

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR
PROPOSED ROUGH STONE QUARRY
CATEGORY – B1 (CLUSTER)**

ToR Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.8656/SEAC/ToR-1365/2023 dated 09.02.2023

| PROPOSED QUARRY LEASE DETAILS | |
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| SURVEY NOS | 168 (Part-1) |
| VILLAGE | VADA ALAPIRANDAN |
| TALUK | CHEYYAR |
| DISTRICT | TIRUVANNAMALAI |
| EXTENT | 4.50.0 HA |
| PROPOSED PRODUCTION QUANTITY FOR FIVE YEARS | 19,19,520 m ³ OF ROUGH STONE |
| LAND | GOVERNMENT LAND |

(Sector No. 1(a) (Sector no.1 as per NABET)
Category of the Project: B1 Cluster Mining, Total Cluster Area – 9.00 Ha

APPLICANT

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ORGANIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 Introduction

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as a tool used to identify the environmental, social and economic impacts of a project prior to decision-making. It aims to predict environmental impacts at an early stage in project planning and design, find ways and means to reduce adverse impacts, shape projects to suit the local environment and present the predictions and options to decision-makers.

Thiru.N.Venkatesh has obtained Precise Area communication letter from the District Collector, Tiruvannamalai District, to quarry out 19,19,520 m³ of Rough Stone over an extent of 4.50.0 Ha., located at the Survey No. 168 (part-1) of Vada Aalapirandhan Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu.

As per EIA notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments the proposed "Vada Aalapirandhan Rough Stone Quarry of Thiru.N.Venkatesh" cluster is falls under Schedule 1(a) Mining of Minerals. It is further classified under Category B1 due to the overall extent of cluster area is 9.00 Ha which is >5 Ha. The ToR for preparation of EIA/EMP was approved vide letter No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.8656/SEAC/ToR-1365/2023 dated 09.02.2023. This report has been prepared in line with the approved TOR for production of maximum excavation 19,19,520 Cu.m of Rough Stone for a period of five years.

1.1 Details of Project Proponent

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| Name of the Proponent | : Thiru. N Venkatesh |
| Status of the Proponent | : Individual |
| Address | Thiru. N Venkatesh S/o. Thiru. Natrajan, 158, Kurinji Nagar, Vellisemmandalam, Cuddalore District. |

1.2 Size and Location of the Project

| S. No. | Feature | Description |
|--------|---|---|
| 1 | Co-ordinates of the project | Latitude: 12°38'06"N to 12°38' 16"N Longitude 79°36' 28"E to 79°36' 35"E |
| 2 | Type of land | Government land |
| 3 | Extent of lease area | 4.50.0 Ha |
| 4 | Type of lease | Fresh lease |
| 5 | Toposheet No. | 57-P/10 |
| 6 | Geological Resource | 40,50,000 m ³ of Rough Stone |
| 7 | Mineable Resource | 24,97,520 m ³ of Rough Stone |
| 8 | Proposed production quantity for five years | 19,19,520 m ³ of Rough Stone |
| 9 | Proposed depth of mining | 60m (40m Above ground level and 20m Below ground level) |

1.3 Statutory Details:

This is a fresh Rough Stone Quarry project. There is no litigation/court cases pending against this project.

(a) Precise Area Communication:

The Project Proponent has obtained Precise Area Communication from the Deputy Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Tiruvannamalai, vide e Rc No.16/Kanimam/2019 dated 28.05.2019.

(b) Mining Plan Approval Letter:

The project proponent has prepared mining plan under rule 9(I),41 &42 of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 and the same has been approved by the Deputy Director, Dept. of Geology & Mining, Tiruvannamalai vide Rc.No.16/Kanimam/2019, dated 07.06.2019.

(c) 500m radius quarry features:

The project proponent has obtained an official letter from Deputy Director, Dept. of Geology & Mining, Tiruvannamalai vide Rc.No.16/Kanimam/2022 dated 07.06.2022.

(d) Blasting Agreement:

The Project Proponent have agreement with Manonmani Explosives to carry out the blasting operation for the proposed quarry.

(e) Land document of the proposed lease area:

It is a Govt. Waste land and the applicant has obtained this land through Govt. tender.

2.0 Project Description

The type of the project is opencast semi-mechanized mining method to excavate Rough Stone within the proposed Mine Lease area with drilling, blasting, loading and transportation.

2.1 Location details

This project site is located at S.F.No.168 (Part-2) over an area of 4.50.0 Ha in Vada Alapirandan Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu. The nearest highway is Kanchipuram – Vandavasi road (SH 116) at a distance of 3.33km, SW. The nearest railway station is Kanchipuram Railway Station which is located at a distance of 25.8km, NE from the project site. The nearest airport is Chennai (Meenambakkam) Airport which is located at a distance of 71.39km, NE.

2.2 Geological resources

Geological Resources is estimated at 40,50,000m³ of Rough Stone after leaving necessary safety distance from the lease boundary as indicated in the Precise area letter and relevant mining laws in force.

| Section | Topography | Length (m) | Width (m) | Dept (m) | Volume (m ³) | Geological Resources of Rough stone (m ³) |
|---------|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|---|
| XY-AB | Above Ground level | 225 | 200 | 40 | 1800000 | 1800000 |
| | Below Ground level | 225 | 200 | 50 | 2250000 | 2250000 |
| Total | | | | | | 4050000 |

2.3 Mineable resources

The mineable reserves calculated by deducting 7.5m and 10m safety distance and bench loss.

| Section | Topography | Bench | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Volume m ³ | Mineable Reserve of Rough stone in m ³ |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| XY-AB | Above Ground Level | I | 52 | 65 | 5 | 16900 | 16900 |
| | | II | 122 | 136 | 5 | 82960 | 82960 |
| | | III | 201 | 182 | 5 | 182910 | 182910 |
| | | IV | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | V | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | VI | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | VII | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | VIII | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | Below Ground level | IX | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | X | 200 | 175 | 5 | 175000 | 175000 |
| | | XI | 190 | 165 | 5 | 156750 | 156750 |
| | | XII | 180 | 155 | 5 | 139500 | 139500 |
| | | XIII | 170 | 145 | 5 | 123250 | 123250 |
| | | XIV | 160 | 135 | 5 | 108000 | 108000 |
| | | XV | 150 | 125 | 5 | 93750 | 93750 |
| | | XVI | 140 | 115 | 5 | 80500 | 80500 |
| | | XVII | 130 | 105 | 5 | 68250 | 68250 |
| | | XVIII | 120 | 95 | 5 | 57000 | 57000 |
| | | XIX | 110 | 85 | 5 | 46750 | 46750 |
| Total | | | | | | | 2497020 |

