

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

M/s. S.G. GRANITES MULTI COLOUR GRANITE QUARRY

S.F. No: 911/1A1, 911/1B1, 913/1A1 (P) & 913/1B1

Extent: 2.81.5 ha

Alambadi Village, Gujiliamparai Taluk, Dindigul District

Tamil Nadu State

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

* CLUSTER EXTENT = 7.74.23 Ha

ToR Obtained vide

Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.10310/SEAC/ToR-1620/2023 Dated 22.11.2023

Project Proponent

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Baseline Monitoring Period: March 2022 to May 2022

MAY 2024

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Tvl.SG Granites applied for multicolour granite quarry lease over an extent of 2.81.5ha in S.F. No. 911/1A1, 911/1B1, 913/1A1 (P) & 913/1B1 over an extent of 2.81.5 Ha in Alambadi Village, Gujiliamparai Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu State as per the Amendment Rules 41 & 42 of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.

This EIA report is prepared by considering Cumulative load of proposed & existing multi-colour Granite Cluster Quarries consisting of one Proposed and two proposed present proposed quarries, one Existing quarries, the total extent of Cluster is 7.74.23ha and the cluster area calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269(E) Dated 1st July 2016

Now, as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269 (E) Dated: 01.07.2016, the cluster area is calculated to an extent of 7.74.23ha considering one Proposed and two proposed present quarries, one Existing quarry and the Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan is prepared accordingly complying the ToR obtained vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.10310/SEAC/ToR-1620/2023 Dated 22.11.2023.

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

1.1 DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT –

Name of the Project Proponent	:	Tvl. S.G. Granites
Address	:	No. 3, East 2 nd Street, Behind ICICI Bank, K.K. Nagar, Madurai.
State	:	Tamil Nadu
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1.2 QUARRY DETAILS WITHIN 500 M RADIUS

CLUSTER QUARRIES				
PROPOSED QUARRY				
CODE	Name of the Owner	S.F.Nos	Extent	Status
P1	M/s.S.G. Granites, Door No. 3, East 2 nd Floor, Behind ICICI Bank, K.K. Nagar, Madurai 625 020	911/1A1, 911/1B1, 913/1A1 (P) & 913/1B1	2.81.5	Obtained ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.10310/SEAC/ToR-1620/2023 Dated 22.11.2023
PRESENT PROPOSED QUARRIES				
P-2	M/s. Shri Sai Sabari Enterprises No. 54A, R.R. Tower 2nd Floor, Sengunathapuram Main road, Karur	864/2(P), 864/3(P), 864/4(P), 864/5, 864/6(P), 864/9(P), 864/10(P), 864/12 & 864/13	2.79.73	EC granted Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.7529/1(a)) /EC.No:4672/2021.dated : 05.07.2021

		Total	5.61.23	
EXISTING QUARRY				
CODE	Name of the Owner	S.F. Nos	Extent	Status
E-1	Tvl.S.G.Granites, Door No. 3, East 2 nd Floor, Behind ICICI Bank, K.K. Nagar, Madurai 625 020	913/2B	2.13.0	EC granted Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.8798/ 2021/(a)/EC.No:6087/2023.dated : 29.09.2023
E-2	Tvl.Ultratech Cement Limited. Reddipalayam Cement works, Reddipalayam Post, Ariyalur	913/3, 913/4, etc..	15.95.0	Applied area
			2.13.0	
ABANDONED/EXPIRED QUARRY				
CODE	Name of the Owner	S.F. Nos	Extent	Lease Period
EX-1	M/s Sree Sakthi Mines, A.M.S Building, Akaraipatti Sankar, Salem.	854,855,857/1	0.77.0	23.12.1998 to 22.12.2018
TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT			7.74.23	

1.3 SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSAL

Salient features of the project															
Name of the Quarry	M/s. S.G. Granites														
Scheme of Mining Plan Period	5 Years														
Lease period & life of the mine	20 years & 5 years														
Toposheet No	58- J/02														
Latitude between	10 ⁰ 44'19.0401" N to 10 ⁰ 44'25.7523" N														
Longitude between	78 ⁰ 03'43.8078" E to 78 ⁰ 03'50.3856" E														
Topography & MSL	Almost Plain topography with gentle sloping towards Western. AMSL of the area = 220m														
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Blasting method	Controlled blasting using Small dia slurry explosives only for overburden and weathered rock removal.														
Proposed manpower deployment	32														
Proposed Depth (Scheme of Mining plan period – 5 Years)	28m Below Ground level														
Ultimate depth of mining	28m Below Ground level														

Project cost	Operational cost	Rs.3,23,70,000/-
	Monitoring Cost	Rs.3,80,000/-
	Total project cost	Rs.3,27,50,000/-
Nearest Habitation	450m-S	
Wildlife Sanctuary	Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary 11.5km SE Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary-67.5km SW	
Reserved Forest	Thoppasamymalai R.F-11.5km SE	

