material	Mines Foreman

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.8 Biological Environment Management

The proponent will take all necessary steps to avoid the impact on the ecology of the area by adopting suitable management measures in the planning and implementation stage. During mining, thick plantation will be carried out around the project periphery, on safety barrier zone, on top benches of quarried out area etc.,

Following control measures are proposed for its management and will be the responsibility of the Mines Manager.

- Greenbelt development all along the safety barrier of the project area
- It is also proposed to implement the greenbelt development programme and post plantation status will be regularly checked for every season.
- The main attributes that retard the survival of sapling is fugitive dust, this fugitive dust can be controlled by water sprinkling on the haul roads and installing a sprinkler unit near the newly planted area.
- Year wise greenbelt development will be recorded and monitored
  - Based on the area of plantation.
  - Period of plantation
  - Type of plantation
  - Spacing between the plants
  - Type of manuring and fertilizers and its periods
  - Lopping period, interval of watering
  - Survival rate
  - Density of plantation
- The ultimate reclamation planned leaves a congenial environment for development of flora & immigration of small fauna through green belt and water reservoir. The green belt and water reservoir developed within

the Project at the end of mine life will attract the birds and animals towards the project area in the post mining period.

### 10.8.1 Green Belt Development Plan

About 900 nos. of saplings is proposed to be planted for the Mining plan period in safety barrier of applied mine lease area with survival rate 80%. The greenbelt development plan has been prepared keeping in view the land use changes that will occur due to mining operation in the area.

**TABLE 10.7 PROPOSED GREENBELT ACTIVITIES FOR 5 YEAR PLAN PERIOD – P4**

PROPOSAL FOR P2 – Thiru.C. Selvaraj,			
It is proposed to plant <b>900 Nos</b> of trees in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year	80%	Safety barrier, Unutilized area's and nearby village roads	Neem, Pongamia pinnata, Casuarina, etc.,

Source: Conceptual Plan of Approved Mining plan & proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

The objectives of the greenbelt development plan are –

- Provide a green belt around the periphery of the quarry area to combat the dispersal of dust in the adjoining areas,
- Protect the erosion of the soil, Conserve moisture for increasing ground water recharging,
- Restore the ecology of the area, restore aesthetic beauty of the locality and meet the requirement of fodder, fuel and timber of the local community.

A well-planned Green Belt with multi rows (three tiers) preferably with long canopy leaves shall be developed with dense plantations around the boundary and haul roads to prevent air, dust noise propagation to undesired places and efforts will be taken for the enhancement of survival rate.

### 10.8.2 Species Recommended for Plantation

Following points have been considered while recommending the species for plantation:

- Creating of bio-diversity.
- Fast growing, thick canopy cover, perennial and evergreen large leaf area,
- Efficient in absorbing pollutants without major effects on natural growth

**TABLE 10.8: RECOMMENDED SPECIES TO PLANT IN THE GREENBELT – P4**

S.No	Botanical Name	Local Name	Importance
1	Azadirachta indica	Neem, Vembu	Neem oil & neem products
2	Tamarindus indica	Tamarind	Edible & Medicinal and other Uses
3	Polyalthia longifolia	Nettilinkam	Tall and evergreen tree
4	Borassus Flabellifer	Palmyra Palm	Tall Wind breaker tree and its fruits are edible

Source: Proposed by FAE's & EIA Coordinator

## 10.9 Occupational safety & health management

Occupational safety and health are very closely related to productivity and good employer-employee relationship. The main factors of occupational health impact in quarries are fugitive dust and noise. Safety of employees during quarrying operation and maintenance of mining equipment will be taken care as per Mines Act 1952

and Rule 29 of Mines Rules 1955. To avoid any adverse effect on the health of workers due to dust, noise and vibration sufficient measures have been provided.

