

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FOR OBTAINING

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

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

**FRESH QUARRY**

**TMT. V. MAHESHWARI ROUGH STONE AND GRAVEL QUARRY**

**Cluster Extent – 7.60.50 Ha**

## PROJECT PROPONENT

Proponent Name	Project Location
<b>Tmt.V. Maheswari, W/o. Vasudevan, No. 220/02, Kurinjinagar, Ellis Nagar, Udumalai Road, Dharapuram, Tiruppur District – 638 657</b>	<b>S.F. Nos. 863(P) Manakkadavu Village, Dharapuram Taluk, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu Extent: 3.00.0 Ha</b>

Complied as per ToR obtained

**Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8785/SEAC/ToR-1329/2023 Dated: 09.02.2023**

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**Baseline Monitoring Period: October to December 2023**

**AUGUST 2024**

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

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- The project proponent Tmt. V. Maheshwari applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry over an extent of 3.00.0Ha in S.F.Nos. 863 (P) Manakkadavu Village, Dharapuram Taluk, Tiruppur District
- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 26.11.2020.
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Assistant Director vide Rc.No.1512/Mines/2020, Dated: 23.07.2021.
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approval vide Letter Rc.No.1512/Mines/2020, Dated: 03.08.2021.
- The Mining plan has been approved for the quantity of 5,28,150m<sup>3</sup> of Rough stone & 45,968m<sup>3</sup> of Gravel up to the depth of 47m bgl for the period of Ten years.

As per the EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments and OM The proposal falls in the B1 Category (Cluster quarries – 1 proposal and 2 Existing quarries forming Cluster Category {Total Extent of the Cluster is 7.60.55 Ha}- Cluster area calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269(E) Dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016).

- Proponent applied for Terms of Reference vide Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/67510/2021 dated 11.09.2021 and the ToR Obtained vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8785/SEAC/ToR-1329/2023 Dated: 09.02.2023
- Based on the ToR Baseline Monitoring study has been carried out for one season i.e., **Oct to Dec 2023** 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.

### 1.1 DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT –

<b>Name of the Project Proponent</b>	Tmt.V. Maheswari
<b>Address</b>	W/o. Vasudevan, No. 220/02, Kurinjinagar, Ellis Nagar, Udumalai Road, Dharapuram, Tiruppur District – 638 657
<b>Mobile</b>	+91 94432 41410
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<b>Status</b>	Individual

Source: Approved Mining Plan of Proposal

### 1.2 QUARRY DETAILS WITHIN 500 M RADIUS

PROPOSED QUARRY					
Code	Name of the Owner	Village	S.F. Nos	Extent in Ha	Status
P1	Tmt.V.Maheshwari	Manakadavu	863(P)	3.00.0	ToR obtained vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No. 8785/ SEAC /TOR-1329/2023 Dated: 09.02.2023
<b>TOTAL EXTENT</b>				<b>3.00.0</b>	
EXISTING QUARRIES					
Code	Name of the Owner	Village	S.F. Nos	Extent in Ha	Status
E-1	Thiru.C.K.Chellamuthu	Manakadavu	872/2 NP	2.64.0	Lease Period; 24.04.2018 to 23.04.2023
E-2	Thiru. N. Rama lingam	Manakadavu	872/2 SP	1.96.5	Lease Period; 07.06.2021 to 06.06.2026

	<b>TOTAL EXTENT</b>	<b>4.60.5</b>	
	<b>TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT</b>	<b>7.60.5</b>	

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

## 1.2 SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSAL

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Name of the Project	Tmt.V. Maheshwari Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry	
S.F. No.	863(P)	
Extent	3.00.0 ha	
Village Taluk and District	Manakkadavu Village, Dharapuram Taluk, Tiruppur District.	
Land Type	Patta land	
Land Ownership	It is a Patta lands. Jointly Registered in the name of the applicant (Tmt.V. Maheshwari) & Thiru.R.Vasudevan, vide Patta Nos. 1411. The applicant has obtained consent from the other pattadhars	
Toposheet No	58 - F/10	
Latitude between	10° 46' 28.65"N to 10° 40' 35.70"N	
Longitude between	77° 33' 40.78"E to 77° 33' 49.94"E	
Elevation of the area	290m(Max) AMSL	
Lease period	10 Years	
Mining Plan period	10 years	
Proposed Depth of Mining	47m Bgl	
	Rough Stone in m <sup>3</sup>	Gravel m <sup>3</sup>
Geological Resources	13,18,275	58,590
Mineable Reserves	5,28,150	45,968
Year wise Production (Ten Years)	5,28,150	45,968
Peak Production	62,150	19,584
Ultimate Pit Dimension	171m(L) x 138m(W) x 47m(D) (BGL)	
Water Level in the region	68m – 73m bgl	
Method of Mining	Opencast Mechanized Mining Method involving small drilling and Controlled blasting using Slurry Explosives	
Topography	The lease applied area is exhibits plain topography. The area has gentle sloping towards North-eastern side. The altitude of the area is 290m (max) above Mean Sea level. The area is covered by 2m thickness of Gravel formation. Massive Charnockite is found after 2m Gravel which is clearly inferred from the existing quarry pits.	
Machinery proposed	Jack Hammer	6 Nos
	Compressor	2 Nos
	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	2 Nos
	Tipper	4 Nos
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	35 Nos	
Project Cost	Rs.57,30,000/-	
EMP Cost	Rs. 7,60,000/-	
Total Project Cost	Rs.64,90,000/-	

CER Cost	Rs. 5,00,000/-	
Nearby Water Bodies	Amaravathi River	4.7km – NW
	Nallathangal Odai	4.4 km - SE
	Paruthiyur Velar Lake	5.0km - SE
	Nallathangal Odai Reservoir	5.5 km - NE
Greenbelt Development Plan	Proposed to plant 1500Nos 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	3.0 KLD	
Nearest Habitation	740m – South East	
Nearest Reserve Forest	Dalavaipattinam RF – 9.29 km - NW	
Nearest Wild Life Sanctuary	Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary – 32.0 km - South	

Source: Approved Mining & Land Documents.

