

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“B1” CATEGORY (Cluster) – MINOR MINERAL – CLUSTER – PATTA LAND

KEERANUR ROUGH STONE AND GRAVEL QUARRIES

Cluster Extent:18.78.1 Ha

(6 Proposed + 2 Existing Quarries)

P1	P2	P3
Thiru.R. Senthil Kumar, S/o. Ramasamy No. 3/111, Palladam Road, Mangalam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 641663	Thiru.R.Muthusamy S/o. Rangasami Gounder, No. 77, South Street, Morattupalayam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 638 752.	Tmt. R. Thulasimani, W/o. P. Ramasamy, No. 3/111, Palladam Road, Mangalam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 641 663.
S.F.No. 16/2(P) & 16/3 (P) Extent : 1.01.10 ha	S.F.No. 71/A Extent: 1.31.0 ha	S.F.No. 16/2(Part), 16/3(Part), 19/1(Part), 19/4A, 19/4B and 15(Part), Extent: 2.22.0 ha
Keeranur Village, Kangeyam Taluk, Tiruppur District		
Production 72,250 m ³ of Rough stone & 11,830 m ³ of Gravel Depth: 28m bgl	Production 1,08,350 m ³ of Rough stone & 36,652 m ³ of Gravel Depth: 34m bgl	Production 2,42,962 m ³ of Rough stone & 35,564 m ³ of Gravel Depth: 49m bgl

ToR obtained vide

File No.12929 TOR Identification No. TO25B0108TN5494983N Dated: 01.12.2025-P1

File No.13011 TOR Identification No. TO25B0108TN5994383N Dated: 06.01.2026-P2

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Baseline Monitoring Period

December 2025 – February 2026

MAY 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

P1

The project proponent Thiru.R.Senthil Kumar applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry over an extent of

1.01.10 Ha in S.F.Nos. 16/2(P) & 16/3 (P) of Keeranur Village, Kangeyam Taluk, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State.

- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 14.02.2025
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the District Collector vide letter no.Rc.No.319/Mines/2025 Dated: 23.09.2025
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Deputy Director vide letter no.319/Mines/2025 Dated: 15.10.2025
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 72,250m³ of Rough stone, 5915 m³ of Weathered Rock and Gravel 11,830 m³ up to a depth of 28m bgl for the period of Ten years.
- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/556339/2025, Dated: 30.10.2025 and the ToR was Granted vide File No: 12929 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN5494983N Dated: 01.12.2025

P2

The project proponent Thiru.R.Muthusamy applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry over an extent of 1.31.0 Ha in S.F.Nos. 71/A of Keeranur Village, Kangeyam Taluk, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State.

- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 03.05.2025
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tiruppur vide letter no.Rc.No.845/Mines/2025 Dated: 22.10.2025
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tiruppur vide letter no.845/Mines/2025 Dated: 30.10.2025
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 1,08,350m³ of Rough stone and Gravel 36,652m³ up to a depth of 34m bgl for the period of Ten years.
- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/558170/2025, Dated: 14.11.2025 and the ToR was Granted vide File No: 13011 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN5994383N Dated: 06.01.2026

P3

• The project proponent Tmt. R. Thulasimani applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry over an extent of 2.22.0 Ha in S.F.Nos. 16/2(Part), 16/3(Part), 19/1(Part), 19/4A, 19/4B and 15(Part), of Keeranur Village, Kangeyam Taluk, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State.

- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 02.12.2025
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tiruppur vide letter no.Rc.No. .2240/Mines/2025, Dated: 20.02.2026
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tiruppur vide letter no. 2240/Mines/2025, Dated: 02.03.2026
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 2,42,962 m³ of Rough stone and Gravel 35,564 m³ up to a depth of 49 m bgl for the period of Five years.
- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/572165/2026, Dated: 13.03.2026. and the ToR was Granted vide File No: 13527 ToR Identification No: TO26B0108TN5645147N Dated: 15.04.2026
- The Previous quarry operation was carried out by Thiru.P. Ramasamy, S.F.No.15(P), 16/3(P) over a extent of 1.21.0 Ha vide Ec.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.7284/1(a)/EC.No:4237/2020 Dated: 17.06.2020 for a lease period of 28.09.2020 – 27.09.2025

Based on the ToR Baseline Monitoring study has been carried out for one season i.e., **December 2025** – **February 2026** and this EIA/EMP report is prepared for considering cumulative impacts arising out of these projects, the Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment study is undertaken, which is followed by preparation of a detailed Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to minimize those adverse impacts.

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

1.1 DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT

	P1	P2	P3
Name of the Project Proponent	Thiru. R.Senthil Kumar	Thiru.R.Muthusamy	Tmt. R. Thulasimani
Address	S/o. Ramasamy No. 3/111, Palladam Road, Mangalam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 641663	S/o. Rangasami Gounder, No. 77, South Street, Morattupalayam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 638 752	W/o. P. Ramasamy, No. 3/111, Palladam Road, Mangalam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu – 641 663.
Mobile	+91 94432 62685	+91 98659 58538	+91 9443262685
Email	-	-	rsk5854@gmail.com
Status	Individual	Individual	Individual

1.2 QUARRY DETAILS WITHIN 500 M RADIUS

CODE	Name of the Owner	Village	S.F. Nos	Extent in Ha	Status
PROPOSED QUARRY					
P1	Thiru. R.Senthil Kumar, S/o. Ramasamy No. 3/111, Palladam Road, Mangalam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 641663	Keeranur	. 16/2(P) & 16/3 (P)	1.01.10Ha	File No: 12929 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN549 4983N Dated: 01.12.2025
P2	Thiru.R.Muthusamy, S/o. Rangasami Gounder, No. 77, South Street, Morattupalayam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 638 752	Keeranur	71/A	1.31.00	File No: 13011 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN599 4383N Dated: 06.01.2026
P3	Tmt.R.Thulasimani, W/o. P.Ramasamy, No. 3/111, Palladam Road, Mangalam, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State – 641663	Keeranur	16/2(Part), 16/3(Part), 19/1(Part), 19/4A, 19/4B and 15(Part),	2.22.00	File No: 13527 ToR Identification No: TO26B0108TN564 5147N Dated: 15.04.2026
P4	P.Ramasamy	Keeranur	15,16/3	4.30.00	Applied for lease
P5	M.Manoharan	Keeranur	24/C2	2.27.50	Applied for lease
P6	M/s.Empire Mines Pvt Ltd	Keeranur	50(P)	3.16.50	Applied for lease
TOTAL EXTENT				14.28.1	
EXISTING QUARRY					
E-1	K.Thangavelu	Keeranur	70/A2, 70/B2, 70/C2 (P)	1.43.0Ha	11.05.2022 – 10.05.2027

E-2	R.Muthusamy		66/1, 66/2	3.07.0 Ha	10.11.2022-09.11.2027
TOTAL EXTENT				4.50.0 Ha	
EXPIRED QUARRY					
EX-1	P.Ramasamy	Keeranur	15(P),16/3(P)	1.21.00 Ha	28.08.2020 to 27.08.2025
TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT				18.78.1 Ha	