2.4 Yearwise production resources

The project proponent has proposed to carry out 19,19,520m³ of Rough Stone upto a depth of 60m (40m Above ground level and 20m Below ground level) for the period of five years.

| Table 2.10 Summary of production For 5 Years | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|--------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| Year | Section | Topography | Bench | Length in (m) | Width in (m) | Depth in (m) | Volume in m ³ | Mineable Reserve of Rough stone in m ³ |
| I | XY-AB | Above Ground level | I | 52 | 65 | 5 | 16900 | 16900 |
| | | | II | 122 | 136 | 5 | 82960 | 82960 |
| | | | III | 201 | 182 | 5 | 182910 | 182910 |
| | | | IV | 110 | 185 | 5 | 101750 | 101750 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 384520 |
| II | XY-AB | Above Ground level | IV | 100 | 185 | 5 | 92500 | 92500 |
| | | | V | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | | VI | 105 | 185 | 5 | 97125 | 97125 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 383875 |
| III | XY-AB | Above Ground level | VI | 105 | 185 | 5 | 97125 | 97125 |
| | | | VII | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | | VIII | 100 | 185 | 5 | 92500 | 92500 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 383875 |
| IV | XY-AB | Above Ground level | VIII | 110 | 185 | 5 | 101750 | 101750 |
| | | Below Ground level | IX | 210 | 185 | 5 | 194250 | 194250 |
| | | | X | 100 | 175 | 5 | 87500 | 87500 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 383500 |
| V | XY-AB | Below Ground level | X | 100 | 175 | 5 | 87500 | 87500 |
| | | | XI | 190 | 165 | 5 | 156750 | 156750 |
| | | | XII | 180 | 155 | 5 | 139500 | 139500 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 383750 |
| Grand Total | | | | | | | | 19,19,520 |

2.5 Land use of the project area

The proposed Mine Lease area is dry government land and the Land use pattern of the project site is given below.

| S. No. | Land Use | Present Area (Hect) | Area in use during the quarrying period (Hect) |
|--------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| 1 | Quarrying Pit | Nil | 3.85.0 |
| 2 | Infrastructure | Nil | 0.01.0 |
| 3 | Roads | Nil | 0.02.0 |
| 4 | Green Belt | Nil | 0.25.0 |
| 5 | Unutilized | 4.50.0 | 0.37.0 |
| | Total | 4.50.0 | 4.50.0 |

The ultimate pit dimension at the end of conceptual period is given below.

| Pit No. | Length (max) (m) | Width (Avg) (m) | Depth (max) (m) |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| I | 210 | 185 | 60m (40m Above ground level and 20m Below ground level) |

2.6 Method of mining

Open cast Semi-mechanized mining with a bench height of 5m and bench width of 5m and 80° Slope is proposed. The quarry operation involves shallow jack hammer drilling, slurry blasting, excavation, loading and transportation of Rough Stone to the needy customers. Occasionally hydraulic excavators are attached with rock breakers for fragmentation to avoid secondary blasting.

2.7 Greenbelt Development

Green belt development plan is proposed for the 5 year period.

| S.No. | Year | Species | No. of trees | Spacing | Survival |
|--------------|------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|
| 1 | I | Pongamia pinnata, | 200 | 3m x 3m | 80% |
| 2 | II | Syzigium cumini, Albizia lebbeck, | 200 | | |
| 3 | III | Thespesia populnea, | 200 | | |
| 4 | IV | Bauhinia racemose, Cassia siamea, | 200 | | |
| 5 | V | Azadirachta indica | 200 | | |
| Total | | | 1000 | | |

3.0 Description of the Environment

The project area is located in Vada Alapirandan village, Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District over an extent of 4.50.0Ha. The project area is considered as Core zone and the area in the surrounding 10km radius is considered as Buffer Zone. The meteorological data collected in the study area from March to May 2023 which includes Temperature, Wind speed, Wind direction and Relative humidity. The predominant wind blow from West. Temperature range was from 20°C (minimum in night) to 45°C (maximum in day).

3.1 Ambient Air monitoring Data

Ambient air quality monitoring has been carried out in 5 locations. One in the core zone and remaining four locations are in the buffer zone areas. The concentrations of the monitoring value well within the prescribed government norms. For all the components in the table, the unit are in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

| S. No. | Parameters | A1 Near Mine lease area | | A2 Athi village | | A3 Kil nethapakka m village | | A4 Vada Alapirandan Pudur village | | A5 Anappathur village | | NAAQ limits |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|---------------------|
| | | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | |
| 1 | PM10 | 42.4 | 54.5 | 45.1 | 56.4 | 43.1 | 57.2 | 45.4 | 60.2 | 47.2 | 61.3 | 100 |
| 2 | PM2.5 | 19.3 | 29.3 | 20.4 | 29.3 | 18.7 | 29.1 | 20.6 | 30.2 | 22.2 | 34.3 | 60 |
| 3 | SO ₂ | 3.4 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 8.4 | 4.2 | 7.6 | 80 |
| 4 | NO _x | 5.4 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 9.2 | 6.7 | 11.4 | 6.8 | 10.4 | 80 |
| 5 | CO | BDL (DL - 1144) | | | | | | | | | | 2 mg/m ³ |

3.2 Water Environment

Water samples (bore wells) were collected from 5 different locations and the results are given below.

