#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Of

# DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORT

# (Submitted for Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 & amendments thereof)

### **PROJECT PROPONENT**

Name of the Lessee	S.F.Nos.	Area
Tvl. Om Shri	20/1, 20/2, 270/2,270/3, 270/4,	
Vari Stones Pvt	257/9,257/8A & 257/10A	4.77.0 Ha
Ltd,		

### PANAMPATTIROUGH STONE QUARRY - CLUSTER

"B1" CATEGORY - MINOR MINERAL - CLUSTER - NON-FOREST LAND

**CLUSTER EXTENT = 15.59.5 Ha** 

# AT PANAMPATTI VILLAGE, ILLUPPUR TALUK, PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU STATE

Complied as per ToR obtained from SEIAA, TN Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8584/SEAC/ToR-1028/2021, dated 26.08.2021

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Rough Stone are the major requirements for construction industry. This EIA report is prepared by considering cumulative load of all proposed & existing quarries of Proposed Rough Stone Quarries Cluster consisting of 2 Proposed and 4 Existing Quarry with total extent of Cluster of 15.59.5 Ha in Panampatti and Thiruvengaivasal Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu State, cluster area calculated as per MoEF & CC Notification S.O. 2269(E), Dated 1st July 2016.

This EIA Report is prepared in compliance with ToR obtained vide -

Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8584/SEAC/ToR-1028/2021, dated 26.08.2021

The Baseline Monitoring study has been carried out during the period of December 2021 to February 2022 and this EIA and 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) individually to minimize those adverse impacts.

# "Draft EIA report prepared on the basis of ToR Issued & Standard ToR for carrying out Public Hearing for the Grant of Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, - Tamil Nadu"

### 1.1 DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPONENT -

Lessee Name	Tvl. Om Shri Vari Stones Pvt Ltd,		
S.F. No.	Survey No.20/1,20/2,270/2,270/3,270/4,257/9,257/8A &		
	257/10A of Panampatti village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai		
	District, Tamil Nadu.		
Extent	4.77.0 На		
Land Type	Patta Land		
Village Taluk	Panampatti Village and Thiruvengaivasal, Illuppur Taluk,		
and District	Pudukkottai District		

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# 1.2 QUARRY DETAILS WITHIN 500 M RADIUS

PROPOSED QUARRIES					
CODE	Name of the Owner	S.F. Nos & Village	Extent	Status	
P1	M/s. Om Shri Vari Stones Pvt Ltd, No.24/2(11/2), Raja Street Ext., Mandaveli Chennai – 600 028	20/1, 20/2, 270/2, 270/3, 270/4, 257/9, 257/8A & 257/10A – Panampatti Village	4.77.0 ha	ToR obtained vide Lr. No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.8584/ SEAC/ToR- 1028/2021 Dated:26.08.2021	
P2	M/s. Om Shri Vari Stones Pvt Ltd, No.24/2(11/2), Raja Street Ext., Mandaveli Chennai – 600 028	11/2A, 12/1A & 12/1B (Part) of Thiruvengaivasal Village & 236/1A, 236/1B, 236/1C, 236/1D, 236/1E, 236/2, 236/3, 236/4, 236/5, 236/6, 236/7,236/9, 236/10, 236/11, 236/12, 236/13, 236/14, 19/3, 235/9B & 235/11 of Panampatti Village	4.90.5 ha	ToR obtained vide Lr. No. SEIAA- TN/F.No.8685/ SEAC/ToR- 1044/2022 Dated:31.01.2022	
	TOTAL			9.67.5 ha	
		EXISTING QUARRIES			
CODE	Name of the Owner	S.F. No & Village	Extent	Lease Period	
E1	Thiru. S.A. Subbaiah	42/2 Thiruvengaivasal Village	0.01.5 ha	23.09.2016 – 22.09.2021	
E2	Thiru. S.A. Subbaiah	42/3 Thiruvengaivasal Village	0.01.5 ha	23.09.2016 - 22.09.2021	
Е3	Thiru. M. Ramesh	11/1 & 11/2B Thiruvengaivasal Village	2.86.0 ha	09.03.2017 - 08.03.2022	
<b>E4</b>	Thiru. R. Chinnathambi	12/3, etc., Thiruvengaivasal Village	3.03.0 ha	31.07.2019 - 30.07.2024	
	TOTAL			5.92.0 ha	
TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT				15.59.5 ha	