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

TABLE 1.3 SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSAL - P1

Name of the Project	Thiru. R.Senthil Kumar Rough stone and Gravel quarry		
S.F. No.	16/2(P) & 16/3 (P)		
Extent	1.01.10 Ha		
Village Taluk and District	Keeranur Village, Kangeyam Taluk, Tiruppur District		
Land Type	It is a Patta land – Punjai, jointly registered in the name of (Thiru . R.Senthil Kumar and Tmt.Thulasimani) vide patta no.184 and Thiru. Ramasamy Vide patta No.3387. The applicant has obtained consent from the pattadars		
Toposheet No	58 – E/12		
Latitude between	11° 04'07.6645"N to 11° 04' 12.0097"N		
Longitude between	77° 34' 10.8364"E to 77° 34' 14.5777"E		
Elevation of the area	297m AMSL		
Mining Plan period	10 Years		
Proposed Depth of Mining	28m bgl		
	Rough Stone in m³	Weathered Rock in m³	Gravel in m³
Geological Resources	2,52,750	10,110	20,220
Mineable Reserves	72,250	5,915	11,830
Year wise Production	72,250	5,915	11,830
Peak Production	13,650	2,465	4,930
Ultimate Pit Dimension	XY-AB : 17 (m) x 16 (W) x 8m BGL (D) XY-CD : 30 (m) x 34 (W) x 13m BGL (D) X1Y1-EF : 67 (m) x 69(W) x 28m BGL (D)		
Water Level in the region	110m bgl		
Method of Mining	Opencast Mechanized Mining Method is being carried out with 5.0-meter vertical bench with a bench width is not less than the bench height		
Topography	The lease applied area is almost plain topography. The area has gentle sloping towards North side and altitude of the area is 297m (max) above Mean Sea level. The area is covered by 2m thickness of Gravel and 2m thickness of weathered rock. Massive Charnockite is found after 4m (Gravel + Weathered Rock) which is clearly inferred from the existing quarry pit.		
Machinery proposed	Hand Jack Hammer	2 Nos	
	Compressor	1 No	
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1Nos	
	Tippers	2 Nos	
	Water sprinkler	1 No	

Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method by shot hole drilling and small dia of 25mm slurry explosive are proposed to be used for shattering and heaving effect for removal and winning of Rough Stone. No deep hole drilling is proposed.	
Proposed Manpower Deployment	20 Nos	
Project Cost	Rs. 73,81,000/-	
CER Cost	Rs. 3,00,000/-	
Nearby Water Bodies	Vaikkal	270m South
	Lower Bhavani Main Canal	3.5km North
	Noyyal River	4.6km NW
	Orathupalayam Dam	5.2km NW
Greenbelt Development Plan	Proposed to plant 500 Nos of trees considering 500 Nos of trees/ Ha criteria The plantation will be developed around the project site and nearby village roads	
Proposed Water Requirement	1.8 KLD	
Nearest Habitation	400m – North East	
Nearest Reserve Forest	Chennimalai R.F. – 8.9km – North	
Nearest Wild Life Sanctuary	Nanjarayan Lake Birds Sanctuary – 20.50km – NW	

Source: Approved Mining & Land Documents.

TABLE 1.4 SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSAL – P2

Name of the Project	Thiru. R.Muthusamy Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
S.F. No.	71/A	
Extent	1.31.0 Ha	
Village Taluk and District	Keeranur Village, Kangeyam Taluk, Tiruppur District	
Land Type	It is a Patta land – registered in the name of applicant Thiru.R.Muthusamy Vide Patta no.417	
Toposheet No	58 – E/12	
Latitude between	11° 03'58.99"N to 11° 04' 03.61'N	
Longitude between	77° 33' 54.51"E to 77° 33' 58.17"E	
Elevation of the area	280m AMSL	
Mining Plan period	10 Years	
Proposed Depth of Mining	34m bgl	
	Rough Stone in m³	Gravel in m³
Geological Resources	6,55,000	52,400
Mineable Reserves	1,08,351	36,652
Year wise Production	1,08,351	36,652
Peak Production	31,051	18,172
Ultimate Pit Dimension	119m (L) x 77m(W) x 34m(D) BGL	
Water Level in the region	110m bgl	
Method of Mining	Opencast Mechanized Mining Method is being carried out with 5.0-meter vertical bench with a bench width is not less than the bench height	
Topography	The lease applied area is situated in flat terrain. The area has gentle sloping towards Southern side and altitude of the area is 280m (max) above Mean Sea level. The area is covered by 4m thickness of Gravel. Massive Charnockite is found which is clearly inferred from the existing quarry pit.	
Machinery proposed	Hand Jack Hammer	4 Nos

	Compressor	1 No
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1Nos
	Tippers	2 Nos
	Water sprinkler	1 No
Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method by shot hole drilling and small dia of 25mm slurry explosive are proposed to be used for shattering and heaving effect for removal and winning of Rough Stone. No deep hole drilling is proposed.	
Proposed Manpower Deployment	24 Nos	
Project Cost	Rs. 1,38,28,000/-	
CER Cost	Rs. 3,00,000/-	
Nearby Water Bodies	Vaikkal	110m NE
	Lower Bhavani Main Canal	3.8km North
	Noyyal River	4.7km NW
	Orathupalayam Dam	5.3km NW
Greenbelt Development Plan	Proposed to plant 660 Nos of trees considering 500 Nos of trees/ Ha criteria The plantation will be developed around the project site and nearby village roads	
Proposed Water Requirement	2.0 KLD	
Nearest Habitation	710m – West	
Nearest Reserve Forest	Chennimalai R.F. – 9.2km – North	
Nearest Wild Life Sanctuary	Vellode Birds Sanctuary – 21.7km – North East	

Source: Approved Mining & Land Documents.

TABLE 1.4 A SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSAL – P3

Name of the Project	Tmt. R. Thulasimani Rough stone and Gravel quarry	
S.F. No.	16/2(Part), 16/3(Part), 19/1(Part), 19/4A, 19/4B and 15(Part),	
Extent	2.22.0 Ha	
Village Taluk and District	Keeranur Village, Kangeyam Taluk, Tiruppur District	
Land Type	It is a Patta land – Consent has been obtained from the respective Pattadars	
Toposheet No	58 – E/12	
Latitude between	11°04'02.68"N to 11°04'10.27"N	
Longitude between	77°34'08.29"E to 77°34'13.60"E	
Elevation of the area	297m AMSL	
Mining Plan period	5 Years	
Proposed Depth of Mining	49m bgl	
	Rough Stone in m³	Gravel in m³
Geological Resources	8,54,636	51,236
Mineable Reserves	2,42,962	35,564
Year wise Production	2,42,962	35,564
Peak Production	56,600	15,128
Existing Depth	15m	
Previous Operation	Thiru. P. Ramasamy – Lease Period – 28.09.2020 – 27.09.2025	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	XY-AB: 107m (L) X 61m (W) X 49m (D) X1Y1-AB: 100m (L) X 76m (W) X 49m (D)	

	X1Y1-CD: 37m (L) X 62m (W) X 24m (D)	
Water Level in the region	110m bgl	
Method of Mining	Opencast Mechanized Mining Method is being carried out with 5.0-meter vertical bench with a bench width is not less than the bench height	
Topography	The lease applied area is situated in flat terrain. The area has gentle sloping towards Southern side and altitude of the area is 280m (max) above Mean Sea level. The area is covered by 4m thickness of Gravel. Massive Charnockite is found which is clearly inferred from the existing quarry pit.	
Machinery proposed	Hand Jack Hammer	7 Nos
	Compressor	2 No
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1Nos
	Tippers	2 Nos
	Water sprinkler	1 No
Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method by shot hole drilling and small dia of 25mm slurry explosive are proposed to be used for shattering and heaving effect for removal and winning of Rough Stone. No deep hole drilling is proposed.	
Proposed Manpower Deployment	29 Nos	
Project Cost	Rs. 98,78,000/-	
CER Cost	Rs. 3,00,000/-	
Nearby Water Bodies	Vaikkal	110m NE
	Lower Bhavani Main Canal	3.8km North
	Noyyal River	4.7km NW
	Orathupalayam Dam	5.3km NW
Greenbelt Development Plan	Proposed to plant 1200 Nos of trees considering 500 Nos of trees/ Ha criteria The plantation will be developed around the project site and nearby village roads	
Proposed Water Requirement	5.0 KLD	
Nearest Habitation	490m – NE	
Nearest Reserve Forest	Chennimalai R.F. – 8.9 km – North East	
Nearest Wild Life Sanctuary	Nanjарayan Lake Birds Sanctuary – 20.5 km – NW Vellode Birds Sanctuary – 21.4 km – North East	

1.5 STATUTORY DETAILS

Project – P1

- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 14.02.2025
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining vide letter no. R.c. No. 319/Mines/2025, Dated: 23.09.2025
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Assistant Director vide letter no.319/Mines/2025 Dated: 15.10.2025
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 72,250m³ of Rough stone, 5915m³ of Weathered Rock and 11,830m³ of Gravel up to a depth of 28m bgl for the period of Ten years.