#### 10.9.1 Medical Surveillance and Examinations –

- Identifying workers with conditions that may be aggravated by exposure to dust & noise and establishing baseline measures for determining changes in health.
- Evaluating the effect of noise on workers
- Enabling corrective actions to be taken when necessary
- Providing health education

The health status of workers in the mine shall be regularly monitored under an occupational surveillance program. Under this program, all the employees are subjected to a detail medical examination at the time of employment. The medical examination covers the following tests under mines act 1952.

- General Physical Examination and Blood Pressure
- X-ray Chest and ECG
- Sputum test
- Detailed Routine Blood and Urine examination

The medical histories of all employees will be maintained in a standard format annually. Thereafter, the employees will be subject to medical examination annually. The below tests keep upgrading the database of medical history of the employees.

**TABLE 10.9: MEDICAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE – P4**

Sl.No	Activities	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	5 <sup>th</sup> Year
1	Initial Medical Examination (Mine Workers)					
A	Physical Check-up					
B	Psychological Test					
C	Audiometric Test					
D	Respiratory Test					
2	Periodical Medical Examination (Mine Workers)					
A	Physical Check - up					
B	Audiometric Test					
C	Eye Check - up					
D	Respiratory Test					
3	Medical Camp (Mine Workers & Nearby Villagers)					
4	Training (Mine Workers)					

Medical Follow ups:- Work force will be divided into three targeted groups age wise as follows:-		
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	Regular monitoring of exhaust fumes as per RTO norms	Monitoring of Exhaust Fumes by Manual Labour	0	5000

	Regular sweeping and maintenance of approach roads for at least about 200 m from ML Area	Provision for 2 labours @ Rs.10,000/labour (Contractual) per Hectare	0	29800
	Installing wheel wash system near gate of quarry	Installation + Maintenance + Supervision	50000	20000
<b>Noise Environment</b>	Source of noise will be during operation of transportation vehicles, HEMM for this proper maintenance will be done at regular intervals.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Oiling & greasing of Transport vehicles and HEMM at regular interval will be done	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Adequate silencers will be provided in all the diesel engines of vehicles.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a fitness certificate.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Safety tools and implements that are required will be kept adequately near blasting site at the time of charging.	Provision made in OHS part	0	0
	Line Drilling all along the boundary to reduce the PPV from blasting activity and implementing controlled blasting.	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
	Proper warning system before blasting will be adopted and clearance of the area before blasting will be ensured.	Blowing Whistle by Mining Mate / Blaster / Competent Person	0	0
	Provision for Portable blaster shed	Installation of Portable blasting shelter	50000	2000
	NONEL Blasting will be practiced to control Ground vibration and fly rocks	Rs. 30/- per 6 Tonnes of Blasted Material	0	185931
<b>Waste Management</b>	Waste management (Spent Oil, Grease etc.,)	Provision for domestic waste collection and	5000	20000

		disposal through authorized agency		
		Installation of dust bins	5000	2000
	Bio toilets will be made available outside mine lease on the land of owner itself	Provision made in Operating Cost	0	0
<b>Mine Closure</b>	1. Progressive Closure Activity - Surface Runoff managent	Provision for garland drain @ Rs. 10,000/- per Hectare with maintenance of Rs. 5,000/- per annum	14900	5000
	2. Progressive Closure Activity Barbed Wire Fencing to quarry area will be provisioned.	Per Hectare fencing Cost @ Rs. 2,00,000/- with Maintenance of Rs 10,000/- per annum	298000	10000
	3. Progressive Closure Activity Green belt development - 500 trees per one hectare - Proposal for 900Trees - (300 Inside Lease Area & 600 Outside Lease Area)	Site clearance, preparation of land, digging of pits / trenches, soil amendments, transplantation of saplings @ 200 per plant (capital) for plantation inside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	60000	9000
		Avenue Plantation @ 300 per plant (capital) for plantation outside the lease area and @ 30 per plant maintenance (recurring)	180000	18000