Source: Approved Mining Plan

1.4 STATUTORY DETAILS

- The proponent applied for Granite Quarry Lease, Dated: 03.04.2017,09.05.2017 and 01.08.2017.
- Precise Area Communication Letter was issued by G.O. (3D) No.6, Industries (MMB.2) Department Dated: 19.02.2018 for 20 years (08.03.2018 to 07.03.2038).
- Mining plan got approved by the Commissioner of Geology and Mining Industrial Estate Guindy, Chennai vide Rc.No.8717/MM2/2017, Dated 06.12.2017 for the period of 20 years vide (Production schedule for the period of 2018-19 to 2022-23).
- Frist Scheme of Mining plan for the period 08.03.2023 to 07.03.2028 prepared and approved vide Letter Rc.No.1866/MM2/2023-1 dated: 30.03.2023.
- Proponent applied for ToR to get Environmental Clearance vide online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/430659/2023, Dated 25.05.2023.
- The proposal was placed in 409th SEAC meeting held on 21.09.2023 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 675th SEIAA meeting held on 22.11.2023 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.10310/SEAC/ToR-1620/2023 Dated 22.11.2023.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area is Existing quarry, mining activities carried out before, Topography of the area is exhibits flat terrain with gentle gradient towards west side. No major vegetation or trees within the project area, the project is site specific and there is no additional area required for this project. There is no effluent generation/discharge from the proposed quarry.

Multi-Colour Granite is proposed to quarry by opencast mechanized method involving Eco-friendly Diamond Wire Saw Cutting. Heavy earth moving machineries like Excavators Trucks will be deployed in this quarrying operation for Granite exploitation. Shot hole drilling with controlled blasting using slurry explosives for removal of overburden and Weathered portions during initial stage of quarry

2.1 SITE CONNECTIVITY TO THE PROJECT AREA

Nearest Roadway	(SH-74) Karur- Dindigul -7.25Km- East (NH- 44) Salem – Madurai- 14.71 Km- SW Bodipatti village road 850m West side of the project area. Chettinadu Cements mines road 500m East.
Nearest Village	Chatrapati village – 1.5km North
Nearest Town	Aravakurichi – 17.0 Km- North East
Nearest Railway Station	Palayam Railway station - 8.0Km- East
Nearest Airport	Trichy – 71.0 Km- North East
Seaport	Tuticorin - 220Km-South East

2.2 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE LEASE APPLIED AREA

Description	Present Area (Ha.)	Area required during this Scheme period(ha)	Area at the end of life of quarry (ha)
Area under Quarry	1.09.27	0.43.26	2.23.70
Waste dump	0.71.46	0.19.07	#Backfilled
Infrastructure	*Nil	*Nil	*Nil
Roads	0.02.00	0.01.00	0.03.00
Green Belt	Nil	Nil @ (0.16.05)	0.50.80
Stocking Blocks	0.98.77	0.35.44	0.04.00
Total	2.81.50	0.98.77	2.81.50

2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF LEASE APPLIED AREA

Description	ROM in m ³	Granite recovery @ 25% in m ³	Granite waste @ 75% recovery	Side burden in m ³	Top Soil in m ³
Geological Resources	4,09,781	1,02,445	3,07,336	1,57,290	54,514
Mineable Reserves	2,05,281	51,320	1,53,961	26,190	34,306
Year-wise Production	1,15,685	28,922	86,763	Nil	2,325
Number of Working Days	300 days				
Production per day	77	19	58	Nil	8
No of Lorry loads (12m ³ per load)	6	2 loads per week	4-5	Nil	Will be preserved in the safety barrier

Source: First Scheme of Approved Mining Plan

FIGURE – 1: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING APPLIED QUARRY LEASE AREA