Table 3.4 Results of Water sampling Analysis in 5 locations

| S. No | Parameter | WS1 | WS2 | WS3 | WS4 | WS5 | Limits | |
|-------|--|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | Near Mine lease area | Athi | Kilnethapakkam | Vada Alapirandan | Anappa thur | Acceptable Limits | Permissible Limits |
| 1 | Odour | Agreeable | Agreeable | Agreeable | Agreeable | Agreeable | Agreeable | Agreeable |
| 2 | Turbidity | <1 | <1 | <1 | <1.0 | <1 | 1 | 5 |
| 3 | pH at 25 °C | 7.28 | 7.81 | 6.89 | 7.34 | 7.29 | 6.5- 8.5 | No Relaxation |
| 4 | Electrical Conductivity | 1018 | 389.4 | 710.5 | 1656 | 985.7 | - | - |
| 5 | TSS | 612 | 236 | 430 | 995 | 596 | 500 | 2000 |
| 6 | Total hardness as CaCO ₃ | 431 | 171 | 235 | 349 | 408 | 200 | 600 |
| 7 | Calcium as Ca | 83.1 | 43.1 | 56.8 | 64.3 | 74.5 | 75 | 200 |
| 8 | Magnesium as Mg | 53.6 | 15.1 | 22.3 | 45.2 | 53.2 | 30.0 | 100 |
| 9 | Calcium as CaCO ₃ | 208 | 108 | 142 | 161.0 | 186 | - | - |
| 10 | Magnesium as CaCO ₃ | 223 | 62.7 | 93.0 | 188 | 221 | - | - |
| 11 | Total alkalinity as CaCO ₃ | 319 | 147 | 160 | 326 | 254 | 200 | 600 |
| 12 | Chloride as Cl ⁻ | 82.2 | 34.2 | 134 | 342 | 117 | 250 | 1000 |
| 13 | Free Residual chlorine as Cl ⁻ | BDL(D.L-0.2) | BDL(D.L-0.2) | BDL (D.L - 0.2) | BDL(D.L-0.2) | BDL(D.L -0.2) | 0.2 | 1 |
| 14 | Sulphates as SO ₄ ²⁻ | 124 | 13.6 | 72.6 | 208 | 114 | 200 | 400 |
| 15 | Iron as Fe | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.12 | 0.3 | No Relaxation |
| 16 | Nitrate as NO ₃ | 3.26 | BDL(D.L-1.0) | 3.5 | 2.08 | 2.93 | 45 | No Relaxation |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----|-----|
| 17 | Fluoride as F | 0.36 | 0.13 | 0.21 | 0.39 | 0.24 | 1 | 1.5 |
| 19 | Manganese as Mn | BDL(D.L-0.05) | BDL(D.L-0.05) | BDL (D.L - 0.05) | BDL(D.L-0.05) | BDL(D.L -0.05) | 0.1 | 0.3 |

3.3 Noise Monitoring

Noise Monitoring were done at 5 different locations and the results are given below.

| S. No | Location | Day equivalent | Night equivalent | Day and Night equivalent | Day equivalent limits by CPCB | Night equivalent limits by CPCB |
|-------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | NM1 – Mine lease area | 45 | 37.7 | 43.6 | 55 | 45 |
| 2 | NM2 – Athi | 47.3 | 38.1 | 45.8 | | |
| 3 | NM3 – Kilnethapakkam | 46.2 | 39.0 | 44.8 | | |
| 4 | NM4 – Vada Alapirandan | 45.2 | 37.5 | 43.8 | | |
| 5 | NM5 - Anappathur | 48.7 | 38.7 | 47.2 | | |

3.4 Soil Sampling

Soil samples have been collected from the mine lease area and 2 other locations from Athi village and Kilnethapakkam village and the results are given below.

| S. No. | Parameter | SS1 Mine lease area | SS2 Athi | SS3 Kil Nethapakkam |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 | pH | 7.95 | 7.25 | 7.67 |
| 2 | Electrical Conductivity | 184.9 | 156.7 | 110.2 |
| 3 | Dry Content | 97.6 | 96.5 | 98.3 |
| 4 | Water Content | 2.4 | 3.5 | 1.7 |
| 5 | Organic Mater | 0.15 | 0.22 | 0.32 |
| 6 | Sulphur | BDL(D.L.0.02) | BDL(D.L.0.02) | BDL(D.L.0.02) |
| 7 | Phosphorus | 4.5 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| 8 | Texture | sandy loam | clay | silt loam |
| 9 | Sand | 55.64 | 32.57 | 36.58 |
| 10 | Clay | 28.95 | 26.44 | 52.47 |
| 11 | Loam | 15.41 | 40.99 | 10.95 |
| 12 | Total Nitrogen | 53 | 68 | 102 |
| 13 | Sodium | 476 | 540 | 386 |
| 14 | Potassium | 720 | 910 | 562 |
| 15 | Water Holding Capacity | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| 16 | Porosity | 16.4 | 18.6 | 16.9 |

4.0 Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

In order to maintain the existing environmental scenario of the proposed mine lease area it is mandatorily required to assess the present ecology and environment of the proposed mine lease area and buffer area of the project before starting mining operations.

4.1 Land Environment

This is a proposed Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry of Thiru.N.Venkatesh at S.F.No. 168 (Part-1) over an extent of 4.50.0 Ha in Vada Alapirandan Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu. The method of mining is Opencast Semi mechanized with a bench width and height of 5m. It is proposed to excavate to 12,54,020 m³ of Rough Stone upto a depth of 60m (40m above ground level and 20m Below ground level)for the period of five years.

Anticipated Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The major impact due to this project on land environment is the change in land use. Since this quarry is a small one and the production is less, mining activity will be carried out only up to 40m AGL. Other than quarrying of minerals, no other change will be done since there is no dumping. To prevent soil erosion during monsoon season, garland drain will be constructed with silt traps. At the mine closure stage, 3.85.0 Ha of lease area will be left as rain water harvesting pond. 0.25.0 Ha will be developed with green belt. For this, plants like Pongamia pinnata, Syzigium cumini, Albizia lebbeck, Thespesia populnea, Bauhinia racemose, Cassia siamea, Azadirachta indica are selected. A total of 1000 trees are planned to be planted. Spacing will be 3m x 3m.

4.2 Solid Waste Management

The waste generation in the form of Solid waste (Municipal Waste) is very negligible. A detailed solid waste management system for the project area is given below and the same will be executed by proper awareness and sign boards. The sign boards will be in two language i.e., Vernacular language (Tamil) and common language (English). The plastic waste generation is very negligible and it will be collected from the source level in specific dustbin and disposed through the municipal bins.

4.3 Water Environment

Impacts on Surface Water Resources

There is no seasonal or perennial Odai within the M.L area. The drainage pattern of the region is plane to sub-dendritic. Surface run-off water of the M.L. area is drained through proposed drainage and collected in the bottom of the quarry and collected water will be used for same quarry operation as such for plantation & dust suppression.

There is a canal located at a distance of 1.22km western side and Cheyyar River is located at a distance of 1.34 km northwestern side from the proposed ML area. Water table is found at a depth of 58m in summer and 55m in rainy seasons.