- The proposed project falls under “B1” Category 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
- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/556339/2025, Dated: 30.10.2025
- The proposal was placed in 642nd SEAC meeting held on 13.11.2025 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 924th SEIAA meeting held on 27.11.2025 and issued ToR vide File No: 12929 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN5494983N Dated: 01.12.2025

.Project – P2

- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 03.05.2025
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tiruppur vide letter no. R.c. No. 845/Mines/2025, Dated: 22.10.2025
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Assistant Director vide letter no.845/Mines/2025 Dated: 30.10.2025
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 1,08,350m³ of Rough stone and 36,652m³ of Gravel up to a depth of 34m bgl for the period of Ten years.
- The proposed project falls under “B1” Category 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
- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/558170/2025, Dated: 14.11.2025
- The proposal was placed in 651st SEAC meeting held on 11.12.2025 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 937th SEIAA meeting held on 23.12.2025 and issued ToR vide File No: 13011 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN5994383N Dated: 06.01.2026

Project – P3

- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 02.12.2025
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tiruppur vide letter no. R.c. No. 2240/Mines/2025, Dated: 20.02.2026
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Assistant Director vide letter no.2240/Mines/2025, Dated: 02.03.2026
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 2,42,962 m³ of Rough stone and 35,564 m³ of Gravel up to a depth of 49m bgl for the period of 5 years.
- The proposed project falls under “B1” Category 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
- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/572165/2026, Dated: 13.03.2026

- The proposal was placed in 697th SEAC meeting held on 26.03.2026 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 990th SEIAA meeting held on 07.04.2026 and issued ToR vide File No: 13527 ToR Identification No: TO26B0108TN5645147N Dated: 15.04.2026

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is site specific and there is no additional area required for this project. There is no effluent generation/discharge from the proposed quarries. Rough Stone is 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 pit head to the needy crushers and rock breakers to avoid secondary blasting.

2.1 SITE CONNECTIVITY TO THE PROJECT AREA

Nearest Roadway	National Highway – (NH-81) Coimbatore to Karur – 7.4km – SW State Highway – (SH-96) Erode to Kangeyam – 690m – East
Nearest Village	Keeranur– 1.0km – North West
Nearest Town	Kangeyam – 7.0km – South West
Nearest Railway Station	Vijayamangalam Railway station – 15km – North West
Nearest Airport	Coimbatore Airport – 57 km – West
Seaport	Thoothukudi Seaport – 84.0km – South East

2.2 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

LAND USE PATTERN-P1

Description	Present area (Ha)	Area required during first five years (Ha)	Area at the end of Lease period (Ha)
Area Under Quarrying	Nil	0.63.64	0.63.64
Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.00	0.01.00
Roads	Nil	0.02.00	0.02.00
Green Belt	Nil	0.34.46	0.34.46
Unutilized Area	1.01.10	Nil	Nil
Grand Total	1.01.10	1.01.10	1.01.10

LAND USE PATTERN-P2

Description	Present area (Ha)	Proposed Amalgamation		Leaving safety and Benches	
		Area Required During the First Five years	Area at the end of Lease Period (Ha)	Area Required During the Second Five years	Area at the end of Lease Period (Ha)
Area Under Quarrying	Nil	1.02.3	1.02.3	0.91.6	0.91.6
Site Services	Nil	0.01.0	0.01.0	0.01.0	0.01.0
Roads	Nil	0.02.0	0.02.0	0.02.0	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	0.11.0	0.11.0	0.18.0	0.18.0
Unutilized Area	1.31.0	0.14.7	0.14.7	0.18.4	0.18.4
Grand Total	1.31.0	1.31.0	1.31.0	1.31.0	1.31.0

LAND USE PATTERN-P3

Description	Present area (Ha)	Area at the end of Lease Period (Ha)
Area Under Quarrying	0.58.40	1.64.20
Site Services	Nil	0.01.00
Roads	0.02.0	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	0.25.0
Unutilized Area	1.61.60	0.29.80
Grand Total	2.22.0	2.22.0

2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS**RESOURCES AND RESERVES-P1**

PARTICULARS	DETAILS		
	Rough Stone in m ³	Weathered Rock in m ³	Gravel in m ³
Geological Resources	2,52,750	10,110	20,220
Mineable Reserves	72,250	5,915	11,830
Year wise Production	72,250	5,915	11,830
Peak Production	13,650	2,465	4,930
Mining Plan Period	10 Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days		
Production per day	46		
No of Lorry loads	4		
Total Depth of Mining	28m BGL		

Source: Approved Mining Plan

RESOURCES AND RESERVES-P2

PARTICULARS	DETAILS	
	Rough Stone in m ³	Gravel in m ³
Geological Resources	6,55,000	52,400
Mineable Reserves	1,08,350	36,652
Year wise Production	1,08,350	36,652
Peak Production	31,050	18,172
Mining Plan Period	10 Years	
Number of Working Days	300 Days	
Production per day	36	45
No of Lorry loads	3	4
Total Depth of Mining	34m BGL	

Source: Approved mining plan.

RESOURCES AND RESERVES-P3

PARTICULARS	DETAILS	
	Rough Stone in m ³	Gravel in m ³
Geological Resources	8,54,636	51,236
Mineable Reserves	2,42,962	35,564
Year wise Production	2,42,962	35,564
Peak Production	56,600	15,128
Mining Plan Period	5 Years	
Number of Working Days	300 Days	
Production per day	161	39
No of Lorry loads	13	3

Total Depth of Mining

49 m BGL

Source: Approved mining plan.

FIGURE – 1: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING PROJECT AREA-P1, P2 & P3**SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P1**

SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P2



SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P3

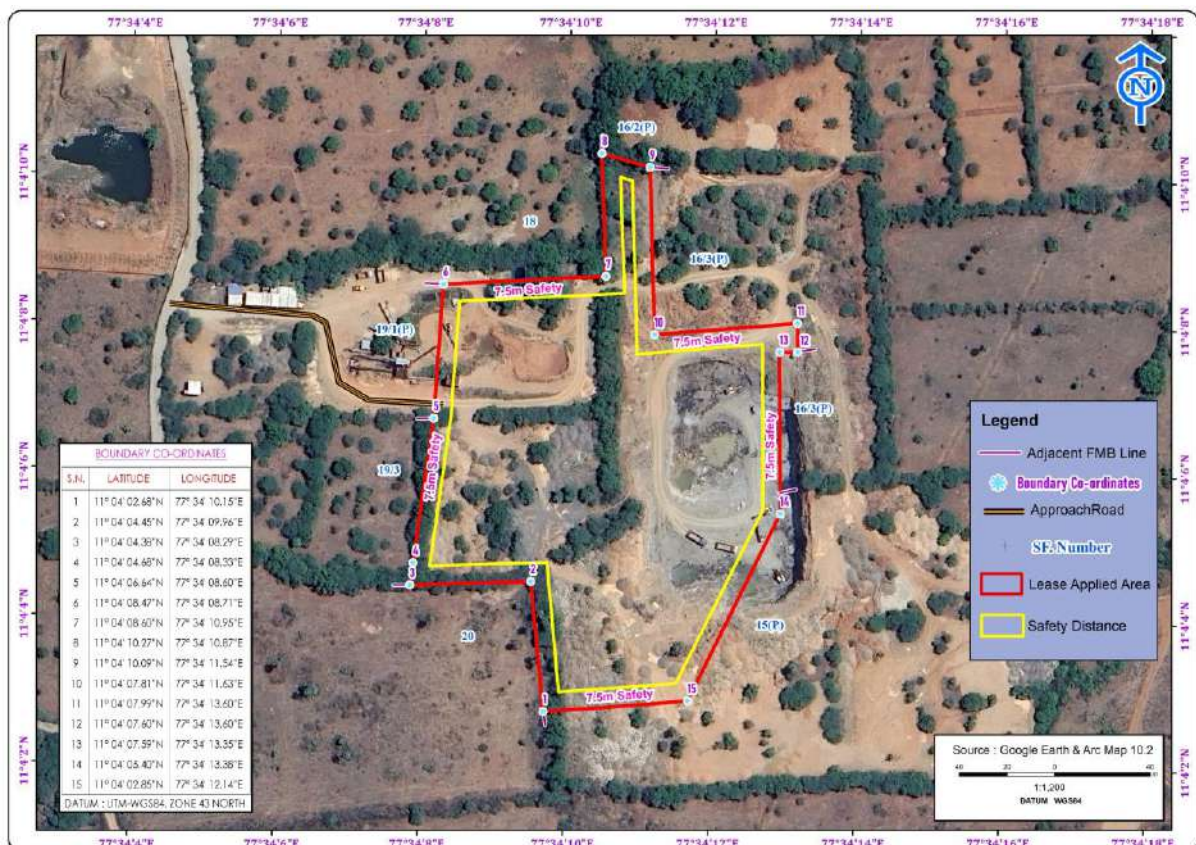


FIGURE – 2: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING CLUSTER (500 m QUARRIES)