### 1.3 STATUTORY DETAILS

#### SCREENING:

- Proponent applied for Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 26.11.2020.
- Precise area communication letter was issued by the Assistant Director vide Rc.No.1512/Mines/2020, Dated: 23.07.2021.
- The Mining plan has been prepared by the Qualified person and got approval vide Letter Rc.No.1512/Mines/2020, Dated: 03.08.2021.
- 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 ToR for Environmental Clearance vide online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/67510/2021 dated 11.09.2021

#### SCOPING:

- The proposal was placed in 345<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 10.01.2023 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 590<sup>th</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 09.02.2023, issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8785/SEAC/ToR-1329/2023 Dated: 09.02.2023

## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

Method is mining is common for all the quarries in the cluster. 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 pithead to the needy crushers and rock breakers to avoid secondary blasting.

### 2.1 SITE CONNECTIVITY TO THE PROJECT AREA

Nearest Roadway	NH 209 – Coimbatore – Dindigul- 22.0 km – South west SH -83 Dharapuram – Palani– 2.0km –West
Nearest Village	Manakkadavu- 1.77m-West
Nearest Town	Dharapuram– 8.0 km-NW
Nearest Railway Station	Palani– 26.0 km – South West
Nearest Airport	Coimbatore– 77.0 km –North West
Seaport	Kochi– 164.0 km – South West

Source: Survey of India Toposheet

## 2.2 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE LEASE APPLIED AREA

Description	Present area (Ha)	Area at the end of this quarrying period (Ha)
Quarrying Pit	Nil	2.39.5
Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
Roads	Nil	0.02.0
Green Belt	Nil	0.25.0
Unutilized Area	3.00.0	0.32.5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3.00.0</b>	<b>3.00.0</b>

Source: Approved Mining Plan

## 2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF LEASE APPLIED AREA

PARTICULARS	DETAILS	
	Rough Stone in m <sup>3</sup>	Gravel in m <sup>3</sup> (3 year)
Geological Resources	13,18,275	58,590
Mineable Reserves	5,28,150	45,968
Production for first five-year plan period	2,76,400	45,968
Production for Second five-year plan period	2,51,750	-
Peak Production	62,150	19,584
Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period	10 Years	
Number of Working Days	300 Days	
Production per day	207	65
No of Lorry loads (12m <sup>3</sup> per load)	17	5
Total Depth of Mining	47m below ground level	

Source: Approved mining plan.