Since these water bodies are located outside the lease area and there is no discharge of effluent or any untreated water from the mines will be made into these water bodies, there is no major impact. The project proponent will restrict the mining operation only within the lease and no other work will be carried out near the canal or any area outside the mining lease.

Impacts due to water use in Mines

In the proposed mines water will be mainly used for domestic purpose, dust suppression & plantation. Total water requirement for the project is 5.0 KLD which will be sourced from outside agencies. Negligible sewage of 0.64 KLD will be generated, for which a septic tank with soak pit will be set up.

Impacts on Ground Water

The mining activity is not likely to intersect ground water as the ground water table occurs at 58 m BGL in summer season and in Rainy season at 55 m BGL. The mining will go up to the maximum depth of 60m (40m above ground level and 20m Below ground level). So there will be no chance of intersecting the ground water table by the mining activity. So the impact of mining on the ground water is not envisaged.

Mitigation Measures

Entire lease area will be provided with proper garland drains. Check wears will be provided to prevent solids from wash off. Construction of garland drains around

freshly excavated so that flow of water with loose material is prevented. The mine water will be passed through the natural slopes and valleys and gets accumulated in the settling tank (Bottom pit).

4.4 Air Environment

Impacts due to mining operation

Mining activities in the proposed lease area not only pollutes the air in the core zone but also the nearby areas. The major air pollutants due to mining operations are fugitive emissions like PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}. Other than these pollutants, gaseous emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) due to excavation/loading equipment and vehicles plying on haul roads are the cause of air pollution in the project area.

Furthermore loading, unloading and transportation of rough stone and gravel as well as wind erosion of the exposed area and movement of light vehicles will cause pollution within a 500-meter radius of the project area due to quarrying activities. This has a cumulative impact on the ambient air environment around the project area.

Mitigation measures for various impacts

| S. No. | Impact | Mitigation measures |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Dust emission due to drilling | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using Wet drilling methods• Allowing drilling only with PPE |
| 2 | Dust emission due to Blasting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrying out blasting only during specified times• Avoiding blasting during unfavourable weather conditions• Using explosives of good quality |

| | | |
|---|----------------|---|
| 3 | Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using mist sprayers • Regular wetting of transport roads • Covering the materials carried in tippers with tarpaulin • Proper maintenance of vehicles used for transportation • Conducting regular emission tests for vehicles used for transport • Development of greenbelt is proposed in the safety zone of 10m and 7.5m barriers in the lease area. |
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4.5 Noise Environment

The main noise generating source during mining operation and related activities are drilling, excavation, loading and transportation. Intermittent noise is generated due to operation of diesel generator.

Impacts

Noise generation in mining is due to operation like drilling, blasting and transportation of minerals within and outside the lease area. As per DGMS (Directorate General of Mines Safety) limits, the acceptable noise level is 85 dB(A) for an exposure period of 8 hours. Exposure to loud noise can also cause high blood pressure, heart disease, sleep disturbances, and stress. Noise pollution also impacts the health and well-being of wildlife. Noise exceeding prescribed limits may cause impairment like abnormal loudness perception, tinnitus which causes a persistent high-pitched ringing in the ears, paracusis or distorted hearing.

Mitigation Measures

As the distance between the source and receptor increases, the noise level decreases. Hence, there will be a natural attenuation. The proponent has planned to develop green belt in the periphery of the lease area which diminishes sound volume by dampening them. All the equipment/machinery/tippers involved will be properly maintained to control noise generation. Conducting regular health checkups for employees involved. Employees will be made to work on shifts to reduce their exposure time. Providing earplugs to all employees. Providing green walls/nets

wherever possible.

4.6 Socio Economic Impact

The lease area is Government Poramboke land and the proponent has obtained tender from the government. No rehabilitation is needed. Hence, there is no negative impact. The proponent has planned to spend INR 5,00,000 for CER activities.

4.7 Occupational Health

Impacts

The occupational risk due to proposed mining may be due to drilling, blasting, excavation and transportation. A total of 50 workers will be engaged in the mining activity. Mining activity may cause various health problems to the mines workers as follows:

- Dust generated during excavation, drilling, stone cutting, sizing and transportation may cause health problems like Silicosis, Asthma, Tuberculosis and other respiratory lungs disorders.
- Heavy weight lifting by the workers may cause injuries to arms, legs and back.
- Noise generated during the mining activity may cause Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL).

Mitigation Measures

- The mines worker will be provided with dust mask to minimize the inhalation of the dust.
- Water sprinkling twice in a day is in practice on the haul roads, near excavation and roads to reduce the fugitive dust emission.
- Wet drilling and drilling with dust extractor will be practiced.
- Ear muffs will be supplied to the workers working in the noise prone area
- The mining site will be supplied with first aid facilities and the entire mines worker will have access to that.
- The mines workers will be well trained about the safety practices in the mining activities.

- As per Mines Rules, 1955, medical examination of employees at the initial stage and periodically, shall be done by a team of qualified medical officers provided by the project proponent.
- Regular medical checkup camps shall also be arranged for detection of occupational diseases and minor disease in the nearby rural population.
- Free checkup and medicine for treatment for their acute and chronic illness shall be provided by the lessee. Conducting periodical Medical Examination as per DGMS.
- Making all first aid kits available in mines office
- Keeping fire extinguisher in place
- Educating the employees about how to handle unexpected happenings
- Posting information containing emergency contact numbers in mines office
- By adopting all these measures, the safety of the employees working in the quarry will be ensured.

5.0 Analysis of Alternatives (Technology & Sites)

The mining technology is semi mechanized Opencast in single-shift operation without any change in technology. The operation will be carried out as per DGMS norms. No alternate technology will be used.

6.0 Environmental Monitoring Programme

Monitoring is done to measure the efficiency of control measures implemented. Regular monitoring of various environmental parameters like air, water, noise and soil environments is needed to assess the status of environment during the project operation.

A schedule is framed with timeline to monitor various parameters during the operation of the project. The schedule is framed based on MoEF & CC and Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board. In case the SEIAA/TNPCB/MoEF & CC or other statutory bodies demand monitoring of any additional parameter/factor, the same will also be done.

The proposed quarry is a small quarry. Hence the Mines-in-charge will be responsible for environmental related activities. After obtaining EC, the conditions mentioned in

EC will be strictly followed. The Mines-in-charge will be responsible for implementing the conditions. EC compliance report will also be submitted periodically.