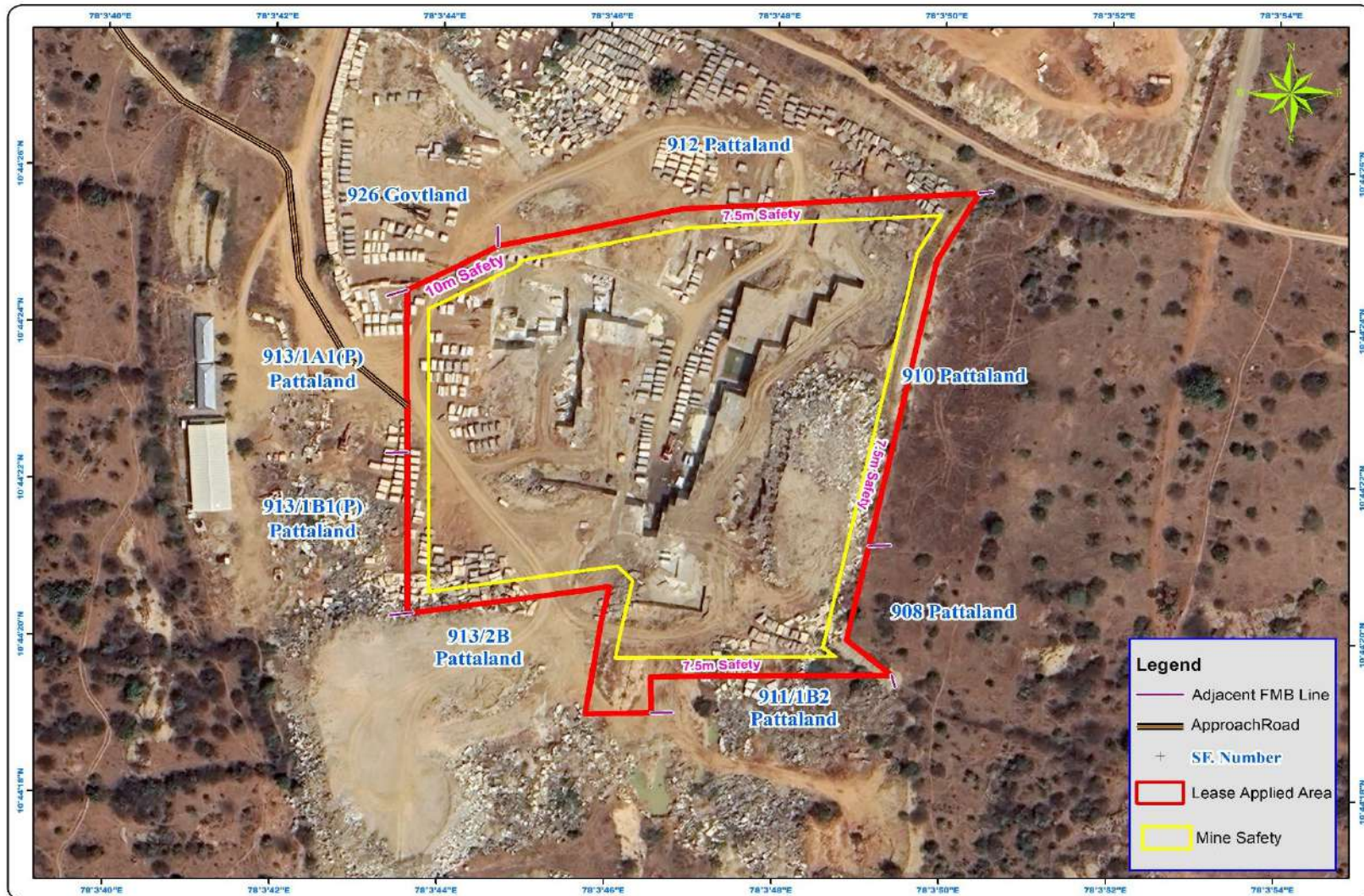


FIGURE – 2: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING CLUSTER (500 m QUARRIES)