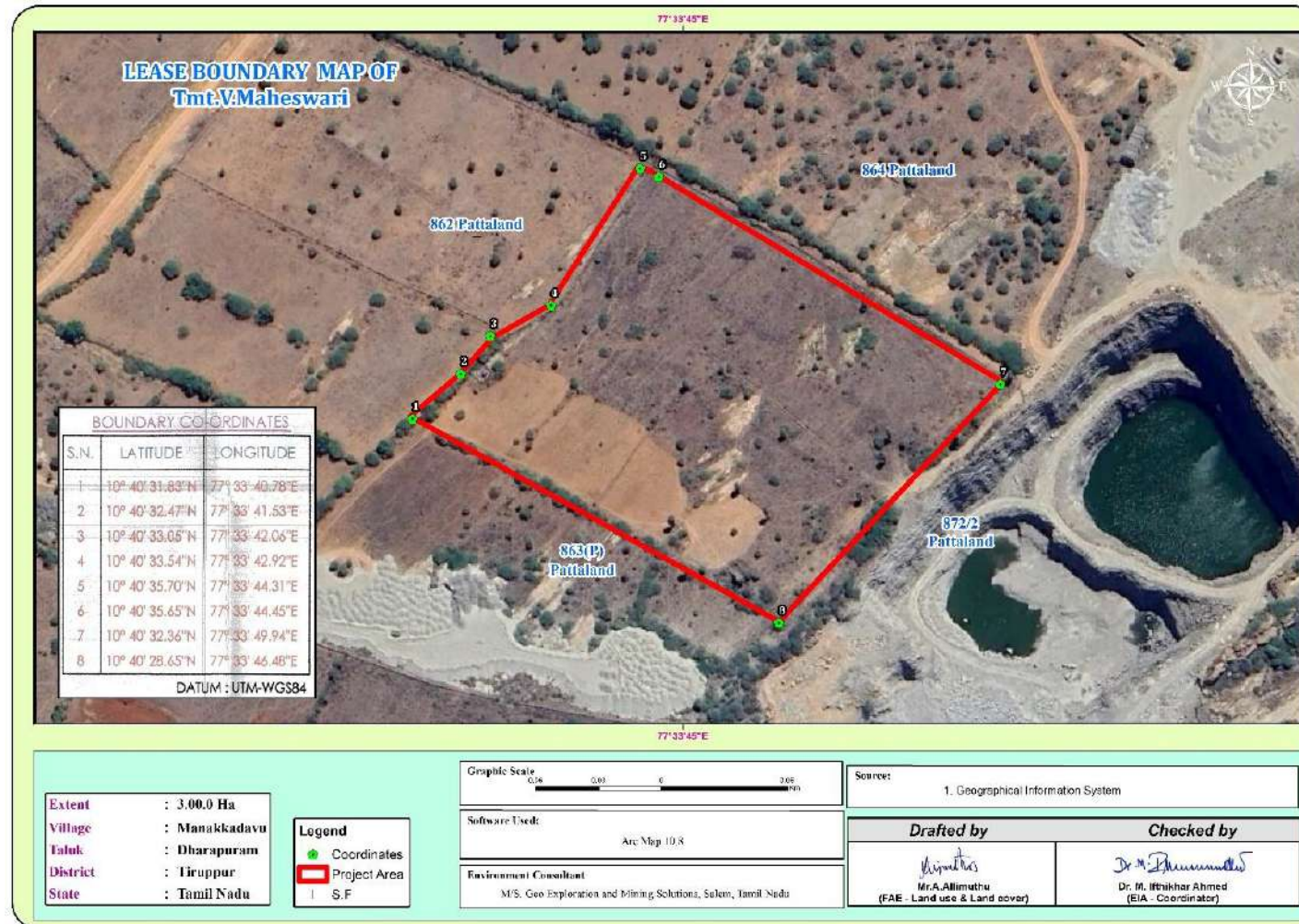
## 2.3 YEAR-WISE PRODUCTION PLAN

	Year	Rough Stone (m <sup>3</sup> )	Gravel (m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>FIRST FIVE YEARS</b>	<b>I</b>	54,000	14,688
	<b>II</b>	53,750	11,696
	<b>III</b>	52,800	19,584
	<b>IV</b>	53,700	-
	<b>V</b>	62,150	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,76,400</b>	<b>45,968</b>
<b>SECOND FIVE YEARS</b>	<b>VI</b>	52,500	-
	<b>VII</b>	52,250	-
	<b>VIII</b>	52,300	-
	<b>IX</b>	46,050	-
	<b>X</b>	48,650	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,51,750</b>	<b>-</b>

Source: Approved Mining Plan



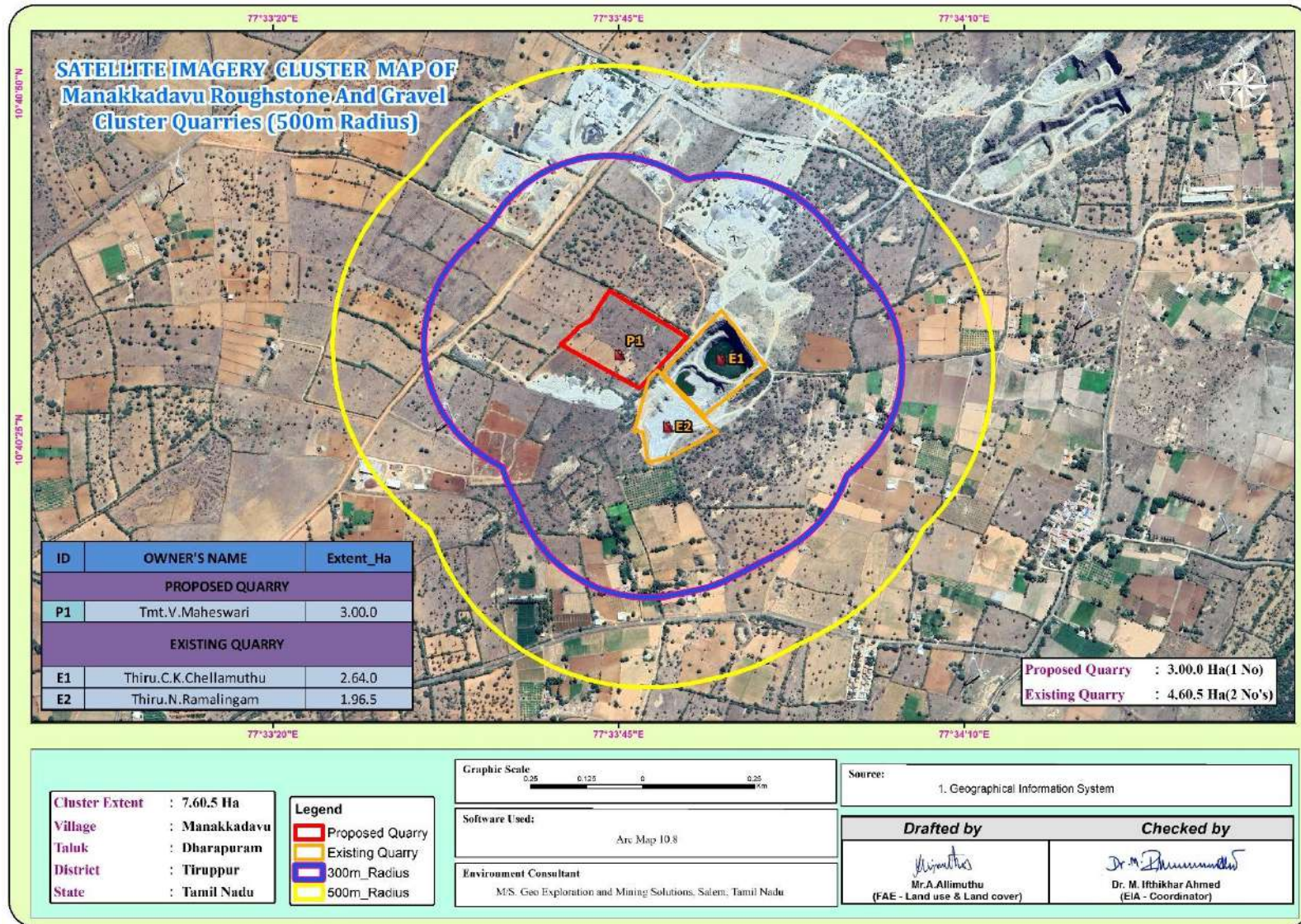
FIGURE – 1: GOOGLE IMAGE OF THE PROJECT AREA



