EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

"B1" CATEGORY - MINOR MINERAL - CLUSTER - GOVERNMENT LAND-FRESH QUARRY

VENKATESAPURAM ROUGH STONE QUARRIES

Cluster Extent – 19.31.0 Ha

Lease Period/Mining period - 10 Years

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Project Proponent					
P1	P2				
Thiru. M. Shankar Ganesh,					
S/o. Mallappachetty,	Thiru. G. Santhamoorthy,				
Door No. 199,	S/o. Govindarajan,				
Thippanappalli Village,	Sundarampalli, Krishnapuram Taluk,				
Nedumaruthi Post,	Tirupattur District – 635 654.				
Krishnagiri Taluk and District – 635 115.					
PROJECT	LOCATION				
S.F. No. 132 (Part-2)	S.F. No. 132 (Part-1)				
Extent: 1.45.0Ha	Extent: 1.55.0Ha				
Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk,	Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk,				
Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State.	Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State.				
PROPOSED I	PRODUCTION				
Reserves:	Reserves:				
Rough stone - 1,81,281m ³ /4,98,523Ts	Rough stone - 1,88,280m ³ /5,17,700 Ts				
Weathered Rock – 20,160m ³ /40,320Ts	Weathered Rock - 20,972m ³ /41,944 Ts				
Topsoil – 10,788m ³ /21,576Ts	Topsoil - 11,009m ³ /22,018 Ts				
Peak Production:	Peak Production:				
Rough stone – 30,250m ³ /83,187Ts	Rough stone - 31,130m ³ /85,607.5 Ts				
Weathered Rock – 7,020m ³ /14,040Ts	Weathered Rock - 10,976m ³ /21,952 Ts				
Topsoil – 6,882m ³ /13,764Ts	Topsoil - 4,040m ³ /8,080 Ts				
Depth = 46m (8m AGL + 38m BGL)	Depth = 51m (11m AGL + 40m BGL)				
{1m Topsoil + 2m WR+ 43m RS}	{1m Topsoil + 2m WR+ 48m RS}				
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File No: 12104 ToR Identification No:	File No: 12102 ToR Identification No:				
TO25B0108TN5731666N Dated: 17.06.2025	TO25B0108TN5329544N Dated: 17.06.2025				
Environmental Consultant	Laboratory				
GEO EXPLORATION AND MINING SOLUTIONS	CHENNAI METTEX LAB PRIVATE LIMITED				
Old No. 260-B, New No. 17,	(Approved by AAI, AGMARK, APEDA, BIS,				
Advaitha Ashram Road, Alagapuram,	EIC FSSAI, GAFTA,				

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Baseline Monitoring Period MARCH TO MAY 2025

AUGUST 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

Rough Stone quarry are the major requirements for construction industry. This EIA report is prepared by considering Cumulative load of all proposed & existing quarries of Venkatesapuram Rough Stone Quarries consisting of 3 Proposed and 4 Existing quarries with total extent of Cluster of 19.31.0Ha in Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State cluster area calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269(E) Dated 1st July 2016.

The proponent has obtained necessary statutory clearances from the Department of Geology and Mining, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu (Statutory Clearance Documents are enclosed along with Mining plan as Annexure). The total Extent of the quarries within the radius of 500m from this proposal is > 5Ha, hence the proposal falls under "B1" Category project as per the EIA notification, 2006 (As amended timely).

Proponent applied for Environmental Clearance to SEIAA, Tamil Nadu and obtained for carrying out EIA and EMP studies for the rough stone and gravel quarry.

	Name of the proponent	Extent (Ha)	Terms of Reference (ToR)
P1	Thiru. M. Shankar Ganesh	1.45.0 Ha	File No: 12104 ToR Identification
			No: TO25B0108TN5731666N
			Dated: 17.06.2025
P2	Thiru. G. Santhamoorthy	1.55.2 Ha	File No: 12102 ToR Identification
			No: TO25B0108TN5329544N
			Dated: 17.06.2025

To carry out the EIA studies and to prepare EIA and EMP studies Venkatesapuram Rough Stone Quarries have engaged a consultant M/s. Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions, Salem, Tamil Nadu. The Baseline Monitoring study has been carried out during Pre-Monsoon season (Mar 2025 – May 2025) considering the provisions of MoEF & CC Office Memorandum Dated: 29.08.2017 and MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 996 (E) Dated: 10.04.2015.