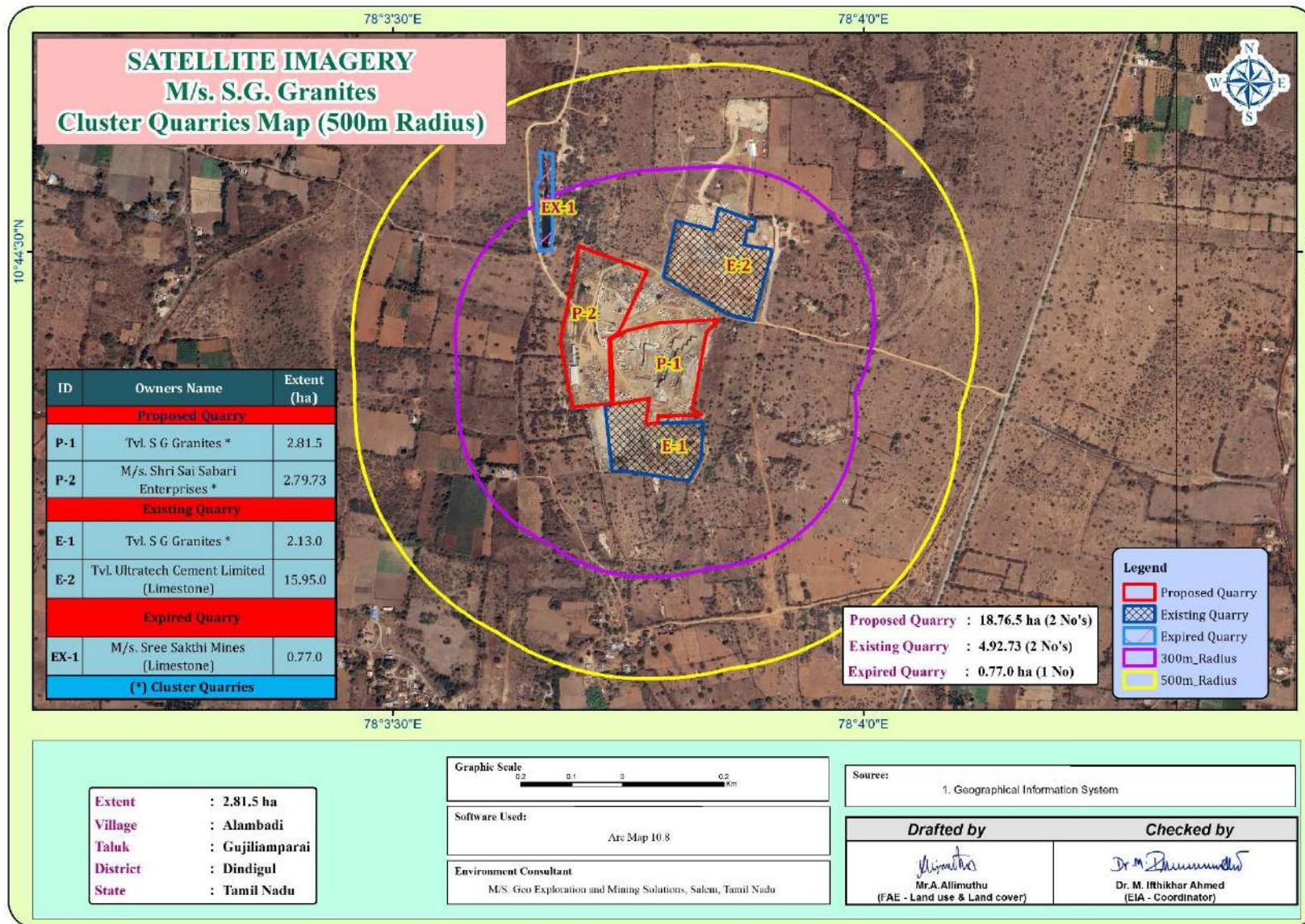


FIGURE – 3: TOPOSHEET MAP COVERING 10 KM RADIUS

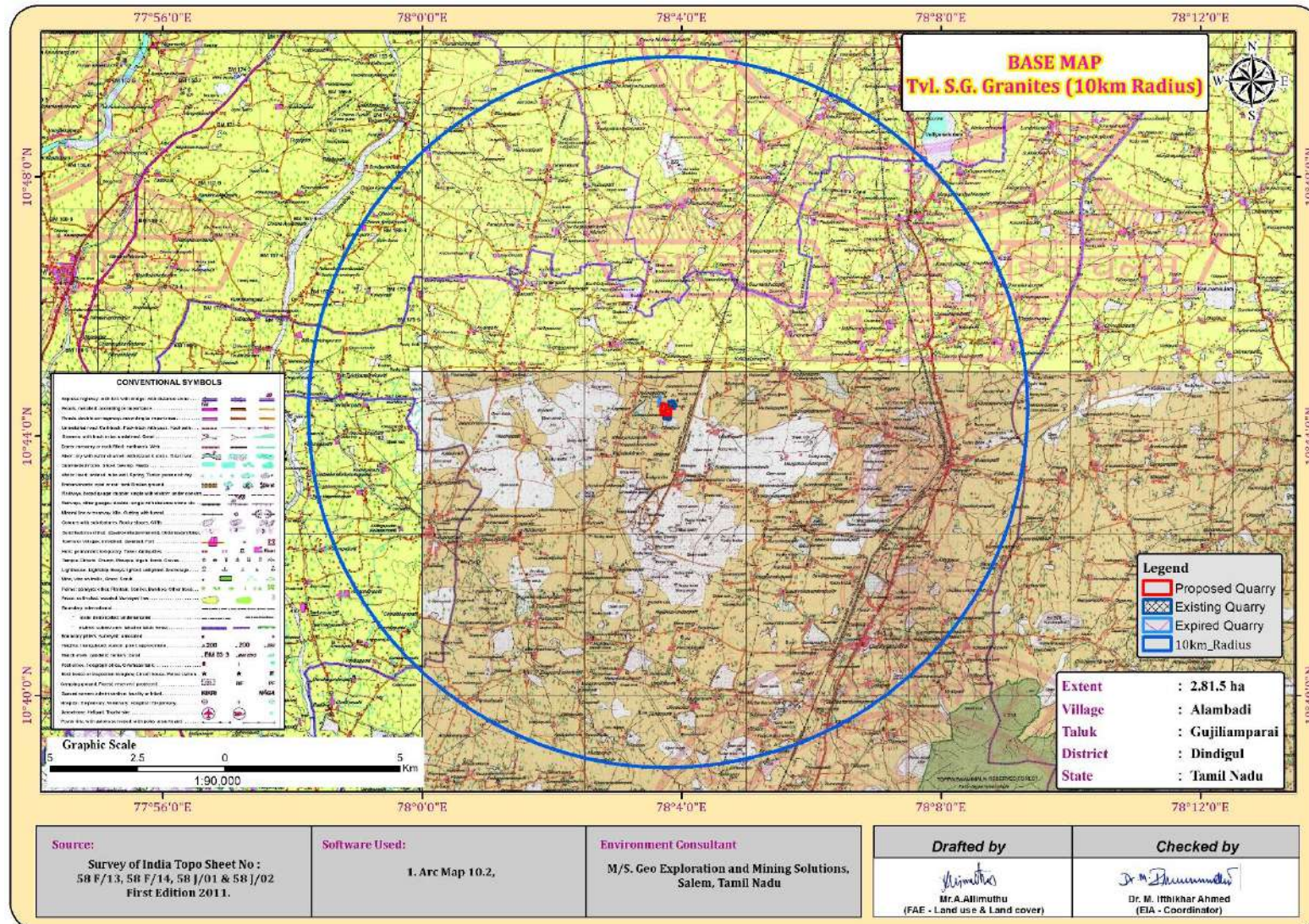


FIGURE – 4: QUARRY LEASE PLAN & SURFACE PLAN

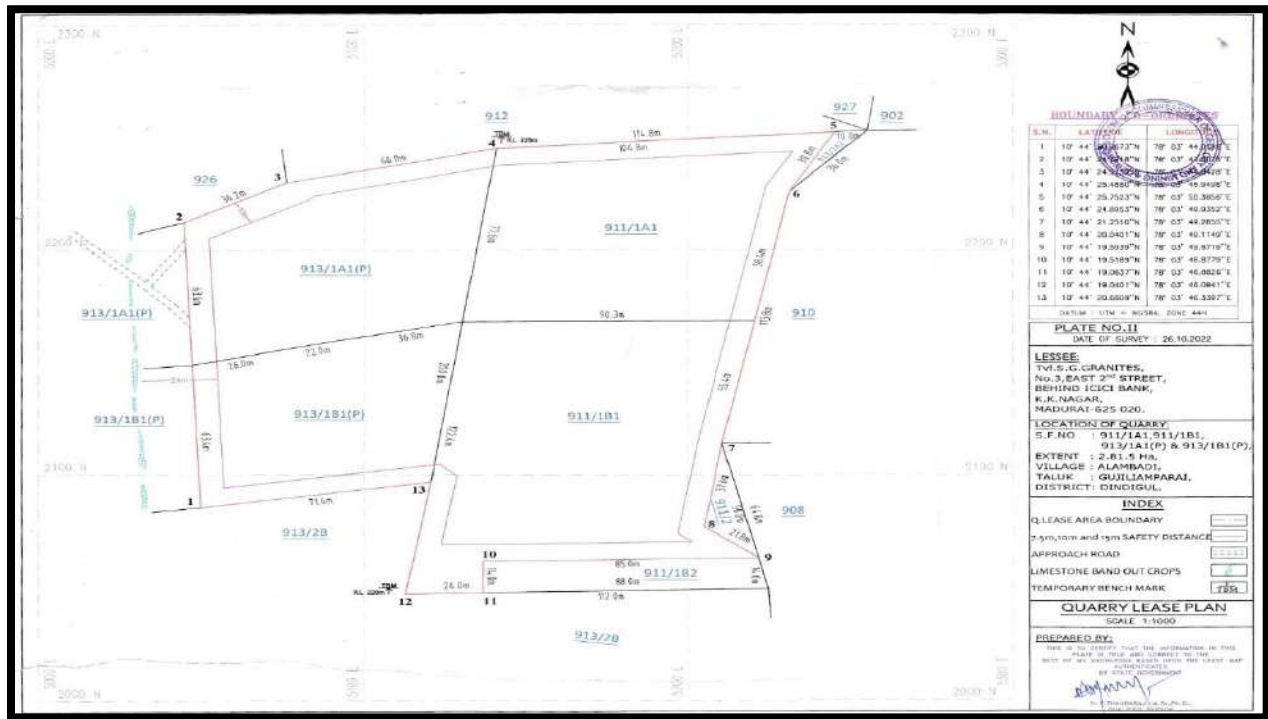


FIGURE – 5: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROJECT AREA



2.4 METHOD OF MINING

The method of mining is Opencast mechanized method

- Eco-friendly dimensional wire saw cutting for liberation and splitting up of blocks from parent sheet rocks
- Splitting of rock body of considerable volume from the parent rock formation by carefully avoiding visibly seen defects such as patches veins, etc., is done by adopting the method of “Diamond wire cutting” along the horizontal as well as two vertical sides on the front face of the formation
- Jackhammer drilling with 32mm dia, this huge portion is further split into several blocks of required dimensions, only slurry explosives are used for secondary fragmentation and handling of waste.
- Hydraulic Excavator coupled with tippers is deployed for the formation of benches and loading
- There is no mineral processing or ore beneficiation proposed.
- Proposed bench height is 5m and 5m width with 90° slope.
- The waste material generated during quarrying activity includes rock fragments of different sizes, and waste chips during dressing of the blocks. The waste materials are taken in tippers and proposed to be dumped in the respective approved places ear-marked for the purpose and the same will be utilized for backfilling in the northern side of the lease area during conceptual stage.