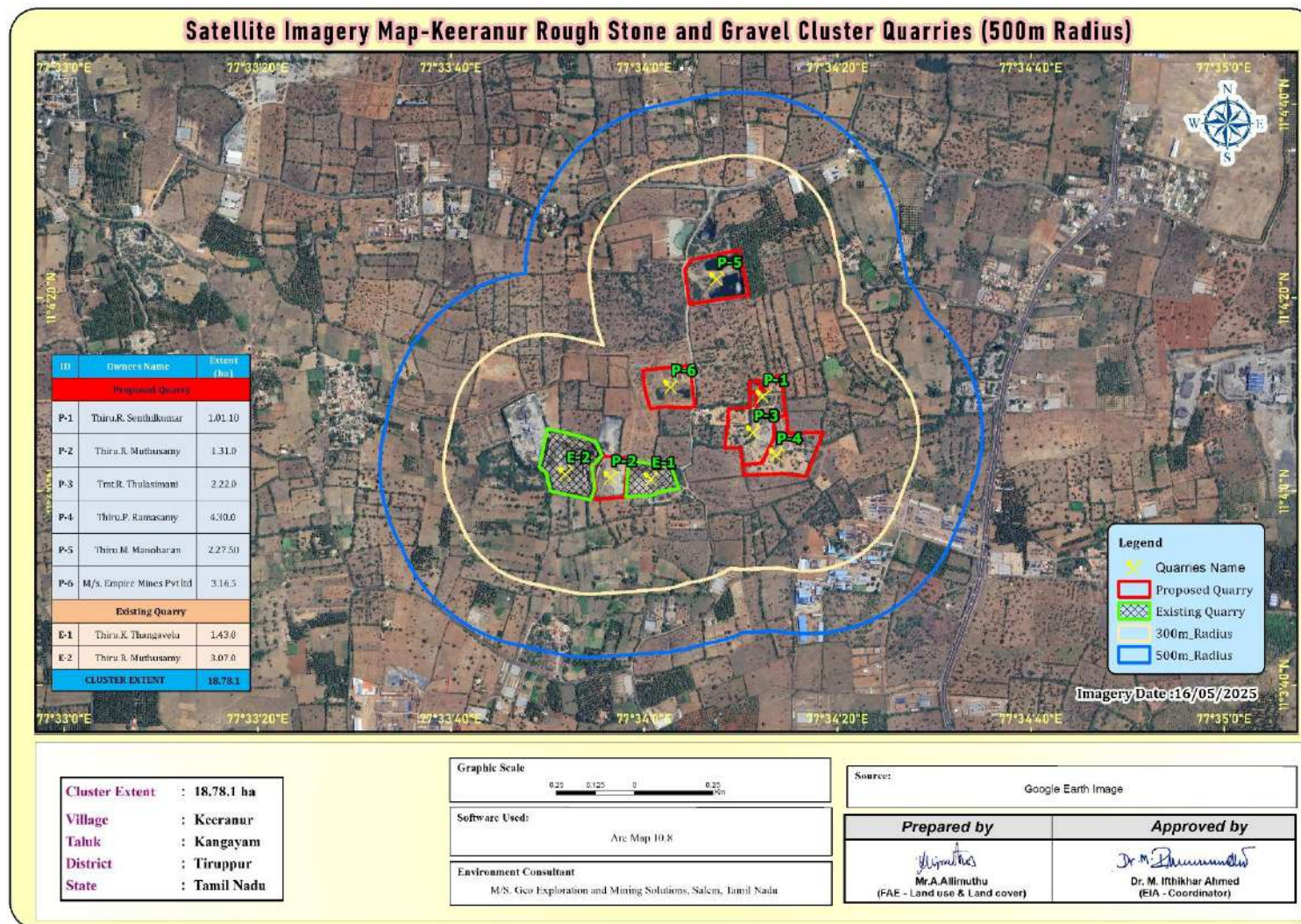


FIGURE – 3: TOPOSHEET MAP COVERING 10 KM RADIUS

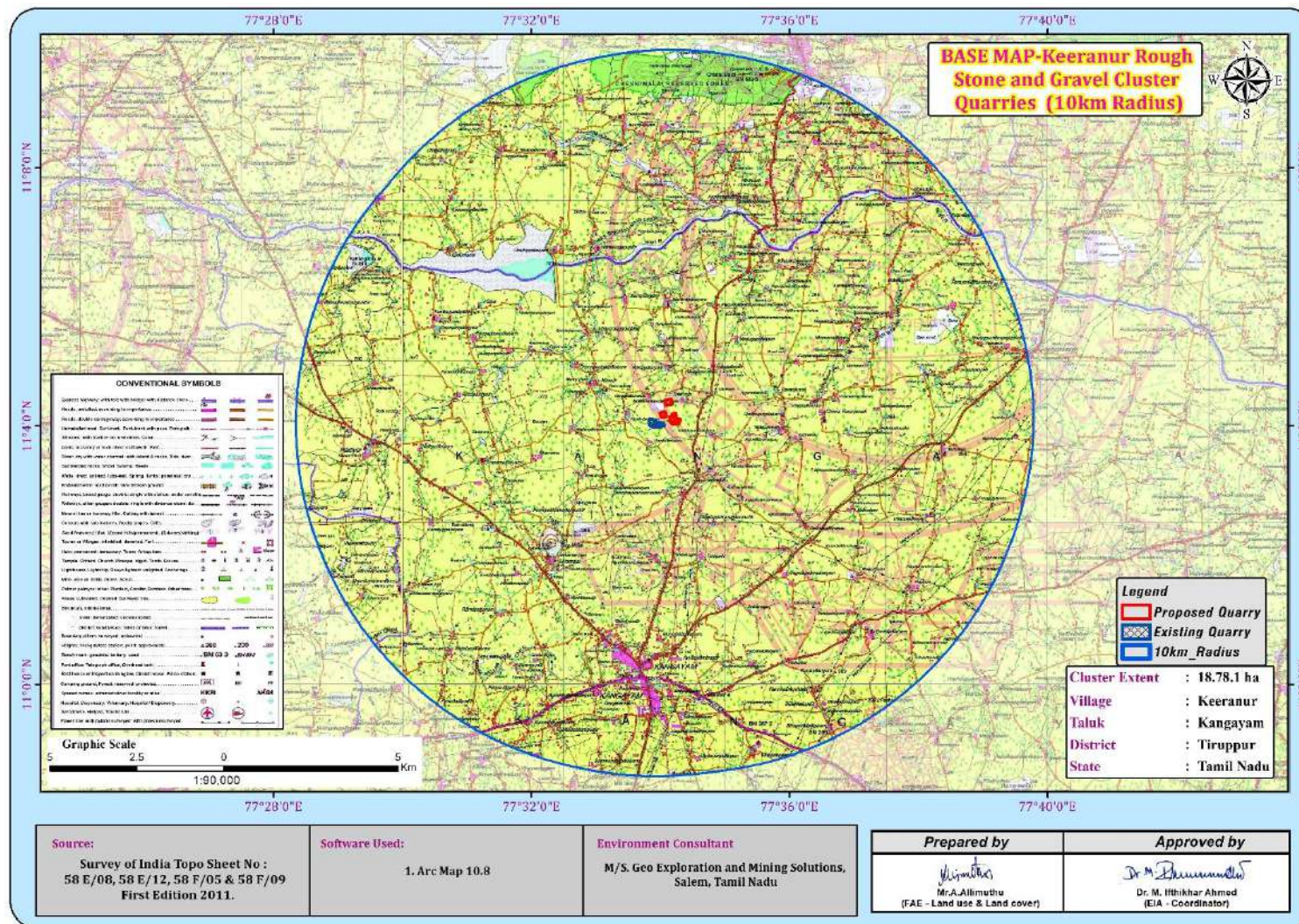


FIGURE 4: QUARRY LEASE PLAN / SURFACE PLAN P1

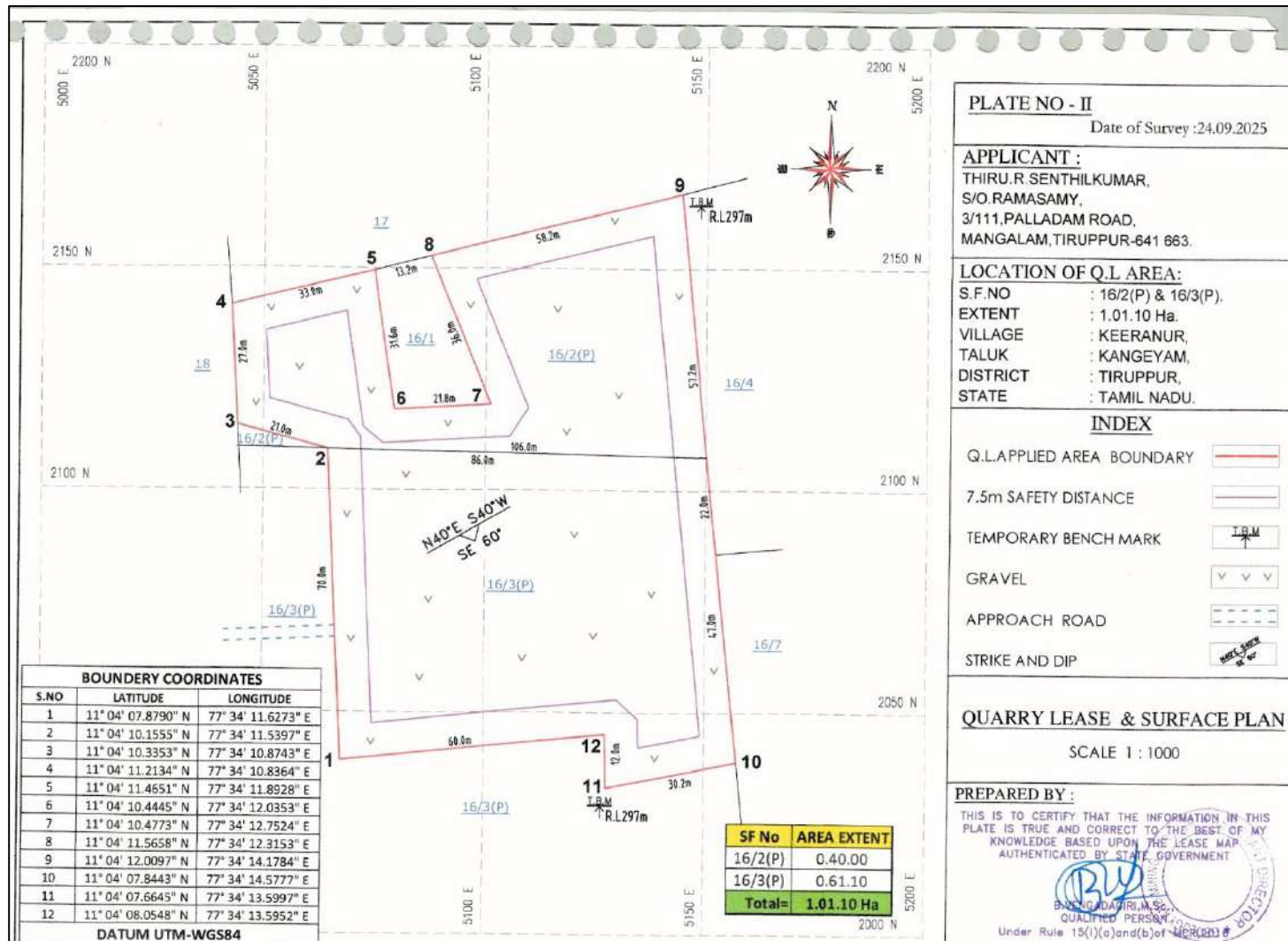


FIGURE 5: QUARRY LEASE PLAN / SURFACE PLAN P2

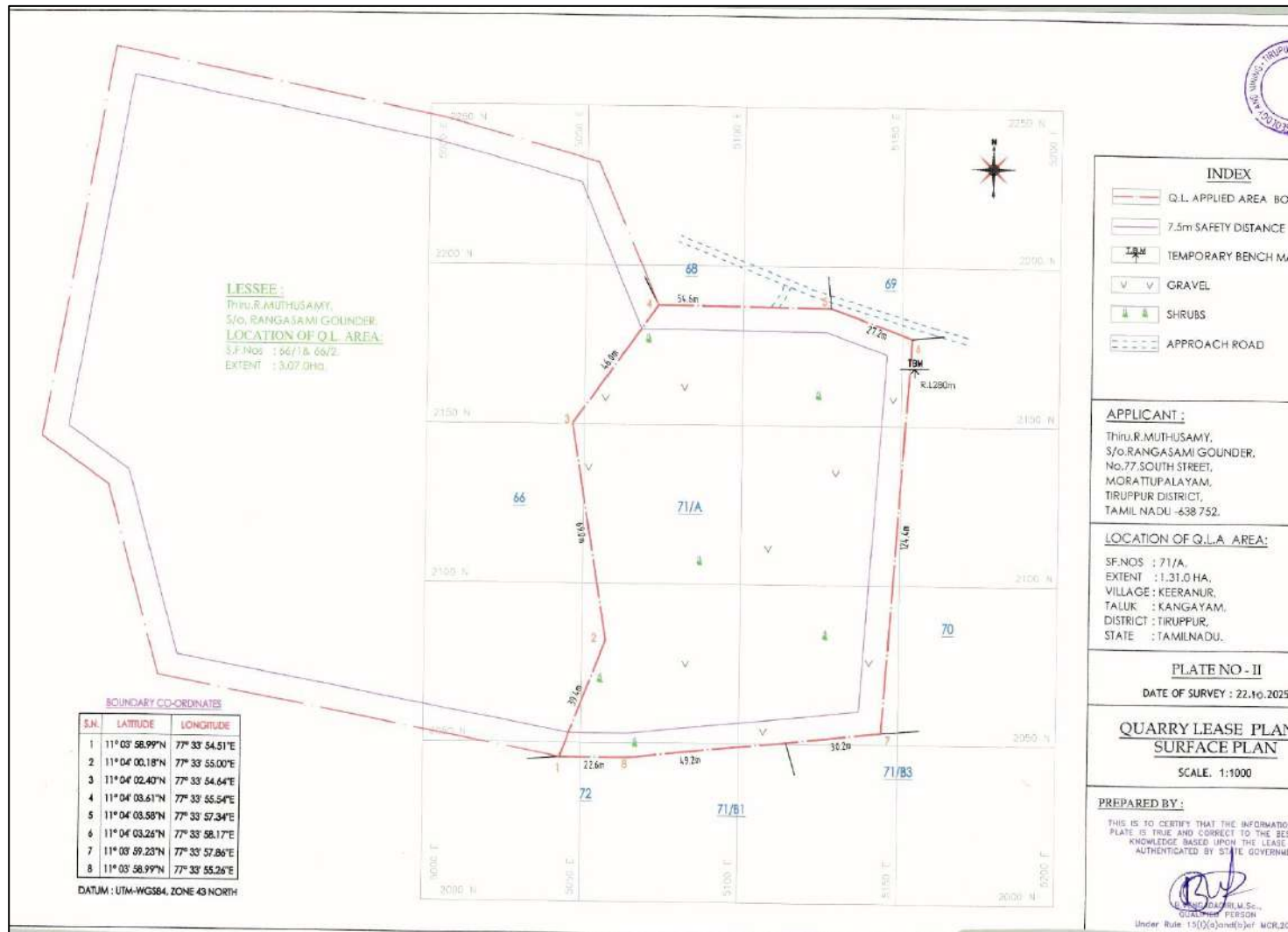
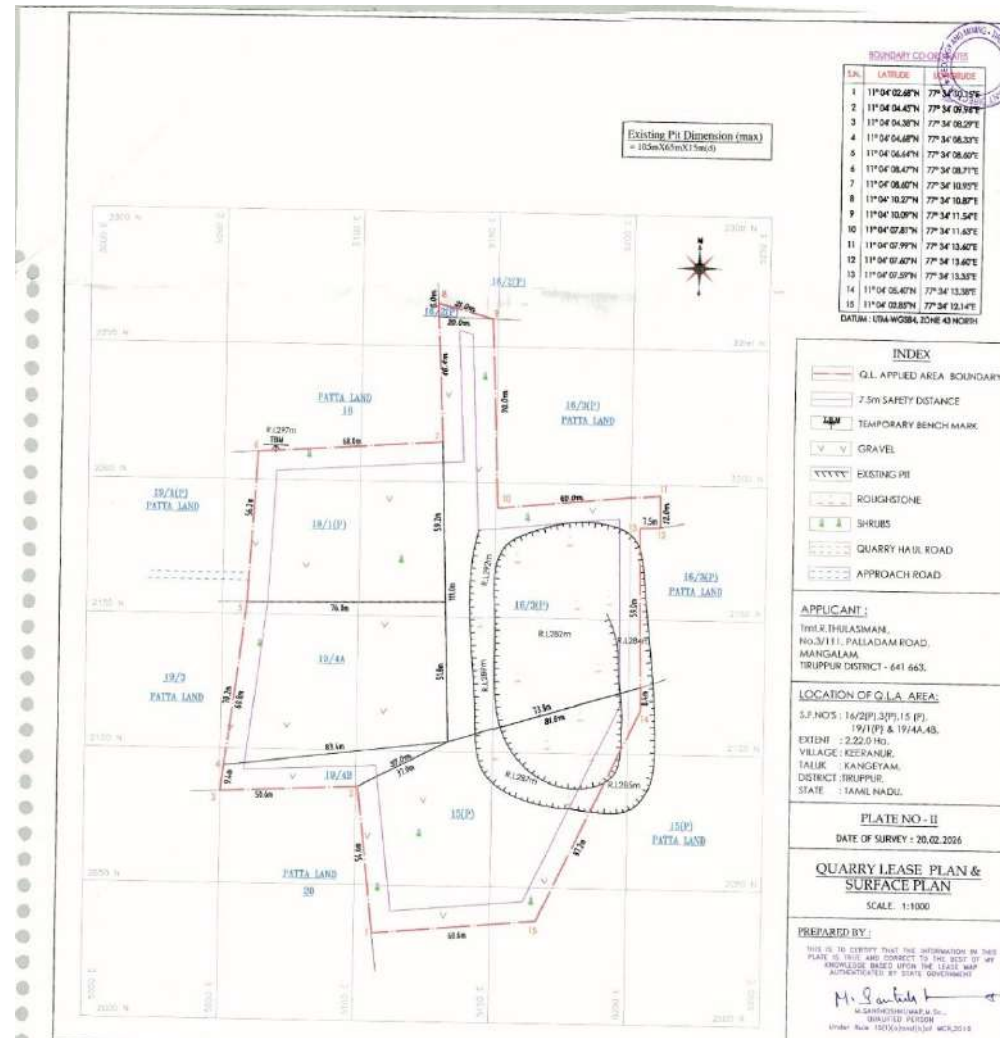


FIGURE 5A: QUARRY LEASE PLAN / SURFACE PLAN P3



2.4 METHOD OF MINING

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

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

2.5 PROPOSED MACHINERY DEPLOYMENT

PROPONENT – P1

S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Hand Jack hammer	2	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	1	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	2	30 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
5	Water Sprinkler	1	6000 ltrs	Diesel Drive

Source: Approved Mining Plan.

PROPONENT – P2

S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Hand Jack hammer	4	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	1	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	2	30 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
5	Water Sprinkler	1	6000 ltrs	Diesel Drive

PROPONENT – P3

S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Hand Jack hammer	7	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	2	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	2	30 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
5	Water Sprinkler	1	6000 ltrs	Diesel Drive

2.6 CONCEPTUAL MINING PLAN/ FINAL MINE CLOSURE PLAN

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

2.7 ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION-P1

	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max) (m)
XY-AB	17	16	8m BGL
XY-CD	30	34	13m BGL
X1Y1-EF	67	69	28m BGL

Source: Approved Mining Plan

ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION-P2

	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max) (m)
As Per Proposed Amalgamation	119	86	54m BGL
Leaving Safety and Benches	119	77	34m BGL

Source: Approved Mining Plan

ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION-P3

	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max) (m)
XY-AB	107	61	49m BGL
X1Y1-AB	100	76	49m BGL
X1Y1-CD	37	62	24m BGL

Source: Approved Mining Plan