"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"

TABLE 1.1: QUARRY DETAILS WITHIN 500 M RADIUS

CODE	Name of the Owner	Village/ Taluk	S.F. Nos	Extent in Ha	Status	
		PROPOSED QU	ARRY			
P1	Thiru. M. Shankar Ganesh, S/o. Mallappachetty, Door No. 199, Thippanappalli Village, Nedumaruthi Post, Krishnagiri Taluk and District.		132 (P-2)	1.45.0	File No: 12104 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN573 1666N Dated: 17.06.2025	
P2	Thiru. G. Santhamoorthy, S/o. Govindarajan, Sundarampalli, Krishnapuram Taluk, Tirupattur District.	Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk	132 (P-1)	1.55.0	File No: 12102 ToR Identification No: TO25B0108TN532 9544N Dated: 17.06.2025	
Р3	M/s. Ultra Mines		133/1(P), 133/2&4, 134/1&2	4.40.0	Mining Plan Approved	
	TOTAL EXTENT 7.40.0					
EXISTING QUARRY						

E-1	M/s. Sumukha Blue Metals & M Sand		294 (P-2)	3.75.0	30.04.2021 to 29.04.2031
E-2	Thiru. V. Nataraja S/o. Venkatappa Reddy	Venkatesapuram Village,	287/1	2.16.0	19.02.2021 to 18.02.2031
E-3	M/s. Sumukha Blue Metals & M Sand	Shoolagiri Taluk	288(P)	3.00.0	10.02.2025 to 09.02.2030
E-4	Tvl. Mars Blue Metals		135 (P-2)	3.00.0	19.06.2019 to 18.02.2031
	TOTA	TOTAL EXTENT			
		EXPIRED QUA	RRY		
EX-1	Thiru. Muniraj	Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk	285 (P)	4.92.0	04.07.2018 to 03.07.2023
	TOTAL EXTENT				
	TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT				

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

1.1 Identification of Project Proponent

TABLE 1.2: DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT-P1

Name of the Project Proponent	Thiru. M. Shankar Ganesh		
	S/o. Mallappachetty,		
Address	Door No. 199, Thippanappalli Village,		
	Nedumaruthi Post, Krishnagiri Taluk and District – 635 115.		
Mobile	+91 63796 67995		
Email	shangarganeshm45@gmail.com		
Status	Individual		

TABLE 1.3: DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT – P2

Name of the Project Proponent	Thiru. G. Santhamoorthy
	S/o. Govindarajan,
Address	Sundarampalli, Krishnapuram Taluk,
	Tirupattur District – 635 654.
Mobile	+91 97874 42425
Email	gsconstruction.mathur@gmail.com
Status	Individual

1.2 Identification of Project

TABLE 1.4: SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT-P1

Name of the Project	Thiru. M. Shankar Ganesh Rough Stone quarry		
S.F. No.	132 (Part-2)		
Extent	1.45.0Ha		
Village Taluk and District	Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk,		
	Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State.		
Land Type	Government Land – Tender Quarry		
Toposheet No 57 H/13			
Latitude between 12°45'21.78"N to 12°45'26.73"N			
Longitude between 77°57'16.85"E to 77°57'22.14"E			
Elevation of the area	874m-882m AMSL		
Water Level in the region	72m – 75m BGL		
Lease period	10 Years		
Mining Plan period	10 Years		

Proposed Depth of Mining	46m (8m AGL + 38m BGL)				
	Rough Stone in Ts Weathered Rock in Ts Topsoil in Ts			Topsoil in Ts	
Geological Resources	16,43,375		57,888	28,944	
Mineable Reserves	4,98,523		40,320	21,576	
Year wise Production	4,98,523		40,320	21,576	
Peak Production	83,187		14,040	13,764	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	116m (L) X 93m (W) X 46m (8m AGL + 38m BGL) (D)				
Method of Mining	Opencast Mechanized	l Mining N	Method is being ca	arried out with 5.0-meter	
	vertical bench with a				
Topography	The lease applied area is situated in hilly terrain. The gradient of the area towards Western side. The area is covered by quaternary formation of reddish gravelly soil having an average thickness of 1m, 2m Weathered rock and followed by Massive Gneissic rock which is clearly inferred from the out crop and adjacent existing quarry pit.				
	Jack Hammer			5 Nos	
	Compressor			1 No	
Machinery proposed	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker			1 No	
	Tipper			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			26 Nos		
Project Cost		Rs.	4,67,93,000/-		
CER Cost		R	s. 3,00,000/-		
	Kuttai			800m NW	
	Tank		1.4km NE		
	Odai		1	.5km East	
Nearby Water Bodies	Bukkasagaram L			3.7km SW	
	Muthali Lake	2		.1km West	
	Canal			5.3km SW	
	Ponnaiyar Riv			6km SW	
Greenbelt Development Plan	Proposed to plant 720 Nos of trees considering 500 Nos of trees/ Ha criteria				
Proposed Water	2.0 KLD				
Requirement			2.0 KLD		
Nearest Habitation		480	m– North West		
Nearest Reserve Forest	A	thimugam	R.F - 0.48km – S	outh	
Nearest Wild Life Sanctuary	Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary – 24.1km - South Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary – 47.94km – South				

Source: Approved Mining & Land Documents.