# 1.3 SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSAL

# **PROJECT-1**

S. No.	Particulars	Details	
1	Type of Project	Rough Stone Mine	
2	Mine area applied	4.77.0 Ha	

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S. No.	Particulars	Details		
3	Project Location	Survey No. 20/1, 20/2, 270/2,270/3, 270/4,		
		257/9,257/8A & 25	57/10A, Panam <sub>l</sub>	patti Village,
		Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu		
4	Location on WGS	Latitude	Longit	ude
	1984 datum	10°25'21.87"N to	78°46'00.	15"E to
		10°25'32.47"N	78°46'10	).71"E
5	Topo sheet Number	58 - J/15		
6	Land use at the	Non-Forest Land / Patt	a Land	
	proposed project	Land Cover: Barren	Land which is	not fit for
	site	vegetation/cultivation		
7	Site Topography	The lease applied area i	s exhibits plain to <sub>l</sub>	pography. The
		area has gentle sloping	towards Southern	n side.
8	Site elevation	117m (Max) above Mea	an Sea Level	
9	Reserves	Top soil	Weathered	Rough
			formation	stone
	Geological Reserves	1,43,100 m <sup>3</sup>	95,400 m <sup>3</sup>	19,08,000 m <sup>3</sup>
	Mineable Reserves	83,232 m <sup>3</sup>	48,918 m <sup>3</sup>	5,04,990 m <sup>3</sup>
	Recoverable	83,232 m <sup>3</sup>	48,918 m <sup>3</sup>	5,04,990 m <sup>3</sup>
	Reserves			
10	Lease period	5 years		
11	Proposed depth of	45m below ground leve	el	
	Mining	(3m Top soil+2m Weat Stone)	hered formation+	40m Rough
12	Ultimate pit	275m (L) x 105m (W) x	x 45m (D) BGL	
	dimension			
13	Climatic Conditions	IMD Data, Pudukkottai	(1971-2000)	
		Avg. Ambient air	r temp – 42 ° C to 2	20° C
		Annual rainfall - 887 m	m	
14	Ground water level	The Ground water is	about <b>70m- 65</b> n	n depth from
		ground level.		
15	Seismic zone	Seismically, this area i	s categorized und	der Zone-II as
		per IS-1893 (Part-1)-2002. Hence, seismically the site		
		is Less Damage Risk Zone. With MSK scale of VII.		
16	Land Use Pattern	Description Percentage		
		Old Pits/Crusher	11%	
		Trees	05%	