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The baseline status of the project environment is described section wise for better understanding of the broad-spectrum conditions. The baseline environment quality represents the background environmental scenario of various environmental components such as Land, Water, Air, Noise, Biological and Socio-economic status of the study area. Field monitoring studies to evaluate the baseline status of the project site were carried out covering December 2025 – February 2026 as per CPCB & MoEF & CC guidelines.

3.1 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Parameters	Frequency of Monitoring	No. of Locations	Protocol
Land-use Land cover	Land-use Pattern within 10 km radius of the study area	Data 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 (1 core & 5 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	1Hourly Continuous Mechanical/Automatic Weather Station	1	Site specific primary data& Secondary Data from IMD Station
*Ambient Air Quality	PM10 PM2.5 SO2 NOX Fugitive Dust	24 hourlies twice a week (Dec 2025 – Feb 2026)	7 (2 core & 5 buffer)	IS 5182 Part 1-23 National Ambient Air Quality Standards, CPCB
*Noise Levels	Ambient Noise	Hourly observation for 24 Hours per location	7(2 core & 5 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 have been carried out as per the Guidelines of CPCB and MoEF & CC.

3.2 LAND ENVIRONMENT

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

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

S.No	CLASSIFICATION	AREA_HA	AREA_%	AREA_HA	AREA_%
BUILTUP					
1	URBAN	604.3119	1.77	13.87	0.76
2	RURAL	1208.42	3.54	56.23	3.07
3	MINING	327.17	0.96	104.20	5.68
AGRICULTURAL LAND					
4	CROP LAND	11289.47	33.05	371.07	20.24
5	PLANTATION	5114.28	14.97	81.63	4.45
6	FALLOW LAND	13508.54	39.55	1174.88	64.07

	FOREST				
7	FOREST LAND	131.48	0.38	0.00	0.00
	BARREN/WASTE LANDS				
8	SCRUB LAND	980.26	2.87	31.73	1.73
	WETLANDS/ WATER BODIES				
9	WATER BODIES/LAKE/ RIVER	995.50	2.91	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		34159.43	100.00	1833.61	100.00

From the Table No.3.2, Pie Diagram 3.1 and Land Use Map (Fig No.3.2) is inferred that the majority of the land in the study area is Agriculture land (includes crop land – 33.05%, plantation – 14.97% and Fallow land – 39.55%) range is 87.57% & in Build Up Land, mining area occupied 6.27%.