TABLE 1.5: SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT – P2

Name of the Project	Thiru. G. Santhamoorthy Rough Stone quarry
S.F. No.	132 (Part-1)
Extent 1.55.0Ha	
Village Taluk and District	Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk,
Village Taluk alid District	Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State.
Land Type	Government Land – Tender Quarry
Toposheet No	57 H/13
Latitude between	12°45'25.93"N to 12°45'30.58"N
Longitude between	77°57′14.85″E to 77°57′19.67″E
Elevation of the area	880m-870m AMSL
Water Level in the region 72m – 75m BGL	
Lease period 10 Years	

Mining Plan period	10 Years				
Proposed Depth of Mining	51m (11m AGL + 40m BGL)				
	Rough Stone in m ³ Weathered Rock in m ³		Topsoil in m ³		
Geological Resources	7,08,840		31,232	15,616	
Mineable Reserves	1,88,280		20,972	11,009	
Year wise Production	1,88,280		20,972	11,009	
Peak Production	31,130		10,976	4,040	
Ultimate Pit Dimension	109m (L) X 101m (W) X 51m (11m AGL + 40m BGL) (D)				
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	gentle towards south formation of reddish	nwestern s gravelly so followed b	side. The area is oil having an aver by Massive Gneis	The gradient of the area is covered by quaternary age thickness of 1m, 2m sic rock which is clearly parry pit.	
	Jack Hamme	r		6 Nos	
	Compressor			2 Nos	
Machinery proposed	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker			1 No	
	Tipper		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			28 Nos		
Project Cost		Rs.	4,53,80,000 /-		
CER Cost		R	s. 3,00,000/-		
	Kuttai		6	580m NW	
	Tank		1.4km NE		
	Odai		1	.5km East	
Nearby Water Bodies	Bukkasagaram I			.8km SW	
	Muthali Lake	2	5.	0km West	
	Canal			.2km SW	
	Ponnaiyar Riv		5.9km SW		
Greenbelt Development Plan	Proposed to plant 770 Nos of trees considering 500 Nos of trees/ Ha criteria				
Proposed Water	2.0 KLD				
Requirement					
Nearest Habitation			m– North West		
Nearest Reserve Forest	Athimugam R.F - 0.63km – South				
Nearest Wild Life Sanctuary	Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary – 24.20km - South Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary – 47.91km – South				

Source: Approved Mining & Land Documents.

1.3 STATUTORY DETAILS

P1 P2
SCREENING:

- Proponent applied for Rough stone quarry lease on 03.01.2025 (e-Tender cum auction)
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Deputy Director vide Rc. No. 22/2025/Mines, Dated: 27.02.2025
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Deputy Director vide Roc. No. 22/2025/Mines, Dated: 02.04.2025
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 4,98,523Ts of Rough stone, 40,320Ts of Weathered Rock & 21,576Ts of Topsoil up to a depth of 46m (8m AGL + 38m BGL) for the period of Ten years.

- Proponent applied for Rough stone quarry lease on 03.01.2025 (e-Tender cum auction)
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Deputy Director vide Rc. No. 21/2025/Mines, Dated: 27.02.2025
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approved by the Deputy Director vide Roc. No. 21/2025/Mines, Dated: 02.04.2025
- The mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 1,88,280m³ of Rough stone, 20,972m³ of 51m (11m AGL + 40m BGL) Weathered Rock & 11,009m³ of Topsoil up to a depth of 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

SCOPING:

- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide
 Online proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/535204/2025
 Dated 26.04.2025
- The proposal was placed in 564th SEAC meeting held on 13.05.2025 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 836th SEIAA meeting held on 06.06.2025 and issued ToR
- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide
 Online proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/535120/2025
 Dated 24.04.2025
- The proposal was placed in 564th SEAC meeting held on 13.05.2025 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 836th SEIAA meeting held on 06.06.2025 & 11.06.2025 and issued ToR

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 – Salem – Bengaluru (NH – 44) – 8.0km – South West
Nearest Roadway	State Highway – Hosur – Malur (SH – 17) – 11.5km – North West
Nearest Village	Athimugam – 2.0km - East
Nearest Town	Shoolagiri – 12.0km – South East
Nearest Railway Station	Hosur Railway station – 15.0km – South West
Nearest Airport	Bengaluru Airport – 56.5km – North West
Seaport	Chennai Seaport – 256.0km – North East

Source: Survey of India Toposheet

2.2 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT – P1

	Present	Proposed Com	umon Boundary Leaving safety and Benche		ty and Benches
Description Area (Ha		Area required during the first five years (Ha)	Area at the end of lease period (Ha)	Area required during the first five years (Ha)	Area at the end of lease period (Ha)
Area Under Quarry	Nil	1.13.20	1.13.20	1.06.20	1.06.20
Site Services	Nil	0.01.00	0.01.00	0.01.00	0.01.00
Roads	Nil	0.02.00	0.02.00	0.02.00	0.02.00
Green Belt	Nil	0.28.80	0.28.80	0.35.80	0.35.80
Unutilized Area	1.45.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Grand Total	1.45.00	1.45.00	1.45.00	1.45.00	1.45.00

Source: Approved Mining Plan

2.2.1 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT – P2

	Present	Proposed Com	mon Boundary	Leaving safety and Benches	
Description	Area (Ha)	Area required during the first five years (Ha)	Area at the end of lease period (Ha)	Area required during the first five years (Ha)	Area at the end of lease period (Ha)
Area Under Quarry	Nil	1.20.70	1.20.70	1.12.80	1.12.80
Site Services	Nil	0.01.00	0.01.00	0.01.00	0.01.00
Roads	Nil	0.02.00	0.02.00	0.02.00	0.02.00
Green Belt	Nil	0.31.30	0.31.30	0.39.20	0.39.20
Unutilized Area	1.55.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Grand Total	1.55.00	1.55.00	1.55.00	1.55.00	1.55.00