	4. Implementation of Final Mine Closure Activity as per Approved Mining Plan on Last Year	Few activities already covered as progressive closure activities as greenbelt development, wire fencing, garland drain. *For Final Closure Activities 15% of the proposed closure cost will be spent during the final mine closure stage - Last Year	53100	0
	5. Contribution towards Green Fund. As per TNMMCR 1959, Rule 35 A	The Contribution towards Green Funds @ 10% of Seigniorage fee are indicated as part of EMP Budge and not necessarily implemented in the Project Site	421921	0
<b>Implementation of EC, Mining Plan &amp; DGMS Condition</b>	Size 6' X 5' with blue background and white letters as mentioned in MoM Appendix II by the SEAC TN	Fixed Display Board at the Quarry Entrance as permanent structure mentioning Environmental Conditions	10000	1000
	Air, Water, Noise and Soil Quality Sampling every 6 Months for Compliance Report of EC Conditions	Submission of 2 Half Yearly Compliance - Lab Monitoring Report as per CPCB norms	0	50000
	Workers will be provided with Personal Protective Equipment's	Provision of PPE @ Rs. 4000/- per employee with recurring based on wear and tear (say, @ Rs. 1000/- per employee) - 32 Employees	128000	32000
	Health check up for workers will be provisioned	IME & PME Health check up @ Rs. 1000/- per employee	0	32000

	First aid facility will be provided	Provision of 2 Kits per Hectare @ Rs. 2000/-	0	2980
	Mine will have safety precaution signages, boards.	Provision for signages and boards made	10000	2000
	No parking will be provided on the transport routes. Separate provision on the south side of the hill will be made for vehicles /HEMMs. Flaggers will be deployed for traffic management	Parking area with shelter and flags @ Rs. 50,000/- per hectare project and Rs. 10,000/- as maintenance cost	74500	10000
	Installation of CCTV cameras in the mines and mine entrance	Camera 4 Nos, DVR, Monitor with internet facility	30000	5000
	Implementation as per Mining Plan and ensure safe quarry working	Mines Manager (1 <sup>st</sup> Class / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class / Mine Foreman) under regulation 34 / 34 (6) of MMR, 1961 and Mining Mate under regulation 116 of MMR, 1961 @ 40,000/- for Manager & @ 25,000/- for Foreman / Mate	0	780000
<b>CER</b>	As per MoEF &CC OM 22-65/2017-IA.III Dated 25.02.2021	Detailed Description in following slides and Budget allocation is included as per MoeEF & CC OM	500000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2240300</b>	<b>1307111</b>

In order to implement the environmental protection measures, an amount of Rs.22.40 lakhs as capital cost and recurring cost as Rs. 13.07 lakhs as recurring cost is proposed considering present market price considering present market scenario for the proposed project.

<b>Year Wise Break Up</b>	
1st Year	35,47,411
2nd Year	13,72,467
3rd Year	14,41,090
4th Year	15,13,145
5th Year	16,41,902
<b>Total</b>	<b>99 lakhs</b>

### **10.10 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.



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## CHAPTER – 11: SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Veerapatti Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry (Extent: 7.80.5 ha) falls under “B” category as per MoEF & CC Notification (S.O. 3977 (E)).

Now, as per Order Dated: 04.09.2018 & 13.09.2018 passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in O.A. No. 173 of 2018 & O.A. No, 186 of 2016 and MoEF & CC Office Memorandum F. No. L-11011/175/2018-IA-II (M) Dated: 12.12.2018 clarified the requirement for EIA, EMP and therefore, Public Consultation for all areas from 5 to 25 ha falling in Category B-1 and appraised by SEAC/ SEIAA as well as for cluster situation.

A detailed Draft EIA/ EMP Report is prepared for public and other stakeholders' suggestions and a Final EIA/ EMP Report will be prepared based on the outcome of Public Consultation.

Environmental monitoring and audit mechanism have been recommended before and after commencement of the project, where necessary, to verify the accuracy of the EIA predictions and the effectiveness of recommended mitigation measures.