The total mining area within the study area is 327.17 ha i.e., 0.96%. The cluster area of 18.78.1 ha contributes about 5.75% of the total mining area within the study area. This small percentage of Mining Activities shall not have any significant impact on the environment

3.3 SOIL ENVIRONMENT

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

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 varied between 27.7 – 29.5 %, Sand varied between 30.6 – 41.2 % and Silt varied between 30.8 – 41.7 and Bulk Density of Soils in the study area varied between 0.96 – 1.10g/cm³. The Water Holding Capacity of the soil samples is found to be medium i.e., ranging from 36.3 – 41.9 %.

Chemical Characteristics –

- The nature of soil is slightly alkaline to strongly alkaline with pH range 4.12 – 5.96
- The available Nitrogen content range between 233.5 – 334.5 mg/kg
- The available Phosphorus content range between 2.14 – 5.79 mg /kg
- The available Potassium range between 19.8 – 29.8 mg/kg

3.4 WATER ENVIRONMENT

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

Surface Water

The pH varied from 7.98 while turbidity found within the standards (Optimal pH range for sustainable aquatic life is 6.5 to 8.5 pH).

Total Dissolved Solids:

Total Dissolved Solids varied from 742.0 mg/l, the TDS mainly composed of carbonates, bicarbonates, Chlorides, phosphates and nitrates of calcium, magnesium, sodium and other organic matter.

Other parameters:

Chloride content is 254.2 mg/l, Nitrates content is 11.3 mg/l and Sulphates varied from 46.2 mg/l.

Ground Water

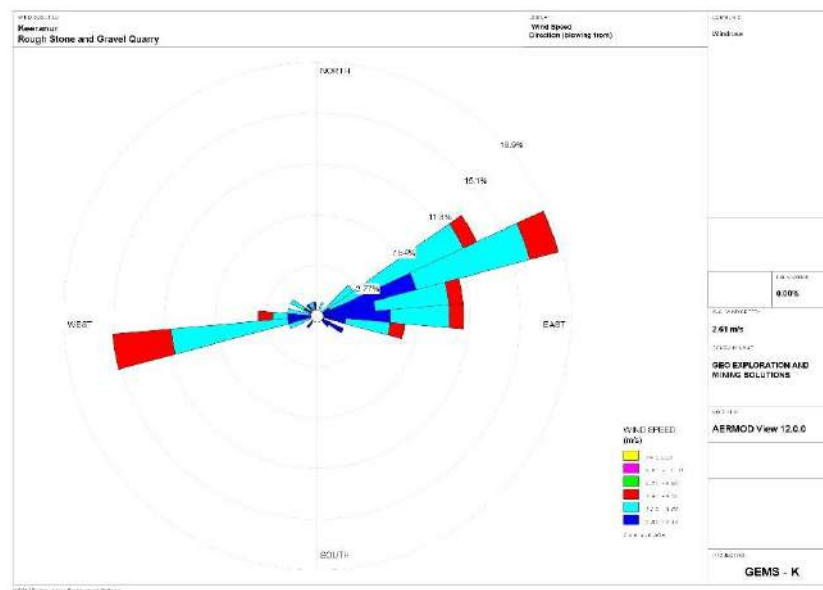
The pH of the water samples collected ranged from 7.15 – 7.56 and within the acceptable limit of 6.5 to 8.5. pH, Sulphates and Chlorides of water samples from all the sources are within the limits as per the Standard. On Turbidity, the water samples meet the requirement. Total Dissolved Solids were found in the range of 529 - 678 mg/l in all samples. Total hardness varied between 140 - 204 mg/l for all samples.

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

3.5 AIR ENVIRONMENT

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

FIGURE – 6: WIND ROSE DIAGRAM



3.6 SUMMARY OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

As per monitoring data, PM₁₀ ranges from 30.5 to 47.2 µg/m³, PM_{2.5} data ranges from 18.3 to 26.9 µg/m³, SO₂ ranges from 4.0 – 6.9 µg/m³ and NO₂ data ranges from 16.8 – 26.8 µg/m³. The concentration levels of the above criteria pollutants were observed to be well within the limits of NAAQS prescribed by CPCB.

3.7 NOISE ENVIRONMENT

Ambient noise levels were measured at 7 (Seven) locations around the proposed project area. Noise levels recorded in core zone during day time were from 44.2 – 45.8 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 39.6- 40.9 dB (A) Leq. Noise levels recorded in buffer zone during day time were from 44.0 – 46.4 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 35.7 – 44.1 dB (A)Leq. Thus, the noise level for Industrial and Residential area meets the requirements of CPCB

3.8 ECOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

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

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

3.9 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

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

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

The proposed projects will aim to provide preferential 73 persons to the local people there by improving the indirect employment opportunity for 150 persons and in turn the social standards will improve.

4. ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

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

4.1 LAND ENVIRONMENT:

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

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

MITIGATION MEASURES

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

4.2 SOIL ENVIRONMENT

IMPACT ON SOIL ENVIRONMENT

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

MITIGATION MEASURES FOR SOIL CONSERVATION

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

4.3 WATER ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

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

MITIGATION MEASURES

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

4.4 AIR ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

- During mining, at various stages activities such as excavation, drilling, blasting, and transportation of materials, particular matter (PM), gases such as Sulphur dioxide, oxides of Nitrogen from vehicular exhaust are the main air pollutants.
- Emissions of noxious gases due to incomplete detonation of explosive may sometimes pollute the air.

- The fugitive dust released from the mining operations may cause effect on the mine workers who are directly exposed to the fugitive dust.
- Simultaneously, the air-borne dust may travel to longer distances and settle in the villages located near the mine lease area.

MITIGATION MEASURES

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

Advantages of Wet Drilling:-

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

Blasting

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

Haul Road & Transportation

- Water will be sprinkled on haul roads twice a day to avoid dust generation during transportation.
- Transportation of material will be carried out during day time and material will be covered with tarpaulin.
- The speed of tippers plying on the haul road will be limited below 20 km/hr to avoid generation of dust.
- Water sprinkling on haul roads & loading points will be carried out twice a day.

- Main source of gaseous pollution will be from vehicle used for transportation of mineral; therefore, weekly maintenance of machines improves combustion process & makes reduction in the pollution.
- The un-metalled haul roads will be compacted weekly before being put into use.
- Over loading of tippers will be avoided to prevent spillage.
- It will be ensured that all transportation vehicles carry a valid PUC certificate.
- Grading of haul roads and service roads to clear accumulation of loose materials.

Green Belt

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

Occupational Health

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

4.5 NOISE ENVIRONMENT**ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

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

MITIGATION MEASURES

- Usage of sharp drill bits while drilling which will help in reducing noise;
- Secondary blasting will be totally avoided and hydraulic rock breaker will be used for breaking boulders;
- Controlled blasting with proper spacing, burden, stemming and optimum charge/delay will be maintained;
- The blasting will be carried out during favourable atmospheric condition and less human activity timings by using nonelectrical initiation system;
- Proper maintenance, oiling and greasing of machines will be done every week to reduce generation of noise;
- Provision of sound insulated chambers for the workers working on machines (HEMM) producing higher levels of noise;

- Silencers / mufflers will be installed in all machineries;
- Green Belt/Plantation will be developed around the project area and along the haul roads. The plantation minimizes propagation of noise;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like ear muffs/ear plugs will be provided to the operators of HEMM and persons working near HEMM and their use will be ensured through training and awareness.
- Regular medical check-up and proper training to personnel to create awareness about adverse noise level effects.