7.0 Additional Studies

7.1 Risk Assessment & Management

Risk assessment is a method in which possible threats/hazards which may arise during mining operations are identified so that adequate machinery/equipment are made available in precaution.

7.2 Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Plan

No land is acquired from people dwelling in the area. The lease area is an uninhabited land. No R & R plan is proposed.

7.3 Hydrogeological Study

There is a canal located at 1.22km in the Western side of the lease area. Cheyyar River is located at 1.34km in the Northwestern part of the lease area. Due to the presence of these water bodies nearby, a detailed hydrogeological study has been done. As suggested in the Precise Area Communication letter, safety distances of 7.5m to adjacent Patta land and 10m to Government Poramboke land.

7.4 Slope Stability Study

The proposed quarry is a very small quarry and the production is also less. Opencast Semi-mechanized mining with a bench height of 5m and bench width of 5m and 80° Slope is proposed. The depth of mining is proposed as 60m (40m above ground level and 20m Below ground level), which is the ultimate pit limit. Also, there is no overburden since the entire mined out material will be utilized.

7.5 Disaster Management Plan

Precautionary measures are well explained to all staff by the mines in-charge. PPE necessary for all staff are available in the quarry. No person is allowed to enter inside without PPE. Avoiding quarrying during unfavorable environmental conditions. Carrying out safe blasting by following DGMS norms. Safety equipment like fire extinguisher, first aid kit, etc are present in the mine. Proper maintenance of

machinery used for mining. In case of any emergency, the contact numbers of mines in-charge, mines manager, Management contact are available in the mines office.

7.6 Mine Closure Plan

The quarrying operation is proposed up to a depth of 60m (40m above ground level and 20m Below ground level), which will be achieved in 5 years. The ultimate pit dimension will be 210m x 185m x 60m (40m above ground level and 20m below ground level). After completion of quarrying operation, the mined out pit will be left as rain water harvesting pond. The quarry will be properly fenced with barbed wire.

8.0 Project Benefits

The project area is located on barren Government Poramboke land, thereby causing no impact on the loss of agriculture or forest land. The project will create employment opportunities in the area. There will be no adverse effect of mining on the socioeconomic status of the people; rather, mining activities will improve their standard of living. The mining activity creates employment opportunities for the local people, and this definitely raises their economic status. Apart from the overall beneficial impact of the project on the local people of the region, it is felt necessary to augment facilities in the fields of education, health, and social awareness, including concern for the environment and ecosystem.

The mining activity at proposed Rough Stone of Thiru. N. Venkatesh cluster will create direct employment opportunity for 50 local people. The PP has proposed CER amount of Rs.5,00,000 for project surrounding schools development.

9.0 Environmental Management Plan

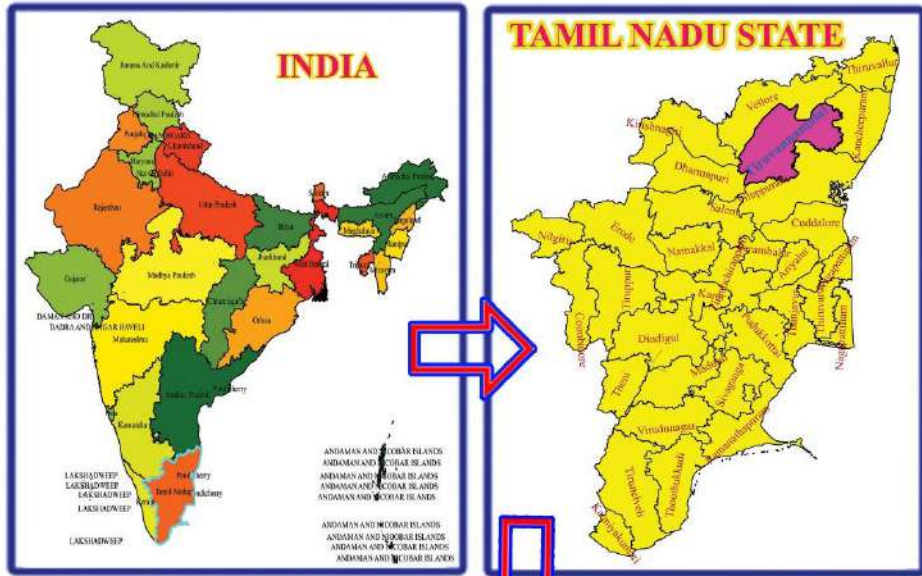
The Environmental Management Plan is developed to ensure that a project is implemented in an environmentally sustainable manner, where all contractors and subcontractors, including consultants, understand the potential environmental risks arising from the project and take appropriate actions to minimize those risks. EMP also ensures that the project implementation is carried out in accordance with the planned design and by taking appropriate mitigation measures to reduce adverse environmental impacts during the project's life cycle.

The effective implementation of EMP is not only reduce pollution load and comply the regulatory requirement but also increase productivity and improve marketability of product. The capital and recurring cost of EMP for the cluster of mines has been given in below table.