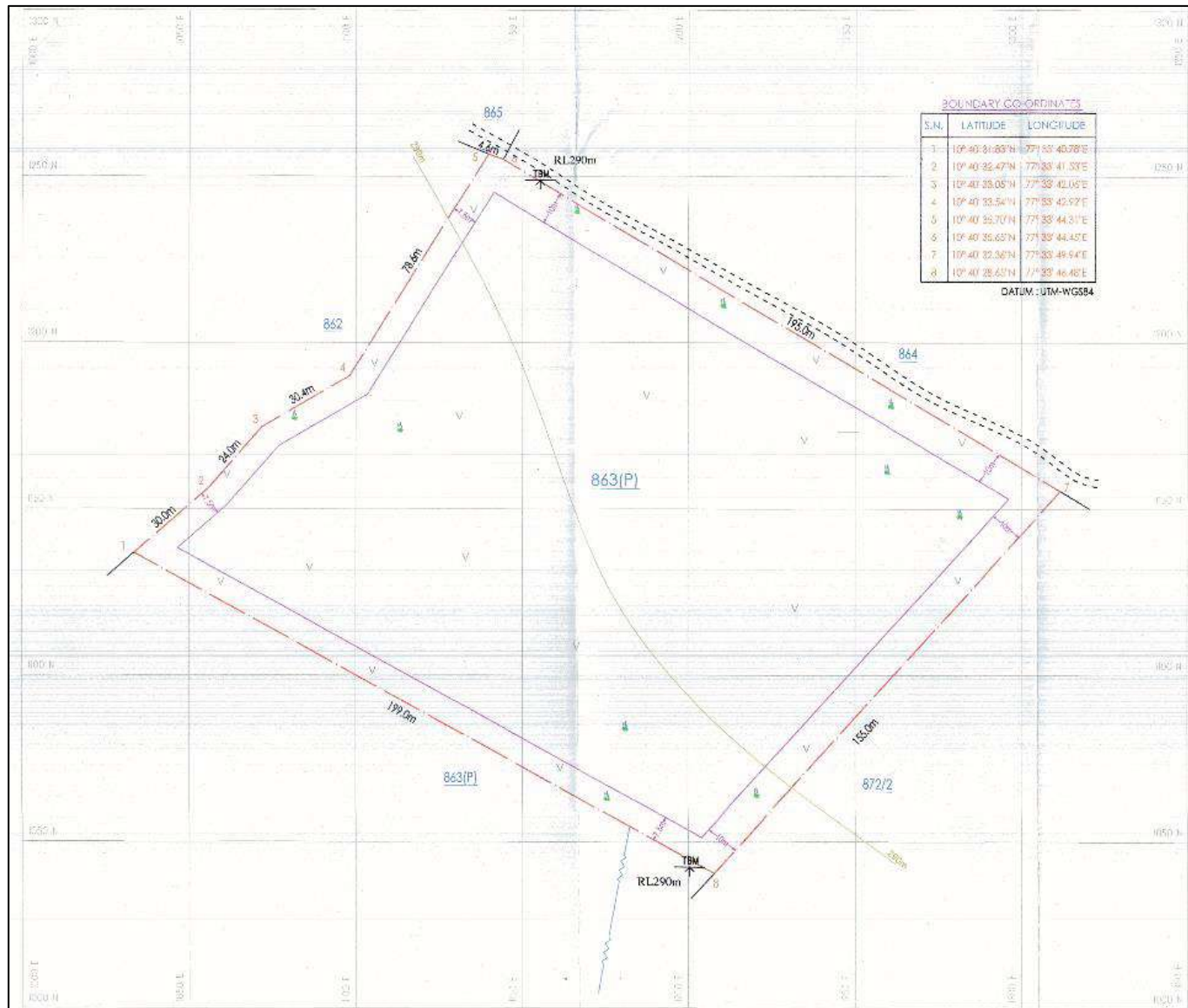
Source: Google Earth Imagery



**FIGURE – 2: SATELLITE IMAGERY CLUSTER QUARRIES**

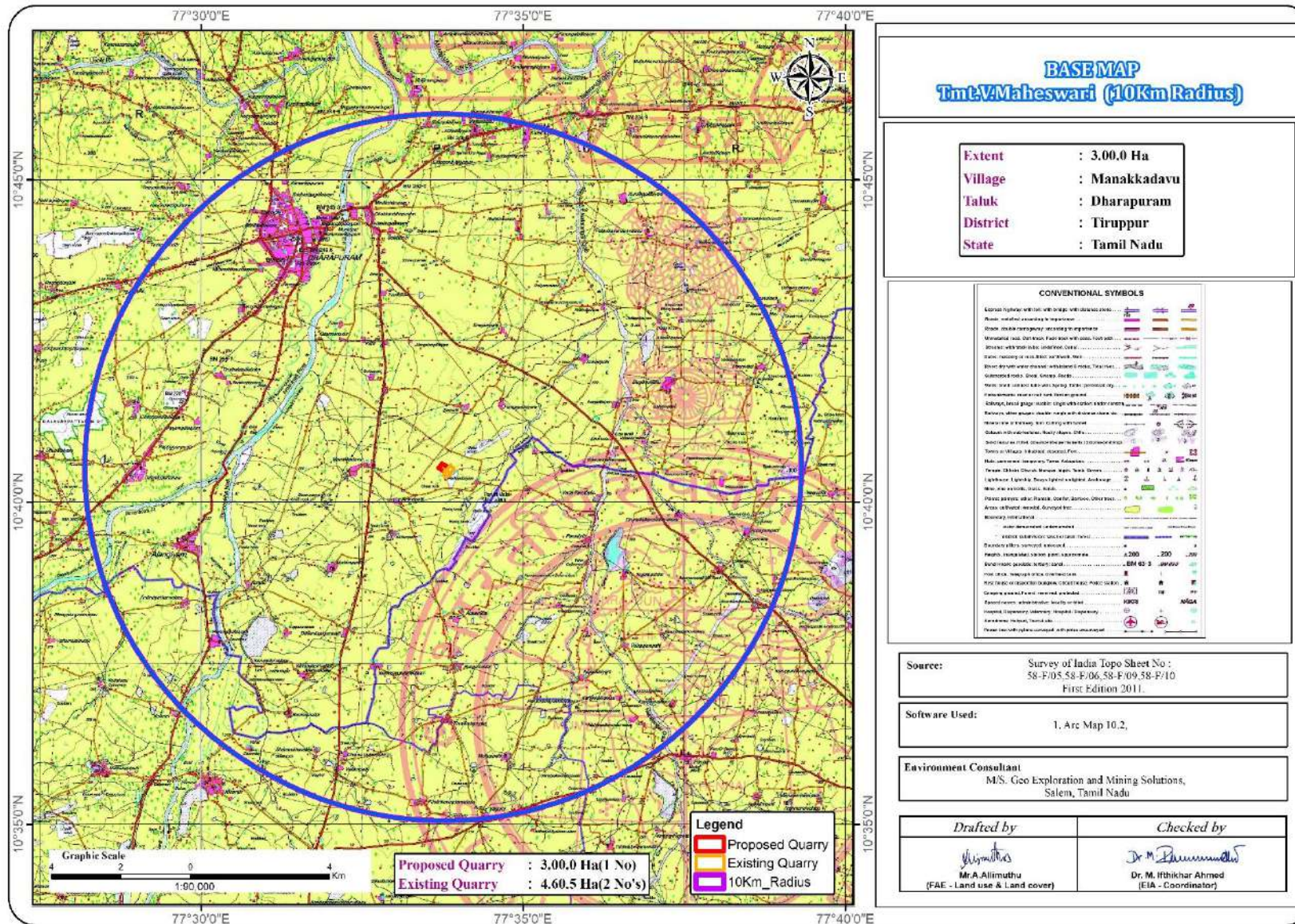


**FIGURE 3: QUARRY LEASE PLAN / SURFACE PLAN**





**FIGURE – 4: TOPOSHEET MAP OF THE STUDY AREA 10 KM RADIUS**



## 2.5 METHOD OF MINING

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

The 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.

## 2.6 PROPOSED MACHINERY DEPLOYMENT

S.NO.	TYPE	NOS	SIZE/CAPACITY	MOTIVE POWER
1	Jack hammers	6	1.2m to 2.0m	Compressed air
2	Compressor	2	400psi	Diesel Drive
3	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	2	300	Diesel Drive
4	Tippers	4	20 Tonnes	Diesel Drive

Source: Approved Mining Plans

## 2.7 WATER REQUIREMENTS

Purpose	Quantity	Source
Dust Suppression	0.7KLD	From the existing pit or from the water vendors
Green Belt	1.5KLD	From the existing pit or from the water vendors
Sanitation & Drinking	0.8KLD	From the existing pit or from the water vendors.
Total	<b>3.0 KLD</b>	

Source: Prefeasibility report

## 2.8 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

## 2.9 ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION

	Length (Max) (m)	Width (Max) (m)	Depth (Max)
<b>First Five years Proposed Pit Dimension</b>	171	138	17m bgl
<b>Ultimate Pit Dimension</b>	171	138	47m bgl

## 3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The baseline status of the project environment is described section wise for better understanding of the broad-spectrum conditions. The baseline environment quality represents the background environmental scenario of various environmental components such as Land, Water, Air, Noise, Biological and Socio-economic status of the study area. Field monitoring studies to evaluate the base line status of the project site were carried out covering Oct 2023 - Dec 2023 as per CPCB & MoEF & CC guidelines.

### 3.1 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Parameters	Frequency of Monitoring	No. of Locations	Protocol
Land-use Land cover	Land-use Pattern within 10 km radius of the study area	Data's from census handbook 2011 and from the satellite imagery	Study Area	Satellite Imagery Primary Survey
*Soil	Physio-Chemical Characteristics	Once during the study period	6 (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	1 Hourly 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 hourly twice a week (October to December 2023)	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 Quadrante & 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 EHS 360 labs 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** imagery of **NRSC-Bhuvan**. The 10 km radius map of study area was taken for analysis of **Land use/Landcover**.