Source: Approved Mining Plan

2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS -P1

		DETAILS		
PARTICULARS	Rough Stone in Ts	Weathered Rock in Ts	Topsoil in Ts	
Geological Resources	16,43,375	57,888	28,944	
Mineable Reserves	4,98,523	40,320	21,576	
Year wise Production	4,98,523	40,320	21,576	
Peak Production	83,187	14,040	13,764	
Lease Period	10 Years			
Revised Scheme of Mining Period		10 Years		
Number of Working Days	300 Days			
Production per day (As per peak production)	277 Ts (101 m ³)	47 Ts (17 m ³)	46 Ts (17 m ³)	
No of Lorry loads	8	4	4	
Total Depth of Mining	46m	(8m AGL + 38m BGL)		

Source: Approved Mining Plan

2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS -P2

		DETAILS		
PARTICULARS	Rough Stone in m ³	Weathered Rock in m ³	Topsoil in m ³	
Geological Resources	7,08,840	31,232	15,616	
Mineable Reserves	1,88,280	20,972	11,009	
Year wise Production	1,88,280	20,972	11,009	
Peak Production	31,130	10,976	4,040	
Lease Period		10 Years		
Revised Scheme of Mining Period	10 Years			
Number of Working Days		300 Days		
Production per day	104 m ³	37 m^3	13 m ³	
No of Lorry loads	9	3	1	
Total Depth of Mining	51m (11m AGL + 40m BGL)			

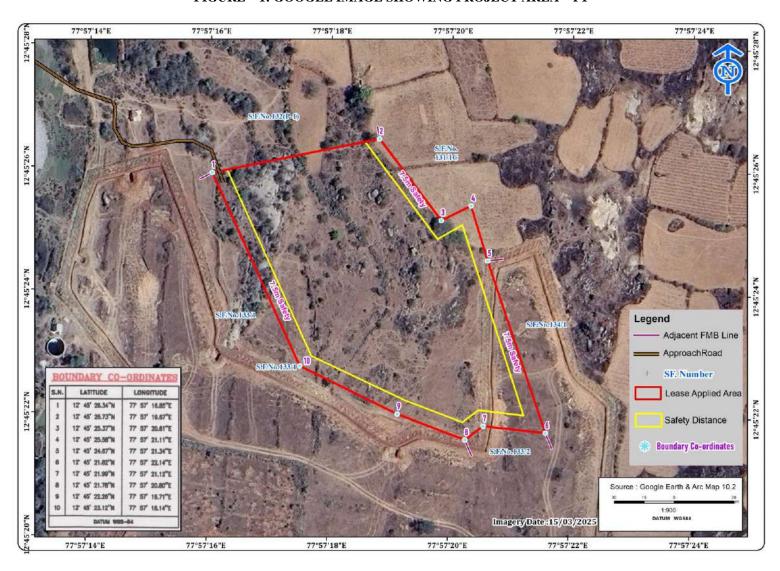


FIGURE – 1: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING PROJECT AREA – P1

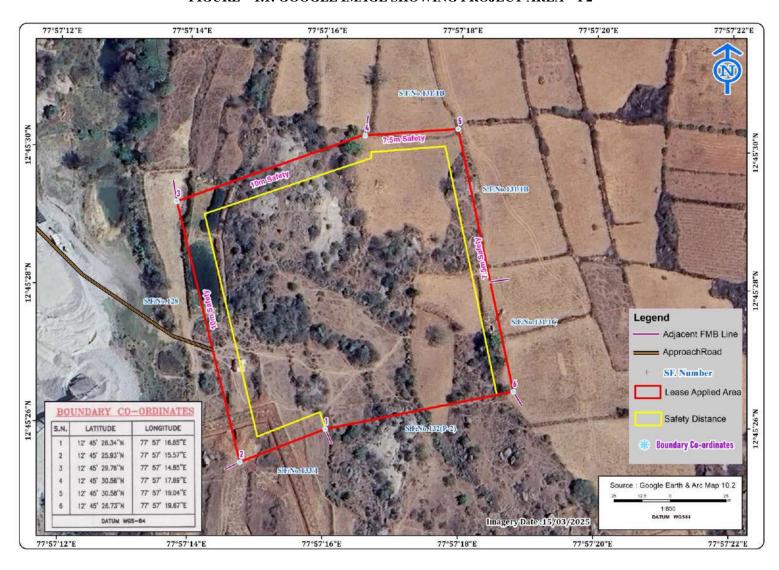


FIGURE – 1.1: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING PROJECT AREA – P2