2.5 PROPOSED MACHINERY DEPLOYMENT

Drilling Equipment's

S.No.	Type	Nos	Dia Hole mm	Size Capacity	Make	Motive power
1	Compressor	1	-	450/150 psi	Atlas Capco	Diesel Drive
2	Jack hammer	4	32	1.2m to 6m	Atlas Copco	Compressed air
3	Diesel Generator	1	-	125kva	Kirloskar	Diesel
4	Diamond Wire saw	2	-	20m ³ /day	Optima	Diesel Generator
5	Wagon Drill	1	30-35	60hp	Tamrock	Diesel drive

Loading Equipment

Type	No of Unit	Capacity	Motive Power
Hydraulic Crane	1	855	Diesel Drive
Excavator	2	300	Diesel Drive

Haulage within the Mine & Transport Equipment

Type	No of Unit	Capacity	Motive Power
Tipper	2	20 tons	Diesel Drive

2.6 CONCEPTUAL MINING PLAN/ FINAL MINE CLOSURE PLAN

- ✚ At the end of life of mine, the excavated mine pit / void will act as artificial reservoir for collecting rain water and helps to meet out the demand or crises during drought season.
- ✚ After mine closure the greenbelt developed along the safety barrier and top benches and temporary water reservoir will enhance the ecosystem
- ✚ Mine Closure is a process of returning a disturbed site to its natural state or which prepares it for other productive uses that prevents or minimizes any adverse effects on the environment or threats to human health and safety.
- ✚ The principle closure objectives are for rehabilitated mines to be physically safe to humans and animals, geo-technically stable, geo-chemically non-polluting/ non-contaminating, and capable of sustaining an agreed post-mining land use.