**TABLE 3.2.1: LAND USE / LAND COVER TABLE 10 KM RADIUS**

S.No	CLASSIFICATION	AREA_HA	AREA_%
<b>BUILTUP</b>			
1	Builtup Urban	608.55	1.89
2	Builtup Rural	453.76	1.41
3	Builtup Mining	106.56	0.33
<b>AGRICULTURAL LAND</b>			
4	Crop Land	24408.06	75.88
5	Fallow Land	3076.77	9.57
6	Agriculture Land	2120.13	6.59
<b>BARREN/WASTE LANDS</b>			
7	Barren Rocky	48.12	0.15
8	Scrub Land	80.66	0.25
9	Grazing Land	407.32	1.27
<b>FOREST</b>			
10	Forest	40.22	0.13
<b>WETLANDS/ WATER BODIES</b>			
11	Waterbodies	816.26	2.54
<b>TOTAL</b>		32166.42	100.00

From the above table and pie diagram, it is inferred that the majority of the land in the study area is crop land - 75.88 % followed by Built-up Urban – 9.56%, Agriculture land – 6.59%, and Water bodies 2.53%.

The total mining area within the study area is 106.56 ha i.e., 0.33%. The cluster area of 7.60.50 ha contributes about 7.13% 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

#### 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 (30.5 % to 34.2%) to Sandy Loam Soil and Bulk Density of Soils in the study area varied between 1.01– 1.10 g/cc. The Water Holding Capacity is found to be medium i.e., ranging from 44.2 – 47.7 %.

#### Chemical Characteristics –

- The nature of soil is slightly alkaline to strongly alkaline with pH range 8.03 to 8.61
- The available Nitrogen content range between 398 to 455 mg/kg
- The available Phosphorus content range between 2.10 to 5.11 mg/kg
- The available Potassium range between 1.5 mg/kg to 38.0 meq/l

### 3.4 WATER ENVIRONMENT

#### Surface Water

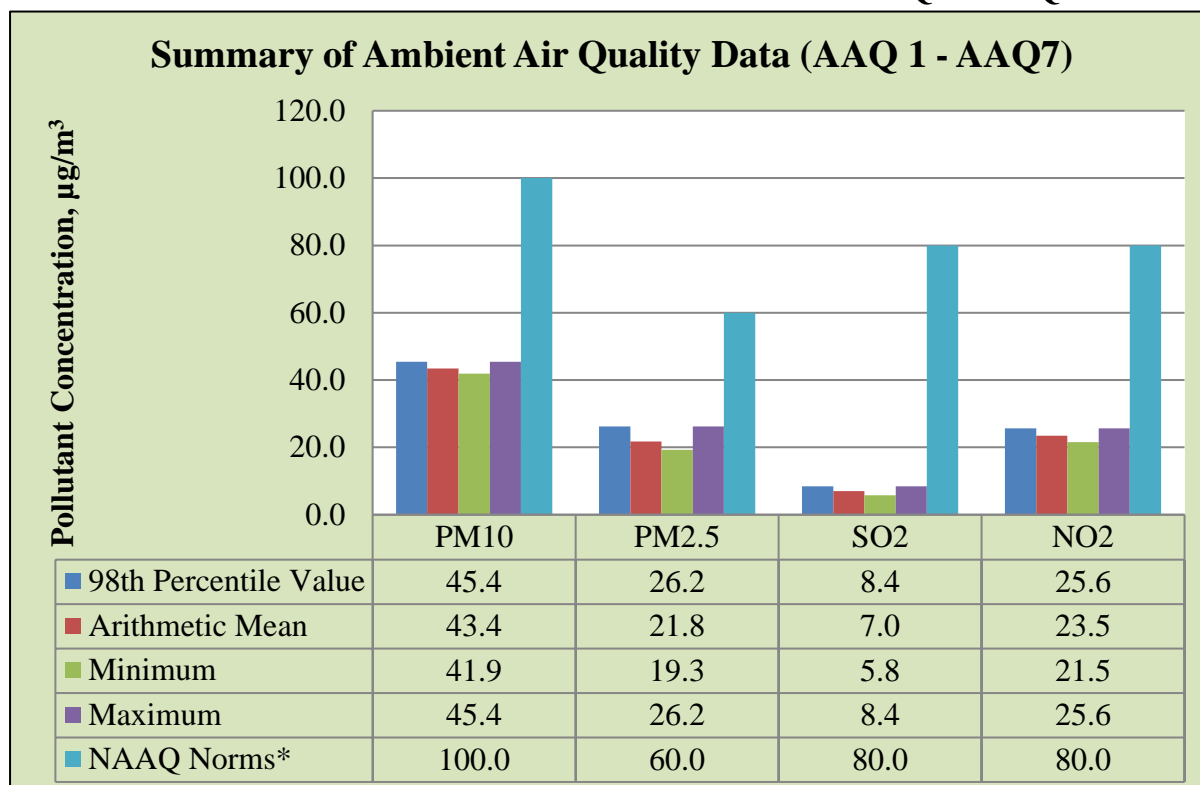
The pH varied from 7.27 to 7.55 while turbidity found within the standards (Optimal pH range for sustainable aquatic life is 6.5 to 8.5 pH).

#### Total Dissolved Solids:

Total Dissolved Solids varied from 510 to 529 mg/l, the TDS mainly composed of carbonates, bicarbonates, Chlorides, phosphates and nitrates of calcium, magnesium, sodium and other organic matter.