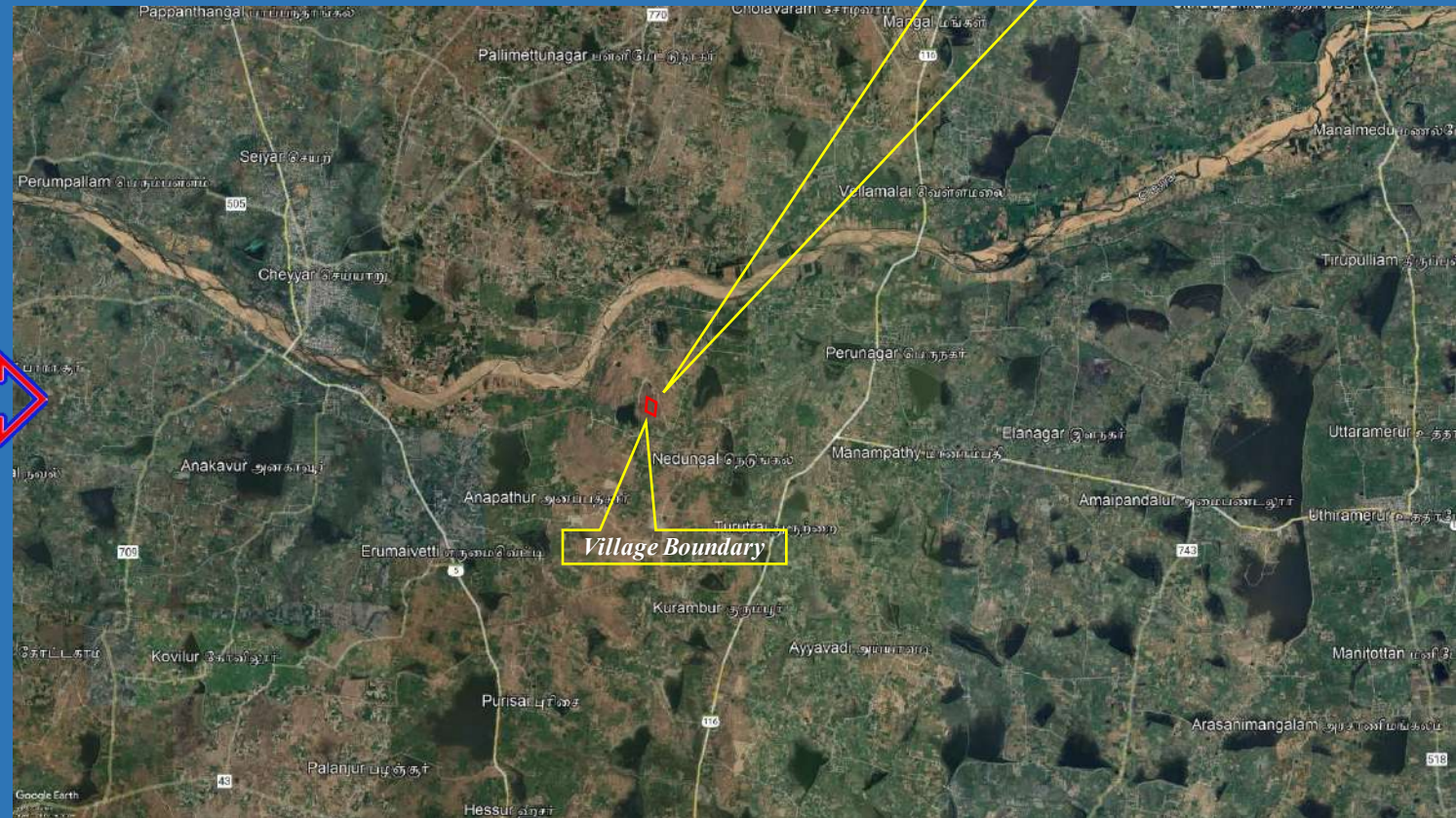
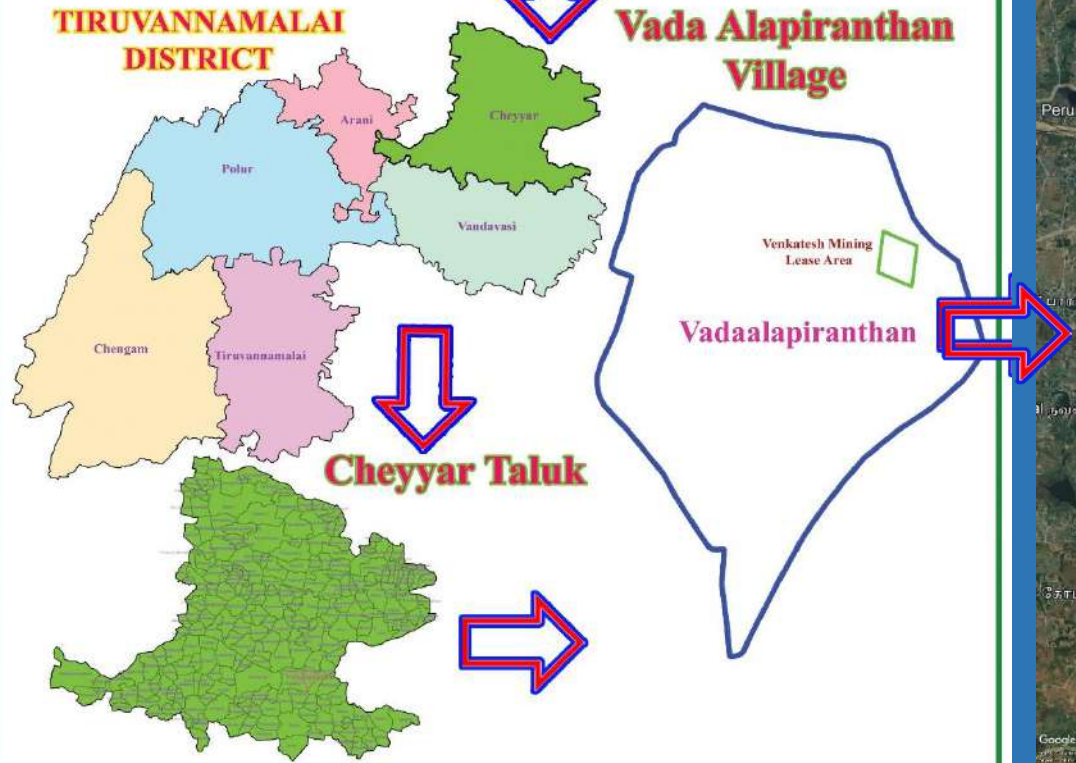
| S.No. | Budget planned for | Amount (INR) |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Air sampling | 40,000 |
| 2 | Water sampling | 40,000 |
| 3 | Noise monitoring | 20,000 |
| 4 | Ground vibration test | 20,000 |
| 5 | Drinking water facility | 1,50,000 |
| 6 | Sanitary arrangement | 50,000 |
| 7 | Safety kits | 1,00,000 |
| 8 | Water sprinkling | 2,00,000 |
| 9 | Afforestation | 1,00,000 |
| 10 | Cost towards charity | 50,000 |
| Total | | 7,70,000 |

10.0 Conclusion

It can be concluded from overall assessment of the impacts, in terms of positive and negative effects on various environmental components, that the mining activities will not have any adverse effect on the surrounding environment.