The main scope of the EIA study is to quantify the cumulative impact in the study area due to cluster quarries and formulate the effective mitigation measures for each individual leases. A detailed account of the emission sources, emissions control equipment, background Air quality levels, Meteorological measurements, Dispersion model and all other aspects of pollution like effluent discharge, Dust generation etc., have been discussed in this report. The baseline monitoring study has been carried out during the months October to December 2022 for various environmental components so as to assess the anticipated impacts of the cluster quarry projects on the environment and suitable mitigation measures for likely adverse impacts due to the proposed project is suggested individually for the respective proposed project under Chapter 10.

The project proponent ensures to obtain necessary clearances and quarrying will be carried out as per rules and regulations. The Mining Activity will be carried out in a phased manner as per the approved mining plan after obtaining EC, CTO from TNPCB, execution of lease deed and obtaining DGMS Permission and working will be carried out under the supervision of Competent Persons employed.

Overall, the EIA report has predicted that the project will comply with all environment standards and legislation after commencement of the project and operational stage mitigation measures are implemented.

Mining operations has positive impact on environment and socio economy such as landscape improvement, water as by-product, economy development and better public services, providing and supply of Rough Stone & Gravel as per market demand.

Sustainable and modern mining leads us to see positive impact of mining operation and providing consistent employment for nearly 113 people directly in the cluster and indirectly around 200 people.

As discussed, it is safe to say that the proposed quarries are not likely to cause any significant impact to the ecology of the area, as adequate preventive measures will be adopted to keep the various pollutants within the permissible limits. Green belt development around the area will also be taken up as an effective pollution mitigate technique, as well as to serve as biological indicators for the pollutants released from the Veerapatti Rough Stone & Gravel (Extent: 7.80.5 ha)

## CHAPTER 12.0: DISCLOSURE OF CONSULTANTS

The Project Proponent's –

1. Thiru. D. Dhineshwaran
2. Thiru.C. Selvaraj
3. Thiru. M.Karuppaiya
4. Thiru. T. Palanisamy,

have engaged M/s Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions, an Accredited Organization under Quality Council of India – National Accreditation Board for Education & Training, New Delhi, for carrying out the EIA Study as per the ToR Issued.

Name and address of the consultancy:

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The Accredited Experts and associated members who were engaged for this EIA study as given below –

Sl.No.	Name of the expert	In house/ Empanelled	EIA Coordinator		FAE	
			Sector	Category	Sector	Category
1	<b>Dr. M. Ifthikhar Ahmed</b>	<b>In-house</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>A</b>	WP GEO SC	B A A
2	Dr. P. Thangaraju	In-house	-	-	HG GEO	A A
3	Mr. A. Jagannathan	In-house	-	-	AP NV SHW	B A B
4	Mr. N. Senthilkumar	Empanelled	38 28	B B	AQ WP RH	B B A
5	Mrs. Jisha parameswaran	In-house	-	-	SW	B
6	Mr. Govindasamy	In-house	-	-	WP	B
7	Mrs. K. Anitha	In-house	-	-	SE	A
8	Mrs. Amirtham	In-house	-	-	EB	B
9	Mr. Alagappa Moses	Empanelled	-	-	EB	A
10	Mr. A. Allimuthu	In-house	-	-	LU	B
11	Mr. S. Pavel	Empanelled	-	-	RH	B
12	Mr. J. R. Vikram Krishna	Empanelled	-	-	SHW RH	A A

Abbreviations	
EC	EIA Coordinator
AEC	Associate EIA Coordinator
FAE	Functional Area Expert
FAA	Functional Area Associates
TM	Team Member
GEO	Geology
WP	Water pollution monitoring, prevention and control
AP	Air pollution monitoring, prevention and control
LU	Land Use
AQ	Meteorology, air quality modeling, and prediction
EB	Ecology and bio-diversity
NV	Noise and vibration
SE	Socio economics
HG	Hydrology, ground water and water conservation
SC	Soil conservation
RH	Risk assessment and hazard management
SHW	Solid and hazardous wastes
MSW	Municipal Solid Wastes
ISW	Industrial Solid Wastes
HW	Hazardous Wastes