**FIGURE – 6. BAR DIAGRAM OF SUMMARY OF AAQ 1 – AAQ7**

The results of ambient air quality monitoring for the period (Oct 2023 to Dec 2023) are presented in the report. Data has been compiled for three months.

### Interpretations & Conclusion

As per monitoring data, PM<sub>10</sub> ranges from 41.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 48.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> data ranges from 18.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 26.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub> ranges from 5.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 8.8 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and NO<sub>2</sub> data ranges from 20.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 25.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The concentration levels of the above criteria pollutants were observed to be well within the limits of NAAQS prescribed by CPCB.

### 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 39.4 to 43.1 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 35.4 to 38.1 dB (A) Leq. Noise levels recorded in buffer zone during day time were from 39.9 to 42.4 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 36.6 to 39.3 dB (A) Leq. Thus, the noise level for Industrial and Residential area meets the requirements of CPCB.

### 3.7 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.

### 3.8 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 employment to the local people there by improving the employment opportunity in the area 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

- 2.39.50Ha of the land will be under mining sine 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

- The 2.39.5 Ha of the land will be converted into temporary reservoir which will full fill the water scarcity in the drought season and the nearby agriculture land will benefitted by the supply of water
- About 1500 Nos of trees will be planted in the lease area and approach road will retain the ecosystem
- 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

## 4.2 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
- 3.0 KLD water will be utilized for the quarrying operation

### MITIGATION MEASURES

- Water for the quarrying operation such as sprinkling on haul roads, Greenbelt development will be sourced from the lower part of the mine pit which is specifically allotted to collect the rain water.
- Garland drain, settling tank will be constructed along the proposed mining lease area. The Garland drain will be connected to settling tank and sediments will be trapped in the settling traps and only clear water will be discharged out to the natural drainage
- Rainwater will be collected in sump in the mining pits and will be allowed to store and pumped out to surface setting 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.
- 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.



## 4.3 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.

## 4.4 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;
- 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.

## 4.5 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

### ANTICIPATED IMPACT

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

### MITIGATION MEASURES

To reduce the adverse effects on natural flora/fauna status of the area due to deposition of dust generated from mining operations, water sprinkling and water spraying systems will be ensured in all dust prone areas to arrest dust generation. Methodical and well-planned plantation scheme will be carried out.

#### 4.5.1 GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

No. of trees proposed to be planted	Area to be covered in m <sup>2</sup>	Name of the species
1500	The safety zone along the boundary barrier has been identified to be utilized for Greenbelt development.	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Ashoka etc.,

## **4.6 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT**

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

Employment generation due to the project will provide direct employment for about 35 persons.

### **MITIGATION MEASURES**

- Good maintenance practices will be adopted for plant 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.
- Appropriate 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, DMF, NMET etc, from this project directly and indirectly.

## **5. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES (TECHNOLOGY AND SITE)**

The site has been selected based on geological investigation and exploration as below:

- Occurrence of minerals at the specific site.
- Transportation facility for materials & manpower.
- Overall impact on environment and mitigation feasibility
- Socio – economic background.

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

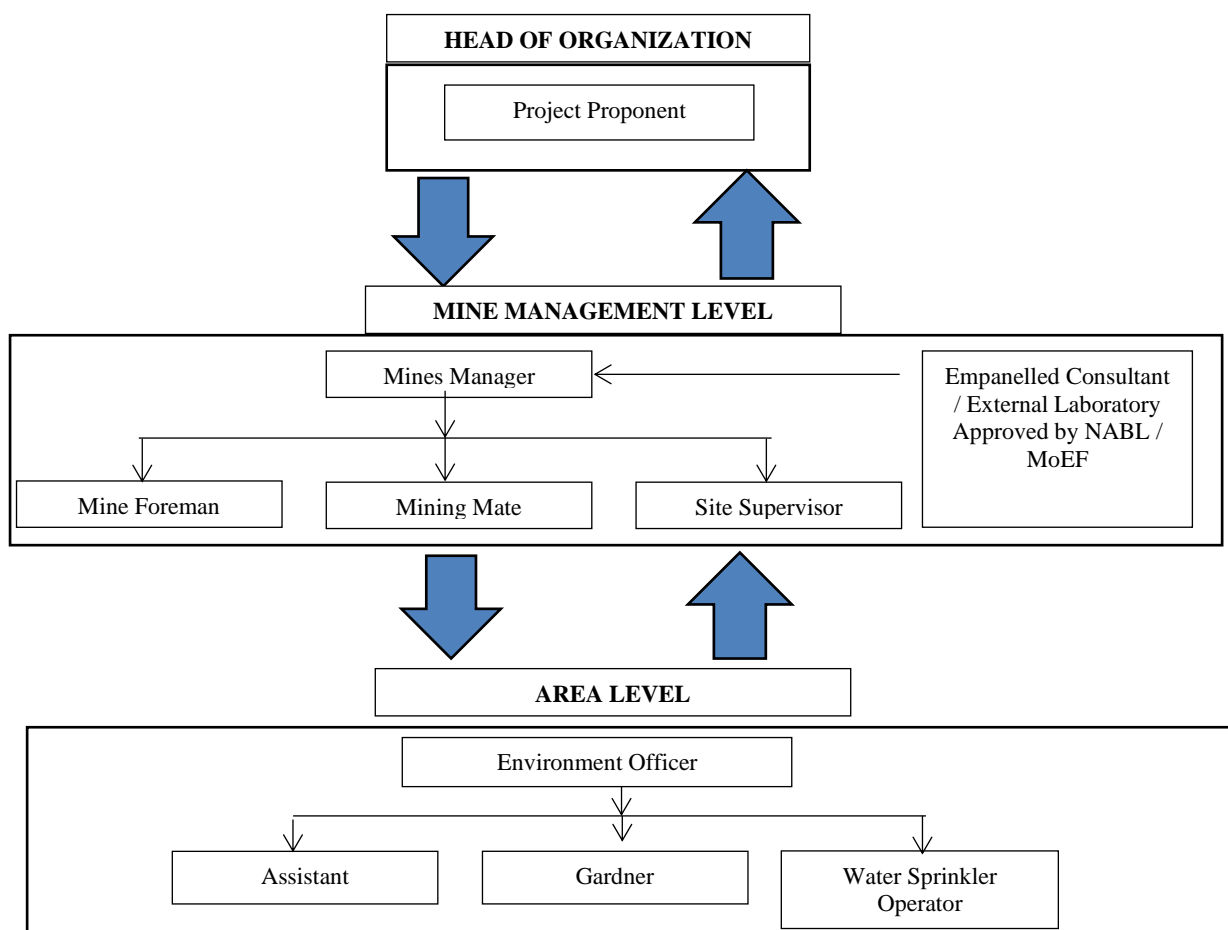
## 6. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