LOCATION OF THE PROJECT AREA



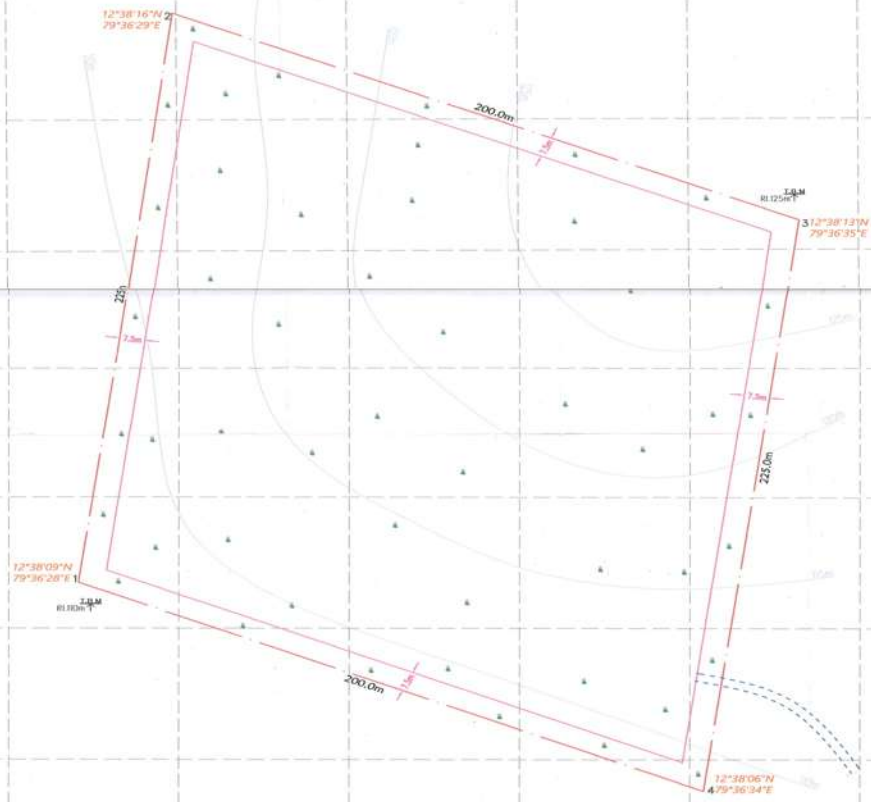


PLATE NO-II
DATE OF SURVEY : 29.05.2019

APPLICANT:
THIRUVENKATESH
5/65 NATARAJAN,
NO.101, KURINJI NALLA,
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CUDALORE DISTRICT.

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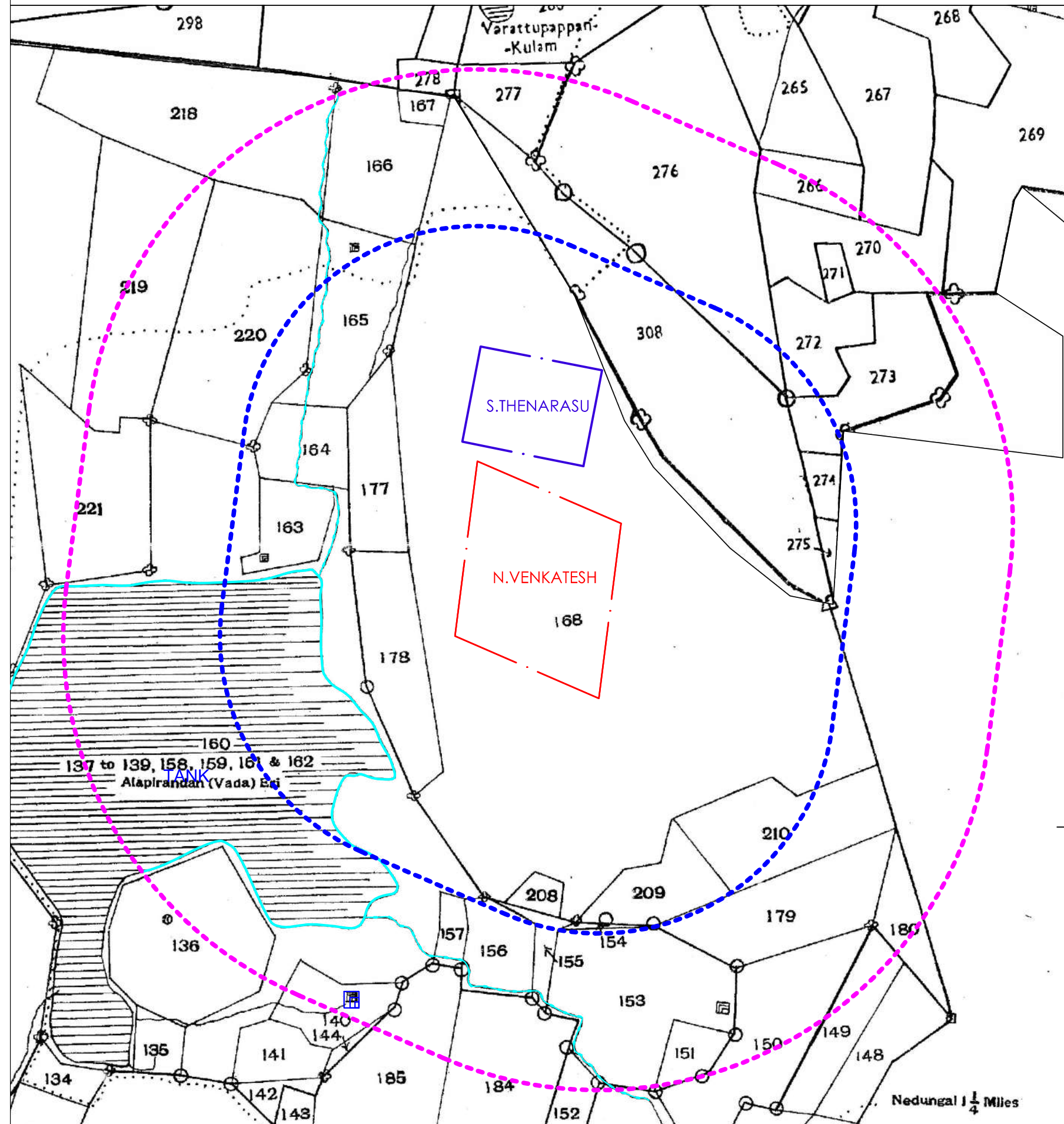
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| APPROACH ROAD | |
| CONTOUR | |
| SCRUB | |

QUARRY LEASE & SURFACE PLAN
SCALE 1 : 1000

PREPARED BY:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION
IN THIS PLATE IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO
THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE BASED UPON
THE LEASE MAP AUTHENTICATED BY STATE
GOVERNMENT

C. S. S. Reddy
C. S. S. REDDY, M.E.S., M.P.R.I.,
RECOGNIZED QUALIFIED PERSON
BQP/MS/04/27A




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 VELLISEMMANDALAM.
 CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

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 TALUK : CHEYYAR,
 DISTRICT : TIRUVANNAMALAI.