2.7 ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION

Length In m	Width in m	Depth in m
130	144	28

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Field monitoring studies to evaluate the base line status of the project site were carried out covering March 2022, April 2022 & May 2022 as per CPCB guidelines. Environmental Monitoring data has been collected with reference to proposed mine by CHENNAI METTEX LAB PRIVATE LIMITED Approved by AAI, AGMARK, APEDA, BIS, EIC, FSSAI, GAFTA, IOPEPC, MOEF a TEA BOARD Notified Laboratory.

3.1 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Parameters	Frequency of Monitoring	No. of Locations
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
*Soil	Physio - Chemical Characteristics	Once during the study period	6 (1 core & 5 buffer zone)
*Water Quality	Physical, Chemical and Bacteriological Parameters	Once during the study period	6 (1 surface water & 5 ground water)
Meteorology	Wind Speed Wind Direction Temperature Cloud cover Dry bulb temperature Rainfall	1 Hourly Continuous Mechanical/Automatic Weather Station	1
*Ambient Air Quality	PM ₁₀ PM _{2.5} SO ₂ NO _x Fugitive Dust	24 hourly twice a week (March – May 2022)	8 (1 core & 7buffer)

*Noise Levels	Ambient Noise	Hourly observation for 24 Hours per location	8 (1 core & 7 buffer zone)
Ecology	Existing Flora and Fauna	Through field visit during the study period	Study Area
Socio Economic Aspects	Socio-Economic Characteristics, Population Statistics and Existing Infrastructure in the study area	Site Visit & Census Handbook, 2011	Study Area

Source: Onsite Monitoring Data/Sampling by Chennai Mettex Lab Pvt Ltd Laboratories

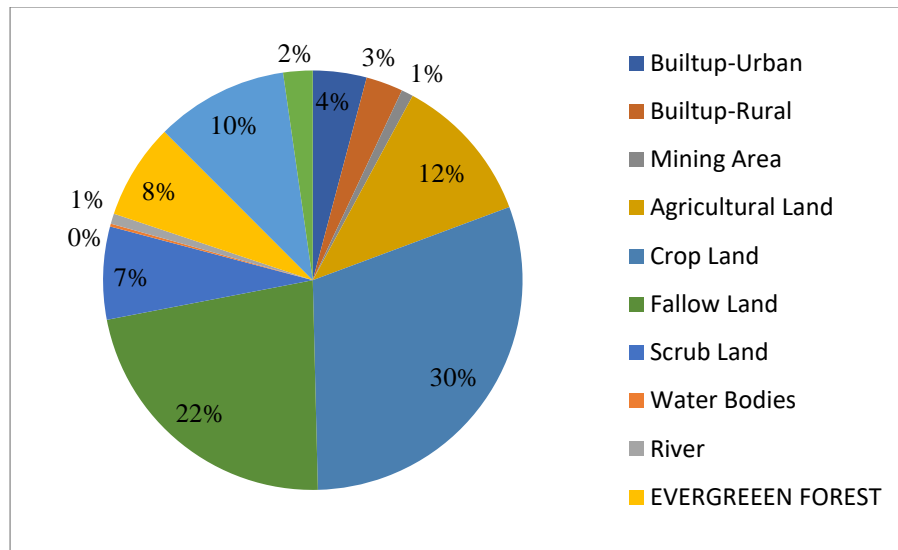
The data has been collected as per the requirement of the ToR issued by SEIAA – TN and Standard ToR Published by MoEF & CC.

3.2 LAND ENVIRONMENT

Land use pattern of the area was studied through LISS III imagery of Bhuvan (ISRO). The 10 km radius map of study area was taken for analysis of Land use cover. The main objective of this section is to provide a baseline status of the study area covering 10 km radius around the mine site so that temporal changes due to the mining activities on the surroundings can be assessed in future.

LAND USE / LAND COVER TABLE 10 KM RADIUS

S. No	Classification	Area in Ha	Area_ %
1	Built-up-Urban	1358.39	4.13
2	Built-up-Rural	934.248	2.84
3	Mining Area	300.208	0.91
4	Agricultural Land	3772.1	11.4
5	Crop Land	9915.57	30.2
6	Fallow Land	7346.85	22.3
7	Scrub Land	2343.12	7.13
8	Water Bodies	74.51	0.22
9	River	262.073	0.79
10	Evergreen Forest	2415.36	7.35
11	Deciduous Forest	3357.31	10.2
12	Shrub Forest	742.679	2.26
	Total	32822.42	100



BAR DIAGRAM OF LAND USE AND LAND COVER IN STUDY AREA

From the above table and bar diagram, it is inferred that the majority of the land in the study area is Crop and fallow land 52.5 % followed by Built-Up land 6.97%, Shrub land 7.13%. The total mining area within the study area is 300.20 ha i.e., 0.91 %. The cluster area of 7.74.23 ha contributes about 2.57 % of the total mining area within the study area. This percentage of Mining Activities shall not have any significant impact on the environment.