Satellite Imagery Map of Venkatesapuram Rough Stone Cluster Quarries (500m Radius) Thiru.G. Santhamoorthy M/s. Ultra Mines Private /s. Sumuka Bluemetals & 3.75.0 hr Thiru.V. Nagaraja /s. Sumuka Bluemetals & Legend Tvl. Mars Blue Metals Proposed Quarry Existing Quarry Thiru. Munica) 4.92.0 hs Expired Quarry CLUSTER EXTENT 300m_Radius Proposed Quarries: 7.40.0 ha (3 Nos) 500m_Radius Existing Quarries: 11.91.0 ha (4 Nos) Imagery Date: 15/03/2025 Expired Quarry : 4.92.0 ha (1 No) Graphic Scale Source: Google Earth Image : 19.31.0 ha Cluster Extent Software Used: Village : Venkatesapuram Prepared by Approved by Arc Map 10.2 : Shoolagiri Taluk Dr. P. Thangaraju (EIA - Coordinator) P. & Owner from : Krishnagiri District Environment Consultant Mr. P. Viswanathan (FAE - Land use & Land cover) : Tamil Nadu State M/S. Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions, Salem, Tamil Nadu

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

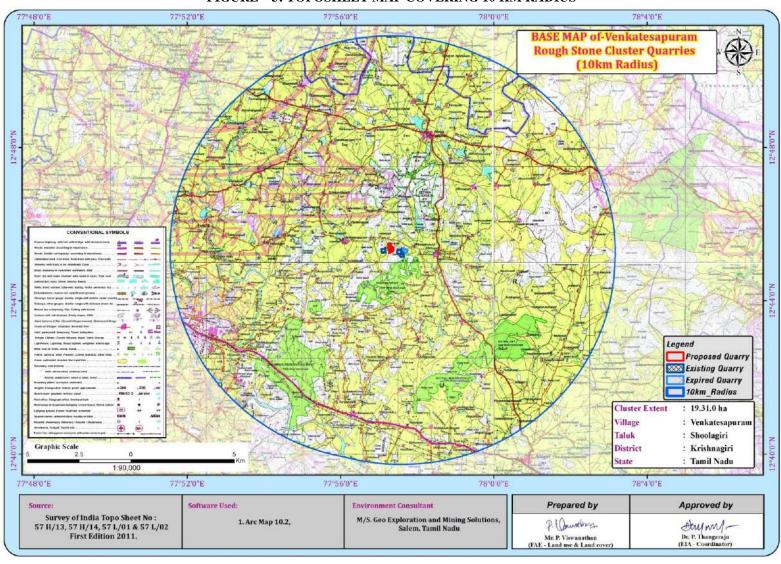


FIGURE - 3: TOPOSHEET MAP COVERING 10 KM RADIUS

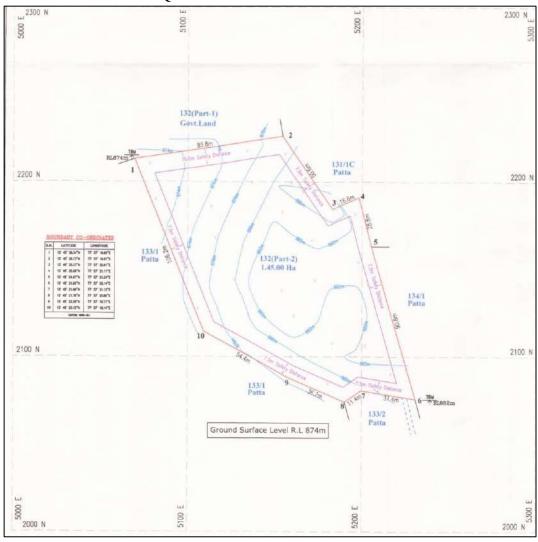
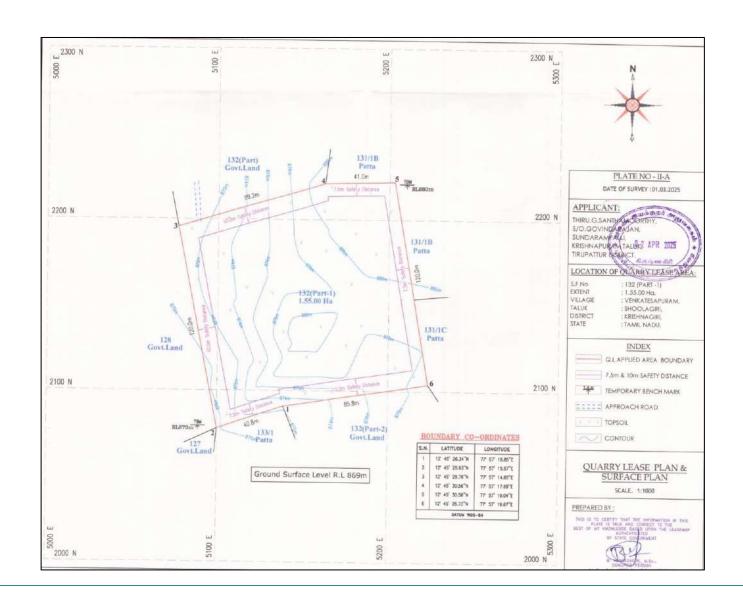


FIGURE 4: QUARRY LEASE PLAN / SURFACE PLAN – P1

FIGURE 4-A: QUARRY LEASE PLAN / SURFACE PLAN – P2



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

		P1	P2		
S.NO.	ТҮРЕ	N	OS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Hand Jack hammer	5	6	1.2m to 2.0m	Air Compression
2	Compressor	1	2	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	1	1	300 HP	Diesel Drive
4	Tipper	2	2	30 Tonnes	Diesel Drive
5	Water Sprinkler	1	1	6000 ltrs	Diesel Drive

Source: Approved Mining Plan.