### **DECLARATION BY EXPERTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE EIA/EMP**

Declaration by experts contributing to the EIA/EMP for Rough Stone & Gravel Cluster Quarries over an Extent of 7.80.5 ha in Veerapatti Village of Illuppur Taluk, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu State. It is also certified that information furnished in the above EIA study are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

I, hereby, certify that I was a part of the EIA team in the following capacity that developed the EIA/EMP Report.

Name: **Dr. M. Ifthikhar Ahmed**

Designation: **EIA Coordinator**

Date & Signature:






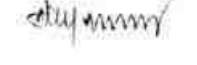



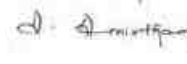









Period of Involvement: **January 2022 to till date**

**Associated Team Member with EIA Coordinator:**




1. **Mr. S. Nagamani**
2. **Mr. Viswanathan**
3. **Mr. Santhoshkumar**
4. **Mr. S. Ilavarasan**

#### **FUNCTIONAL AREA EXPERTS ENGAGED IN THE PROJECT**

Sl. No.	Functional Area	Involvement	Name of the Expert/s	Signature
1	AP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identification of different sources of air pollution due to the proposed mine activity</li> <li>▪ Prediction of air pollution and propose mitigation measures / control measures</li> </ul>	Mr. A. Jagannathan	
2	WP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Suggesting water treatment systems, drainage facilities</li> <li>▪ Evaluating probable impacts of effluent/waste water discharges into the receiving environment/water bodies and suggesting control measures.</li> </ul>	Dr. M. Ifthikhar Ahmed	
			Mr. N. Senthilkumar	
3	HG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interpretation of ground water table and predict impact and propose mitigation measures.</li> <li>▪ Analysis and description of aquifer Characteristics</li> </ul>	Dr. P. Thangaraju	
4	GEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Field Survey for assessing the regional and local geology of the area.</li> <li>▪ Preparation of mineral and geological maps.</li> <li>▪ Geology and Geo morphological analysis/description and Stratigraphy/Lithology.</li> </ul>	Dr. M. Ifthikhar Ahmed	
			Dr. P. Thangaraju	
5	SE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Revision in secondary data as per Census of India, 2011.</li> <li>▪ Impact Assessment &amp; Preventive Management Plan</li> </ul>	Mrs. K. Anitha	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate Environment Responsibility.</li> </ul>		
6	EB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection of Baseline data of Flora and Fauna.</li> <li>Identification of species labelled as Rare, Endangered and threatened as per IUCN list.</li> <li>Impact of the project on flora and fauna.</li> <li>Suggesting species for greenbelt development.</li> </ul>	Mrs. Amirtham	
			Mr. Alagappa Moses	
7	RH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of hazards and hazardous substances</li> <li>Risks and consequences analysis</li> <li>Vulnerability assessment</li> <li>Preparation of Emergency Preparedness Plan</li> <li>Management plan for safety.</li> </ul>	Mr. N. Senthilkumar	
			Mr. S. Pavel	
			Mr. J. R. Vikram Krishna	
8	LU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of Land use Map</li> <li>Impact of project on surrounding land use</li> <li>Suggesting post closure sustainable land use and mitigative measures.</li> </ul>	Mr. A. Allimuthu	
9	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify impacts due to noise and vibrations</li> <li>Suggesting appropriate mitigation measures for EMP.</li> </ul>	Mr. A. Jagannathan	
10	AQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying different source of emissions and propose predictions of incremental GLC using AERMOD.</li> <li>Recommending mitigations measures for EMP</li> </ul>	Mr. N. Senthilkumar	
11	SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing the impact on soil environment and proposed mitigation measures for soil conservation</li> </ul>	Dr. M. Ifthikhar Ahmed	
12	SHW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify source of generation of non-hazardous solid waste and hazardous waste.</li> <li>Suggesting measures for minimization of generation of waste and how it can be reused or recycled.</li> </ul>	Mr. A. Jagannathan	
			Mr. J. R. Vikram Krishna	