The project area is situated a plain terrain and the topography of the area is plain terrain with gradient towards Northeast and the altitude of the area is ranges from 220m AMSL

There is no Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Park and Archaeological monuments within project area. Therefore, there will be no need to acquisition/diversion of forest land.

3.3 SOIL ENVIRONMENT

- ✚ The nature of soil is slightly alkaline to strongly alkaline with pH range 8.05 to 8.42
- ✚ The available Nitrogen content range between 182 to 207 mg/kg
- ✚ The available Phosphorus content range between 1.14 to 1.40 mg/kg
- ✚ The available Potassium range between 39.1 to 43.6 mg/kg

Whereas, the micronutrient as zinc (Zn) and iron (Fe) were found in the range of 0.98 to 1.36 mg/kg; 2.42 to 4.43 mg/kg.

3.4 WATER ENVIRONMENT

Surface Water

The pH is 7.31 while turbidity found within the standards (Optimal pH range for sustainable aquatic life is 6.5 to 8.5 pH).

Total Dissolved Solids is 630 mg/l, the TDS mainly composed of carbonates, bicarbonates, Chlorides, phosphates and nitrates of calcium, magnesium, sodium and other organic matter.

Chloride is 206 mg/l. Nitrates is 24 mg/l, while sulphates is 71 mg/l.

Ground Water

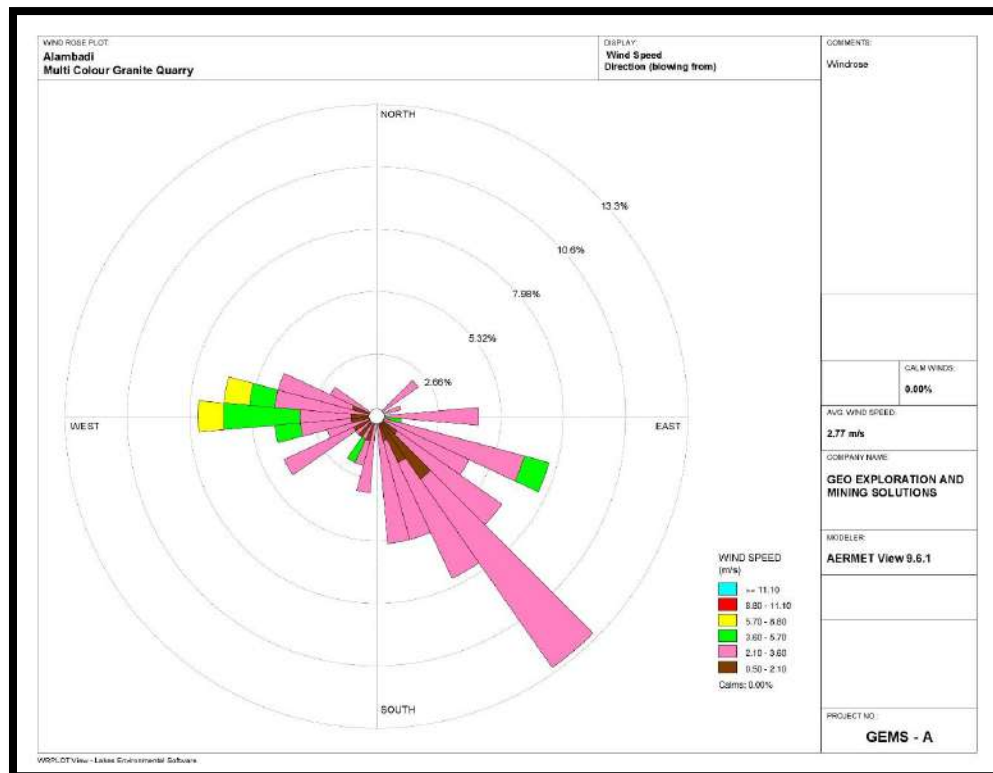
The pH of the water samples collected ranged from 7.05 to 7.36 and within the acceptable limit of 6.5 to 8.5. pH, Sulphates and Chlorides of water samples from all the sources are within the limits as per the Standard. On Turbidity, the water samples meet the requirement. The Total Dissolved Solids were found in the range of 511 to 578 mg/l in all samples. The Total hardness varied between 172 to 216 mg/l.

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



As per monitoring data, PM₁₀ ranges from 53.6 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 68.2/ m^3 , PM_{2.5} data ranges from 25.2/ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 33.8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, SO₂ ranges from 6.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 10.3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and NO₂ data ranges from 19.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 23.7 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. 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

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

Ambient noise levels were measured at 8 (Eight) locations around the proposed project area. Noise levels recorded in core zone during day time were from 58.4-60.1 dB (A) Leq and during night time 48.1 – 47.9 dB (A) Leq. Noise levels recorded in buffer zone during day time were from 49.1 -50.2dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 39.5 – 41.0 dB (A) Leq.

The values of noise observed in some of the areas are primarily owing to quarrying activities due to cluster of quarries within 500m radius, movement of vehicles and other anthropogenic activities. 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 project will aim to provide preferential employment to the local people there by improving the employment opportunity in the area and in turn the social standards will improve.