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.,

ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION - P1

Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max)
116	93	46m (8m AGL + 38m BGL)

Source: Approved Mining Plan

ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION – P2

Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max)
109	101	51m (11m AGL + 40m 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 base line status of the project site were carried out covering Mar– May 2025 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 (2 surface water & 4 Ground water)	IS 10500& CPCB Standards
Meteorology	Wind Speed Wind Direction Temperature Cloud cover Dry bulb temperature Rainfall	1Hourly Continuous Mechanical/Automati c 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 (March – May 2025)	7 (1 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	7(1 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.

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*.

^{*} All monitoring and testing have been carried out as per the Guidelines of CPCB and MoEF& CC.

S.No	CLASSIFICATION	10km I	Radius	2.0km Radius			
5.110	CEASSITICATION	AREA_HA	AREA_%	AREA_HA	AREA_%		
	BUILTUP						
1	URBAN	405.65	1.18	0.00	0.00		
2	RURAL	382.10	1.11	27.76	1.48		
3	MINING	770.81	2.24	185.68	9.92		
	AGRICU	JLTURAL LA	ND	1	1		
4	CROP LAND	24420.43	71.09	1447.17	77.35		
5	PLANTATION	988.51	2.88	25.07	1.34		
6	FALLOW LAND	1820.606	5.30	28.91	1.55		
]	FOREST	1	1	1		
7	FOREST LAND	629.93	1.83	0.00	0.00		
	BARREN	WASTE LA	NDS				
8	SCRUB LAND	4086.62	11.90	151.50	8.10		
	WETLANDS/ WATER BODIES						
9	WATER BODIES/LAKE/RIVER	845.94	2.46	4.89	0.26		
	TOTAL	34350.60	100.00	1870.99	100.00		

LAND USE / LAND COVER TABLE 10 KM RADIUS

For 10.0km radius, From the Table No.3.2, Pie Diagram 3.3 and Land Use Map (Fig No.3.1) is inferred that the majority of the land in the study area is Agriculture land (includes crop land -71.09%, plantation -2.88% and Fallow land -5.30%) and followed scrub land 11.90%.

The total mining area within the study area is 770.81ha i.e., 2.24%. The overall area is 34,350.60ha and the cluster area of 19.31.0ha contributes about 0.056% of the total mining area within the study area. This small percentage of Mining Activities shall not have any significant impact on the environment.

For 2.0km radius, From the Table No.3.2, Pie Diagram 3.3-A and Land Use Map (Fig No.3.1) is inferred that the majority of the land in the study area is Agriculture land (includes crop land -77.35%, plantation -1.34 and Fallow land -1.55%).

The total mining area within the study area is 185.68ha i.e., 9.92%. The overall area is 1,870.99ha and the cluster area of 19.31.0ha contributes about 1.03% 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. In this result, the soil texture found in the study area is Clay varied between 27.0-35.7%, Sand varied between 34.6-37.9% and Silt varied between 29.7-35.1% and Bulk Density of Soils in the study area varied between 1.01-1.18g/cm³. The Water Holding Capacity of the soil samples is found to be medium i.e., ranging from 40.6-45.8%.

Chemical Characteristics

- The nature of soil is slightly alkaline to strongly alkaline with pH range 7.03-7.51
- The available Nitrogen content range between 212-374mg/kg
- The available Phosphorus content range between 2.12–4.09mg/kg
- The available Potassium range between 28.3–39.8mg/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 7.91 to 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 1048 to 1092 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 349.8 to 368.9 mg/l, Nitrates content is 16.3 to 20.1 mg/l and Sulphates varied from 72.5 to 79.6 mg/l.

Ground Water

The pH of the water samples collected ranged from 7.12 to 7.67 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 819 to 971mg/l in all samples. Total hardness varied between 244 to 296mg/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.

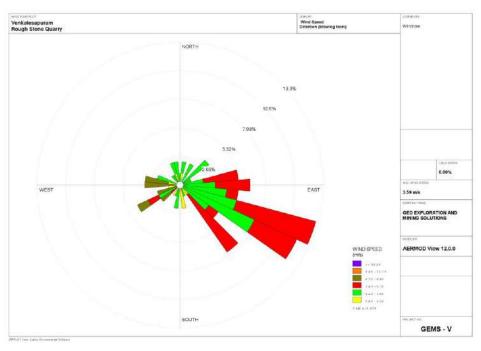


FIGURE - 6: WIND ROSE DIAGRAM

SUMMARY OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

As per monitoring data, PM_{10} ranges from 32.0 to $40.0\mu g/m^3$, $PM_{2.5}$ data ranges from 19.0 to $24.1\mu g/m^3$, SO_2 ranges from 5.0 to $7.5\mu g/m^3$ and NO_2 data ranges from 20.8 to $25.0\mu g/m^3$. The concentration levels of the above criteria pollutants were observed to be well within the limits of NAAQS prescribed by CPCB.