Usually, an impact assessment study is carried over short period of time and the data cannot bring out all variations induced by natural or human activities. Hence regular monitoring program of Environmental parameters is essential to take into account the changes in the Environment.

The Objective of Monitoring -

- ✚ To check or assess the efficiency of the controlling measures;
- ✚ To establish a data base for future impact assessment studies.

### 6.1 PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL



### 6.2 POST ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE MONITORING SCHEDULE

S.No.	Environment Attributes	Location	Monitoring		Parameters
			Duration	Frequency	
1	Air Quality	2 Locations (1 Core & 1 Buffer)	24 hours	Once in 6 months	Fugitive Dust, PM <sub>2.5</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> .
2	Meteorology	At mine site before start of Air Quality Monitoring & IMD Secondary Data	Hourly / Daily	Continuous online monitoring	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity and Rainfall
3	Water Quality Monitoring	2 Locations (1 SW & 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	L eq, L max, L min, L eq Day & L eq Night
6	Vibration	At the nearest habitation (in case of reporting)	–	During blasting Operation	Peak Particle Velocity
7	Soil	2 Locations (1 Core & 1 Buffer)	–	Once in six months	Physical and Chemical Characteristics
8	Greenbelt	Within the Project Area	Daily	Monthly	Maintenance

## 7 ADDITIONAL STUDIES

### 7.1 RISK ASSESSMENT

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

The 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. Risk Assessment is all about prevention of accidents and to take necessary steps to prevent it from happening.

### 7.2 DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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	Production for Year wise	Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Day Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Number of Lorry Load Per Day
P1 (Ten-year)	5,28,150	52,815	176	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,28,150</b>	<b>52,815</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>15</b>
E1 (Five)	2,83,865	56,773	190	16
E2 (Five)	1,90,754	38,150	127	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,74,619</b>	<b>94,923</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,02,769</b>	<b>1,47,738</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>42</b>

#### CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF GRAVEL/TOPSOIL

Quarry	Production for one / three-year plan period	Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Per Day Production in m <sup>3</sup>	Number of Lorry Load Per Day
P1	45,968	15,323	51	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,968</b>	<b>15,323</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4</b>
E1	3571	1190	4	1
E2	2083	694	2	1

<b>Total</b>	<b>5,654</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51,622</b>	<b>17,207</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>

### SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM CLUSTER QUARRIES

Location ID	Project Cost	CER
P1	Rs.64,90,000/-	Rs.5,00,000
E1	Rs.68,70,000/-	Rs.1,72,000
E2	Rs. 58,74,000/-	Rs.1,20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 1,92,34,000/-</b>	<b>Rs. 7,92,000</b>

### EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FROM CLUSTER QUARRIES

Description	Employment
P1	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>
E1	14
E2	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>72</b>

Grand Total 72

A total of 35 people will get employment due to one proposed mines in cluster and 37 people are already employed at existing mines.

### GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS FROM CLUSTER QUARRIES

CODE	No of Trees proposed to be planted	Area Covered Sq.m	Name of the Species
P1 (Ten Years)	1,500	The safety zone along the boundary barrier has been identified to be utilized for Greenbelt development	Neem, Causarina Pongamia,Ashoka etc.,
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,500</b>		
E1 (5 Years)	1,300		
E2 (5 Years)	1,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,300</b>		
<b>G. Total</b>	<b>3,800</b>		

## 8 PROJECT BENEFITS

The Proposed Project for Quarrying Rough Stone and gravel at Manakkadavu Village aims to produce about 5,28,150 m<sup>3</sup> Rough Stone over a period of 10 Years and Gravel of 45,968 m<sup>3</sup> for period of Three years. This will enhance the socio-economic activities in the adjoining areas and will result in the following benefits.

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

## 9 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environment Monitoring Cell 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

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.

To mitigate any impacts due to the mining activities, a well-planned EMP and a detailed post project monitoring system is provided for regular monitoring and immediate rectification at site. Due to the cluster quarrying activities, socio economic conditions in and around the project site will be improved substantially. Hence, the Prior Environmental Clearance shall be granted at the earliest.

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