4.0 ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

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

4.1 LAND ENVIRONMENT:

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

- Permanent or temporary change on land use and land cover.
- Change in Topography: Topography of the ML area will change at the end of the life of the mine.
- Movement of heavy vehicles sometimes cause problems to agricultural land, human habitations due to dust, noise and it also causes traffic hazards.
- Due to degradation of land by pitting the aesthetic environment of the core zone may be affected.
- Earthworks during the rainy season increase the potential for soil erosion and sediment laden water entering the water ways.

If no due care is taken wash off from the exposed working area may choke the water course & can also causes the siltation of water course

MITIGATION MEASURES

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

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

MITIGATION MEASURES

- Garland drains, settling tank will be constructed along the individual mining leases. The Garland drains of the individual leases will be connected to settling tank and after settling the 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 15m x 10m x 3m to remove suspended solids if any. This collected water will be judiciously used for dust suppression onwards 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
- 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 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 and analysing the quality of water in open well, bore wells and surface water.

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;
- The blasting will be carried out during favourable atmospheric condition and less human activity timings by using nonelectrical initiation system;
- Proper maintenance, oiling and greasing of machines will be done every week to reduce generation of noise;

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

4.5 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

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

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

GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

<i>Year</i>	<i>No.of trees proposed to be planted</i>	<i>Survival %</i>	<i>Area to be covered sq.m</i>	<i>Name of the species</i>
I	1410	80%	Safety zone and village roads	Neem, Pongamia Pinnata, Tamarind, etc.,

4.6 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

Employment generation due to the project will provide direct employment for about 32 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.

5.0 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.

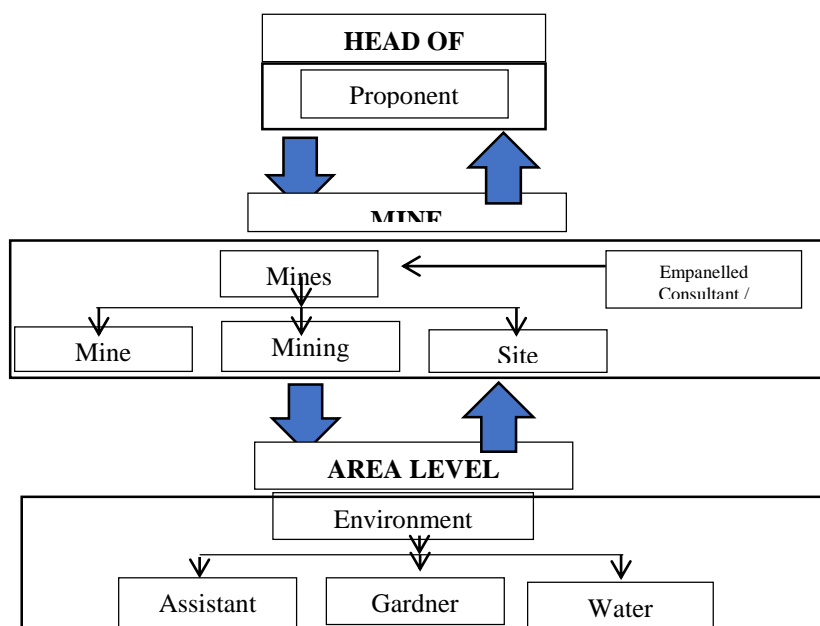
6.0 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

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

7.0 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. 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 MULTI COLOUR GRANITE

Quarry	Mineable Reserves ROM In m ³	Mineable Reserves of Granite	Proposed production (ROM) for five-year period	Production of ROM Per Day	Production of Granite Per day in m ³	Number of Lorry loads per day
P1	2,05,281 m ³	51,320 m ³	1,15,685 m ³	77m ³	19 m ³	2 trip
P2	3,78,200 m ³	94,550 m ³	1,15,900 m ³	77 m ³	19 m ³	3 trips
E1	1,29,605 m ³	45,361 m ³	35,750 m ³	24 m ³	8m ³	1 trips
Total	7,13,086 m³	1,91,231 m³	2,67,335 m³	178 m³	46 m³	6 trips

PREDICTED NOISE INCREMENTAL VALUES IN 500 M RADIUS QUARRIES

Location ID	Background Value (Day) dB(A)	Incremental Value dB(A)	Total Predicted dB(A)	Residential Area Standards dB(A)
Habitation Near P1	52	46.8	49.5	55
Habitation Near P2	49.5	43.6	47.0	
Habitation Near E1	53.8	48.5	51.5	

SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM 3 MINES

Location code	Employment	Project Cost	CER
P1	32	Rs.3,27,50,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
E1	34	Rs.2,36,77,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-
P2	20	Rs.47,00,000/-	Rs.96,000/-
Total	86	Rs. 6,11,27,000/-	Rs.1,096,000/-

8.0 PROJECT BENEFITS

Multi Colour Granite Quarry of M/s. S.G. Granites is expected to produce 28,922m³ of Granite @ 25% recovery (ROM 2,05,281m³ for the Life of mine is 9 years) for Lease period of 20 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
- ✚ To meet out the demand supply gap of Granite and enhance the foreign exports

9.0 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.

10.0 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.

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.