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S. No.	Particulars	Details		
		Roads	06%	
		Habitation	04%	
		Seasonal Agricultural	25%	
		Land Barren Land	220/	
		Waterbodies	22%	
17	Nearest	NH - 336 - Pudukkottai		
17	State/National		Pudukkottai –1.0km -SW	
	Highway			
18	Nearest Railway Station	Vellanur – 6.0Km – Noi	rth eastern side.	
19	Nearest Air Port	<ul> <li>Trichy Airport -</li> </ul>	- 38.0km – NW	
20	Nearest	<ul> <li>Perunijinai</li> </ul>	: 1.0Km, SW	
	village/major town	• Pudukkottai : 7	.0 Km, SE	
21	Nearest Town, city,	Pudukkottai: 7.0 Km,	SE	
	District			
	Headquarters along			
	with distance in			
	kms.			
22	Nearest Hospital	Pudukkottai – 7.0 Km,	SE	
23	Ecologically	No wildlife sanctuary, national park or biosphere		
	sensitive zone	reserve within 500m radius of mine lease area.		
24	Reserved/Protected	No wildlife sanctuary, national park or biosphere		
	forests	reserve within 500m ra	adius of mine lease area.	
25	Historical/tourist	None within 300m rad	ius of mine lease area	
	places			
26	Water bodies within	The Government Por	amboke Vaikkal is passing in	
	10 Km Radius	S.F.No. 257/1 & 270	/1 on the Northern side and	
		Kidaivilluthan Kulam is	s located in S.F.No. 27 on the	
		Southeastern side of th	ie applied area	
		➤ Vellar River – 7.0km		
		Perunjunai Periya Kanmai – 0.60km – W		
		➤ Thiruvengaianathar tank -0.70 km SE		
		<ul> <li>Mullai nagar lake – 1.97 km NE</li> </ul>		
27	Reserve Forest			
	within 10Km Radius			
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S. No.	Particulars	Details		
		➤ Narathamalai R.F. – 7.5km- N		
		Kudumaiyamalai R.F -8.90 km SW		
28	Details of other	There are following quarries located within the radius		
	quarries for a radius	of 500m from the proposed project site.		
	of 500m around the	Details:		
	quarry site	Lease expired quarry- 1 No (0.64.5 Ha)		
		Existing quarry- 4 Nos (5.92 Ha)		
		Proposed quarry– 2 Nos (9.67.5Ha)		
		The total extent of the Existing and proposed quarry		
		within the radius of 500m is <b>15.59.5 Ha.</b> The project		
		falls under the cluster situation.		
29	Man power	Total Employees proposed for the quarry operation is		
		55 Nos.		
30	Water requirement	Total water requirement for <b>7.9 KLD</b> from water		
	& source	vendors & nearby Bore well.		
31	Overburden /Waste	The overburden in the form of Topsoil is about		
		83,232m <sup>3</sup> up to depth for 3m and Weathered Rock is		
		about 48,918m³ up to depth for 2m for a period of		
		three years.		
32	Cost of the project	The Project Cost:		
		A. Operational cost = Rs. 1,02,84,000/-		
		B. EMP cost = $Rs.3,80,000/$ -		
		Total Project Cost = Rs. 1,06,64,000/-		
		CER Cost $(2.0\%)$ = Rs.2,14,000/-		
		Total cost = Rs. 1,08,78,000/-		

### 1.4 STATUTORY DETAILS

### PROPOSAL - P1

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone Quarry Lease Dated: 25.06.2021
- Precise Area Communication Letter was issued by the District Collector, Pudukkottai district, Rc.No.32/2021 (G&M), dated 23.02.2021.
- The Mining Plan was prepared by Recognized Qualified Person and approved by Deputy Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Pudukkottai, vide Rc.No.33/2021 (G&M), dated: 17.03.2021.

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- 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/63144/2021 and ToR was granted by SEAC with letter no. SEIAA-TN/F.No.8584/SEAC/ToR-1028/2021, dated 26.08.2021.

### 2.0 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 proposed 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 - 336 - Pudukkottai - Trichy - 1.27 km - E SH - 71 - Viralimalai - Pudukkottai - 1.0km - SW		
Nearest Village	Perunijinai : 1.0 Km, SW	
Nearest Town	Pudukkottai : 7.0 Km, SE	
Nearest Railway	Vellanur Railway Station: 6.0 Km, NE	
Nearest Airport	Trichy Airport : 38.0 Km, NW	

# 2.2 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE LEASE APPLIED AREA PROJECT- 1

S. No.	Description	Present area (Ha)	Area at the end of this quarrying period (Ha)
•	Area under quarry	Nil	2.65.8
•	Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
•	Roads	Nil	0.02.0
•	Green Belt	Nil	0.20.0
•	Unutilized Land	4.77.0	0.88.2
	Total	4.77.0	4.77.0