3.6 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 49.6 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 41.8 dB (A) Leq. Noise levels recorded in buffer zone during day time were from 48.6 - 54.1 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 43.9 - 47.1 dB (A)Leq. Thus, the noise level for Industrial and Residential area meets the requirements of CPCB.

3.7 ECOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

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.

3.8 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 54 persons (P1-26+P2-28) to the local people there by improving the indirect employment opportunity for 50 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

- The land will be under mining site the Permanent or temporary change on land use and land cover will occur
- 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

- Area under quarry land will be converted into temporary reservoir which will full fill the water scarcity in the drought season and the nearby agriculture land will be benefitted by the supply of water
- About 1490 Nos (P1-720+ P2-770) of trees will be planted in the lease area and approach road will retain the eco system
- The mining activity will be gradual confined in blocks and excavation will be undertaken progressively along with other mitigative measures like phase wise development in the production
- Construction of garland drains all around the quarry pits and construction of silt trap 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.,
- Fencing will be constructed before starting the mining operation and it will be maintained in 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:
 - o Generation of waste water from vehicle washing.
 - Washouts from surface exposure or working areas
 - o Domestic sewage
 - o Disturbance to drainage course in the project area
 - o 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.
- 2.0KLD water will be utilized for each quarrying operation

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 judicially 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 taurpaulin.
- 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 1490Nos (P1-720+P2-770) 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 though 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

	No. of trees proposed to be planted	Area to be planted
P1	720	Safety barrier, Un utilized areas and
P2	770	nearby village roads

4.7 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Anticipated Impact

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

Mitigation Measures

- Good maintenance practices will be adopted for all machinery and equipment, which will help to avert potential noise problems.
- Green belt will be developed in and around the project site as per Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) guidelines.
- Air pollution control measure will be taken to minimize the environmental impact within the core zone.
- For the safety of workers, personal protective appliances like hand gloves, helmets, safety shoes, goggles, aprons, nose masks and ear protecting devices will be provided as per mines act and rules.
- Benefit to the State and the Central governments through financial revenues by way of royalty, tax, duties, etc.., from this project directly and indirectly.
- From above details, the quarry operations will have highly beneficial positive impact in the area

5. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES (TECHNOLOGY AND SITE)

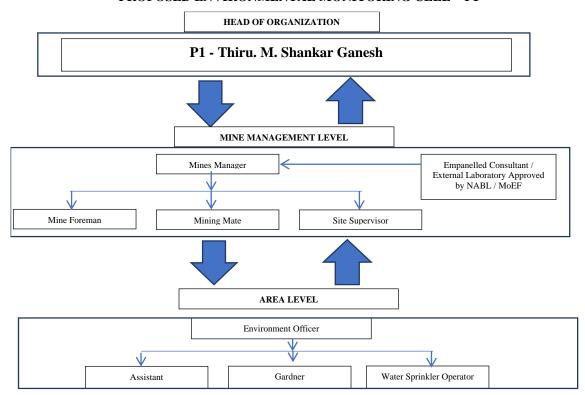
No alternatives are suggested as all the mine sites are mineral specific.

6. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

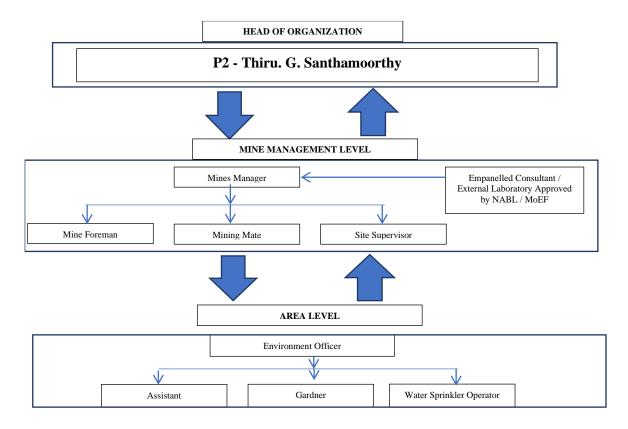
An Environment monitoring cell (EMC) will be constituted to monitor the implementation of EMP and other environmental protection measures in all the proposed quarries. The responsibilities of this cell will be:

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

6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL – P1



PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL – P2



6.2 POST ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE MONITORING SCHEDULE

S.No.	Environment	Location	Mo	nitoring	Parameters
5.110.	Attributes	Location	Duration	Frequency	Farameters
1	Air Quality	2 Locations	24 hours	Once in 6 months	Fugitive Dust, PM _{2.5} ,
1	All Quality	(1 Core & 1 Buffer)	24 Hours	Once in 6 months	PM_{10} , SO_2 and NO_x .
		At mine site before start of			Wind speed, Wind
2	Matagralogy	Air Quality Monitoring &	Hourly /	Continuous	direction, Temperature,
	Meteorology	IMD Secondary Data	Daily	online monitoring	Relative humidity and
		INID Secondary Data			Rainfall
	Water Quality	2 Locations			Parameters specified
3			-	Once in 6 months	under IS:10500, 1993 &
	Monitoring	(1SW & 1 GW)			CPCB Norms
		Water level in open wells			
4	Hydrology	in buffer zone around 1 km	-	Once in 6 months	Depth in bgl
		at specific wells			
5	Noise	2 Locations	Hourly – 1	Once in 6 months	Leq, Lmax, Lmin, Leq
3	Noise	(1 Core & 1 Buffer)	Day	Once in 6 months	Day & Leq Night
6	Vibration	At the nearest habitation		During blasting	Peak Particle Velocity
0	Vibration	(in case of reporting)	_	Operation	reak raiticle velocity
7	Soil	2 Locations		Once in six	Physical and Chemical
,	Son	(1 Core & 1 Buffer)	_	months	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 II. 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

Quarry	Year wise production	Per Year Production	Per Day Production	Number of Lorry Load Per Day
P1 (10 Years)	4,98,523 Ts	49,852 Ts	166 Ts (60 m ³)	5
P2 (10 Years)	1,88,280 m ³	18,828 m ³	63 m ³	5
P3 (5 Years)	5,88,141 m ³	$1,17,628 \text{ m}^3$	392 m^3	33
Total	-	-	515	43
E1 (3 Years)	4,11,755 m ³	1,37,252 m ³	458 m^3	38
E2 (3 Years)	2,53,495 m ³	84,498 m ³	282 m^3	24
E3 (5 Years)	2,53,413 m ³	50,683 m ³	169 m ³	14
E4 (5 Years)	4,67,322 m ³	93,464 m ³	312 m^3	26
Total	-	-	1,221	102
Grand Total	-	-	1,736	145

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF WEATHERED ROCK

Quarry	Year wise production	Per Year Production	Per Day Production	Number of Lorry Load Per Day	
P1 (4 Years)	40,320 Ts	10,080 Ts	34 Ts (12 m ³)	1	
P2 (3 Years)	20,972 m ³	6,991 m ³	23 m ³	2	
P3	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	35	3	
E1	-	-	-	-	
E2	-	-	-	-	
E3	-	-	-	-	
E4	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	
Grand Total	-	-	35	3	

CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF GRAVEL/ TOPSOIL

Quarry	Year wise production	Per Year Production	Per Day Production	Number of Lorry Load Per Day
P1 (2 Years)	21,576 Ts	10,788 Ts	36 Ts (13 m ³)	1
P2 (3 Year)	11,009 m ³	$3,670 \text{ m}^3$	12 m ³	1
P3 (3 Year)	63,116 m ³	$21,039 \text{ m}^3$	70 m^3	6
Total	-	-	95	8
E1 (1 Year)	$32,519 \text{ m}^3$	$32,519 \text{ m}^3$	108 m^3	9
E2 (1 Year)	1,07,722 m ³	1,07,722 m ³	359 m^3	30
E3	-	-	-	-
E4	-	-	-	=
Grand Total	-	-	467	39

DDEDICTED	NOISE INCDEMENTAL	VALUES FROM CLUSTER
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Location ID	Background Value (Day) dB(A)	Incremental Value dB(A)	Total Predicted dB(A)	Industrial Standards dB(A)
P1	58.6	60.1	62.4	
P2	58.6	60.1	62.4	
P3	59.0	54.1	60.2	Industrial
E1	57.0	52.1	58.2	Day Time- 75 dB (A)
E2	56.5	52.1	57.9	Night Time- 70 dB (A)
E3	56.5	52.1	57.9	
E4	59.0	60.1	62.6	

SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM EACH MINES

Location ID	Project Cost	CER
P1	Rs. 4,67,93,000/-	Rs. 3,00,000/-
P2	Rs. 4,53,80,000 /-	Rs. 3,00,000/-
P3	Rs. 2,20,37,820/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
Total	Rs. 11,42,10,820/-	Rs. 11,00,000/-
E1	Rs. 6,26,40,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
E2	Rs. 54,68,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
E3	Rs. 2,34,00,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
E4	Rs. 2,22,10,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
Total	Rs. 11,37,18,000/-	Rs. 20,00,000/-
Grand. Total	Rs. 22,79,28,820/-	Rs. 31,00,000/-

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 Project Venkatesapuram Rough Stone Quarries at Venkatesapuram Village, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu State aims to produce 4,98,523Ts of Rough Stone, 40,320Ts of Weathered Rock and 21,576Ts of Topsoil over a period of 10 years for P1 and 1,88,280m³ of Rough Stone, 20,972m³ of Weathered Rock and 11,009m³ of Topsoil over a period of 10 years for P2. This will enhance the socio-economic activities in the adjoining areas and will result in the following benefits.

- **♣** Increase in Employment Potential

- 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.