**LIST OF TEAM MEMBERS ENGAGED IN THIS PROJECT**

Sl.No.	Name	Functional Area	Involvement	Signature
1	Mr. S. Nagamani	AP; GEO; AQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>Provide inputs &amp; Assisting FAE with sources of Air Pollution, its impact and suggest control measures</li> <li>Provide inputs on Geological Aspects</li> <li>Analyse &amp; provide inputs and assist FAE with meteorological data, emission estimation, AERMOD modelling and suggesting control measures</li> </ul>	
2	Mr. Viswanathan	AP; WP; LU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>Provide inputs &amp; Assisting FAE with sources of Air Pollution, its impact and suggest control measures</li> <li>Assisting FAE on sources of water pollution, its impacts and suggest control measures</li> <li>Assisting FAE in preparation of land use maps</li> </ul>	
3	Mr. Santhoshkumar	GEO; SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>Provide inputs on Geological Aspects</li> <li>Assist in Resources &amp; Reserve Calculation and preparation of Production Plan &amp; Conceptual Plan</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide inputs &amp; Assisting FAE with soil conservation methods and identifying impacts</li> </ul>	
4	Mr. Umamahesvaran	GEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>▪ Provide inputs on Geological Aspects</li> <li>▪ Assist in Resources &amp; Reserve Calculation and preparation of Production Plan &amp; Conceptual Plan</li> </ul>	<i>S. Umamahesvaran</i>
5	Mr. A. Allimuthu	SE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>▪ Assist FAE with collection of data's</li> <li>▪ Provide inputs by analysing primary and secondary data</li> </ul>	<i>A. Allimuthu</i>
6	Mr. S. Ilavarasan	LU; SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>▪ Assisting FAE in preparation of land use maps</li> <li>▪ Provide inputs &amp; Assisting FAE with soil conservation methods and identifying impacts</li> </ul>	<i>S. Ilavarasan</i>
7	Mr. E. Vadivel	HG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>▪ Assist FAE &amp; provide inputs on aquifer characteristics, ground water level/table</li> <li>▪ Assist with methods of ground water recharge and conduct pump test, flow rate</li> </ul>	<i>E. Vadivel</i>
8	Mr. D. Dinesh	NV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>▪ Assist FAE and provide inputs on impacts due to proposed mine activity and suggest mitigation measures</li> <li>▪ Assist FAE with prediction modelling</li> </ul>	<i>D. Dinesh</i>
9	Mr. Panneer Selvam	EB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>▪ Assist FAE with collection of baseline data</li> <li>▪ Provide inputs and assist with labelling of Flora and Fauna</li> </ul>	<i>P. Panneer Selvam</i>
10	Mrs. Nathiya	EB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Visit with FAE</li> <li>▪ Assist FAE with collection of baseline data</li> <li>▪ Provide inputs and assist with labelling of Flora and Fauna</li> </ul>	<i>T. Nathiya</i>

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**DECLARATION BY THE HEAD OF THE ACCREDITED CONSULTANT ORGANIZATION**

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I, Dr. M. Ifthikhar Ahmed, Managing Partner, Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions, hereby, confirm that the above-mentioned Functional Area Experts and Team Members prepared the EIA/EMP for Rough Stone & Gravel Cluster Quarries over an Extent of 7.80.5 ha in Veerapatti Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu State. It is also certified that information furnished in the EIA study are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Signature& Date:

Name:

**Dr. M. Ifthikhar Ahmed**

Designation:

**Managing Partner**

Name of the EIA Consultant Organization:

**M/s. Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions**

NABET Certificate No & Issue Date:

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