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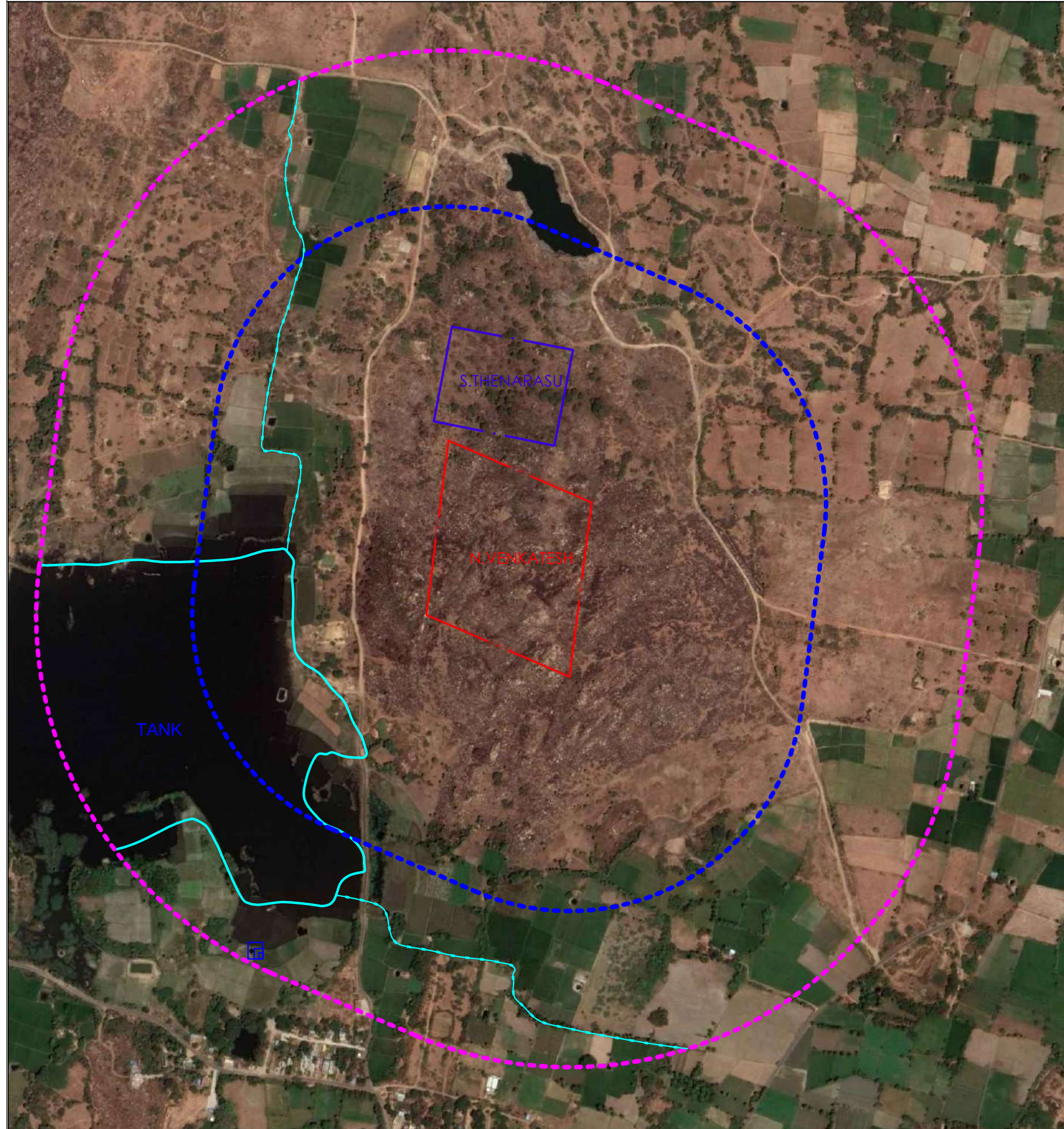
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Geology and Mining,
Tiruvannamalai - 4.

To
Thiru.N.Venkatesh,
S/o.Natarajan,
No.158, Kurinji Nagar,
Vellisemmandalam,
Cuddalore District

Rc.No. 16/Kanimam/2019, dated: .06.2019.

Sub: Mines and Minerals - Tiruvannamalai District -
Thiru.N.Venkatesh, Cuddalore - Bidder of Proposal Stone quarry
in an extent of 4.50.0 Hectare at Govt. Poramboke
S.F.No. 168 (Part-1), in Vada Aalapirandhan Village, Cheyyar
Taluk - Particulars called for - furnished - regarding.

Ref: Thiru.N.Venkatesh, Cuddalore letter, dt: 03.06.2019

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In the reference cited, the bidder of proposed stone quarry in
S.F.No. 168 (Part-1) over an extent 4.50.0 hectare of Vada Aalapirandhan
Village, Cheyyar Taluk Thiru. N.Venkatesh, Cuddalore has requested to furnish the
details of Proposed / Existing / lease expired quarries located within 500 mts
radius from his proposed quarry, so as to submit the same to the Environment
Impact Assessment Authority for obtaining Environment Clearance.

In this regard, apart from his proposed quarry in S.F.No. 168 (Part-1)
over an extent 4.50.0 Hect., of Vada Aalapirandhan Village, Cheyyar Taluk the
details of quarries (Proposed / Existing / Lease Expired) located within 500 mts
radius are furnished as follows.

Details of proposed / Existing / lease expired quarries

| Sl. No. | Name of the Owner | Village & S.F. No. | Extent in Hect. | Lease Period | Remarks |
|---------|---|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Thiru.S.Thennarasu, S/o.Selvaraju, No.2/352, Vavipalayam, Paramathi Velur Taluk, Namakkal District. | Vada Aalapirandhan Village, S.F.No. 168 (Part 2) | 4.50.0 | -- | Proposed quarry |

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Assistant Director,
Geology and Mining,
Tiruvannamalai.

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16/19

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N. Venkatesh