4.6 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT ANTICIPATED IMPACT

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.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Greenbelt means the planting of special types of plants suitable to that particular agroclimatic zone and soil characteristics in a place that 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 the boundary and roadside will be created to avoid erosion of soil, prevention of landslides, and minimize air pollution and noise pollution in the project area. 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.

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

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

GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Code	No of Trees proposed to be planted	Area Covered Sq.m	Name of the Species
P1	500	The safety zone along the boundary barrier has been identified to be utilized for Greenbelt development	Neem, Pongamia pinnata, Casuarina, etc.,
P2	700		
P3	1200		
Total	2,400		

4.7 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

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 behavioural 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 behavioural 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, SO₂ and NO₂ 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 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 SO₂ scrubber and De - NO_x system will be installed for fuel burning along with calciner for low NO_x 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.

4.3 Impact Evaluation:

Table 4.3.1 Impact Evaluation Impact evaluation is given in table below.

Impact Evaluation Element	Impact on socio economics due to the applied for Keeranur Rough Stone and Gravel Cluster quarries over an extent of P1 1.01.10 ha, P2 1.31.0 ha & P3 2.22.0 ha of Patta land of Keeranur Village, Kangayam Taluk, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu State.			
Potential Effect/ Concern	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.			
Characteristics of Impacts				
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
			✓	

5. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES (TECHNOLOGY AND SITE)

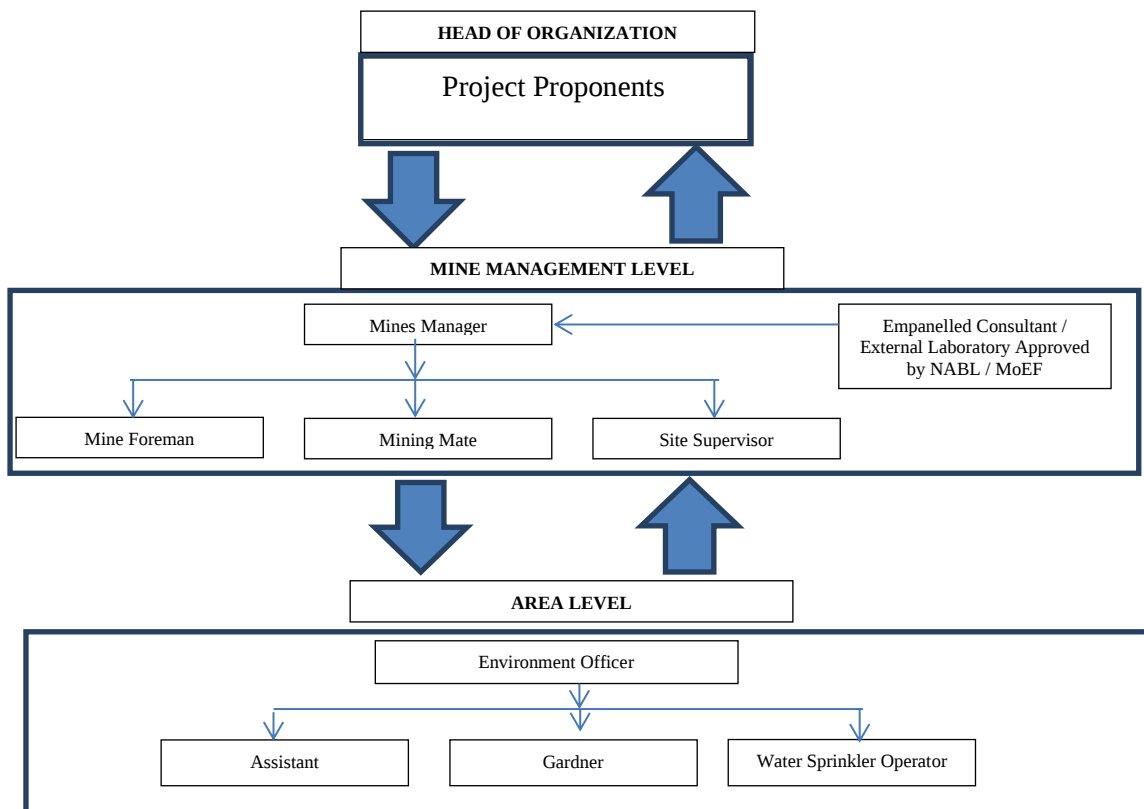
No alternatives are suggested as all the mine sites are mineral specific.

6. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

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

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

6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL



6.2 POST ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE MONITORING SCHEDULE FOR P1, P2 & P3

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

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

7. ADDITIONAL STUDIES**7.1 RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

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

7.2 DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

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

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

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

7.3 CUMULATIVE IMPACT STUDY

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF ROUGH STONE IN CLUSTER

Quarry	Year wise production	Per Year Production in m ³	Per Day Production in m ³	Number of Lorry Load Per Day
P1(Ten Years)	72,250	7225	24	2
P2(Ten Years)	1,08,350	10,835	36	3
P3(Five Years)	2,42,962	48,592	161	13
P4	-	-	-	-
P5	-	-	-	-
Total	4,23,562	66,652	221	18
E1(Five Years)	1,17,756	23551	79	7
E2(Five Years)	2,23,825	44765	149	12
Total	3,41,581	68,316	228	19
Grand Total	7,65,143	1,34,968	449	37

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF GRAVEL IN CLUSTER

Quarry	Year wise production	Per Year Production in m ³	Per Day Production in m ³	Number of Lorry Load Per Day
P1(Three Years)	11,830	3,943	13	1
P2(Three Years)	36,652	12,217	40	3
P3	35,564	11,854	39	3
P4	-	-	-	-
P5	-	-	-	-
Total	84,046	28,014	92	7
E1(Three Years)	9,646	3215	10	1
E2(Three Years)	37,886	12628	42	4
Total	47,532	15,843	52	6
Grand Total	1,31,578	43,857	144	13

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF WEATHERED ROCK IN CLUSTER

Quarry	Year wise production	Per Year Production in m ³	Per Day Production in m ³	Number of Lorry Load Per Day
P1(Three Years)	5,915	1,972	7	1
P2	-	-	-	-
P3	-	-	-	-
P4	-	-	-	-
Total	5,915	1,972	7	1

E1	-	-	-	-
E2	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	5,915	1,972	7	1

PREDICTED NOISE INCREMENTAL VALUES FROM CLUSTER

Location ID	Background Value (Day) dB(A)	Incremental Value dB(A)	Total Predicted dB(A)	Industrial Standards dB(A)
P1	48.4	60.1	60.4	Industrial Day Time- 75 dB (A) Night Time- 70 dB (A)
P2	46.1	37.8	46.7	
P3	48.6	43.2	49.7	
E1	47.5	43.8	49.1	
E2	53.1	46.1	53.9	

SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Location ID	Project Cost	CER
P1	Rs. 73,81,000/-	Rs. 3,00,000/-
P2	Rs. 1,38,28,000	Rs. 3,00,000/-
P3	Rs. 98,78,000/-	Rs. 3,00,000/-
Total	Rs. 3,10,87,000/-	Rs. 9,00,000/-

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.

8. PROJECT BENEFITS

The Proposed Projects for Quarrying Rough Stone and Gravel at Keeranur Village aims to produce (72,250m³ Rough Stone-P1) (1,08,350m³ Rough Stone-P2) (2,42,962 m³ Rough Stone – P3) over a period of 10/5 years. This will enhance the socio-economic activities in the adjoining areas and will result in the following benefits.

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

9. ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

The said team will be responsible for:

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

10. CONCLUSION

Various aspects of mining activities were considered and related impacts were evaluated. Considering all the possible ways to mitigate the environmental concerns Environmental Management Plan was prepared and fund has been allocated for the same. The EMP is dynamic, flexible and subjected to periodic review. For project where the major environmental impacts are associated, EMP will be under regular review. Senior Management responsible for the project will conduct a review of EMP and its implementation to ensure that the EMP remains effective and appropriate. Thus, the proper steps will be taken to accomplish all the goals mentioned in the EMP and the project will bring the positive impact in the study area.