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### **PROJECT-2**

S. No.	Description	Present area (Ha)	Area at the end of this quarrying period (Ha)
1.	Area under quarry	Nil	3.41.0
2.	Infrastructure	Nil	0.01.0
3.	Roads	Nil	0.02.0
4.	Green Belt	Nil	0.20.0
5.	Unutilized Land	4.90.5	1.26.5
	Total	4.90.5	4.90.5

# 2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF LEASE APPLIED AREA PROJECT- 1

	DETAILS		
PARTICULARS	Weathered	Rough Stone	Top soil
	formation		
Geological Resources in m <sup>3</sup>	95,400 m <sup>3</sup>	19,08,000 m <sup>3</sup>	1,43,100 m <sup>3</sup>
Mineable Reserves in m <sup>3</sup>	48918 m <sup>3</sup>	504840 m <sup>3</sup>	83232 m <sup>3</sup>
Mining Plan Period	3 Years	5 Years	3 Years
Production per day in m <sup>3</sup>	54 m <sup>3</sup>	336 m <sup>3</sup>	92 m <sup>3</sup>
No of Lorry loads	9	56	15-16
(6m³ per load)			
Number of Working Days	300 Days per year		
	45m below ground level		
Total Depth of Mining	(3m Top soil +2m Weathered formation+40m		
	Rough Stone)		

### PROJECT- 2

	DETAILS			
PARTICULARS	Weathered	Rough Stone	Top soil	
	formation			
Geological Resources in m <sup>3</sup>	98,100 m <sup>3</sup>	19,62,000 m <sup>3</sup>	1,47,150 m <sup>3</sup>	
Mineable Reserves in m <sup>3</sup>	54,824 m <sup>3</sup>	4,75,915 m <sup>3</sup>	99,039 m <sup>3</sup>	
Mining Plan Period	3 Years	5 Years	3 Years	
Production per day in m <sup>3</sup>	60.1 m <sup>3</sup>	317 m <sup>3</sup>	110 m <sup>3</sup>	

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No of Lorry loads	10	52-53	18-19
(6m³ per load)			
Number of Working Days	300 days per year		
	<b>45m</b> below g	round level	
Total Depth of Mining	(3m Top soil + 2m Weathered rock +40m Rough		
	stone)		

### 2.4 YEAR-WISE PRODUCTION PLAN

### **PROJECT-1**

Year	Rough Stone (m <sup>3</sup> )	Weathered Formation (m <sup>3</sup> )	Top soil (m³)
ī	93430	17112	30906
1			
II	101910	15996	26316
III	100725	15810	26010
IV	121210	-	-
V	87565	-	-
TOTAL	504840	48918	83232

### **PROJECT-2**

Year	Dough Stone (m3)	Weathered Formation (m3)	Ton coil (m3)
rear	Rough Stone (m <sup>3</sup> )	Weathered Formation (m <sup>3</sup> )	Top soil (m <sup>3</sup> )
I	8103	25740	42840
II	83735	16308	29016
III	89430	12776	27183
IV	108925	-	-
V	112795	-	-
TOTAL	475915	54824	99039

### 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. 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

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for loading the Rough Stone and Top soil into the tippers and then the stone is transported from pithead to the nearby crushers.

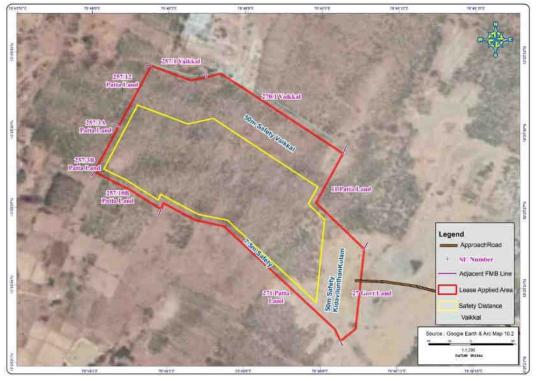


FIGURE - 1 (a): GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING APPLIED QUARRY LEASE AREA OF PROJECT- 1

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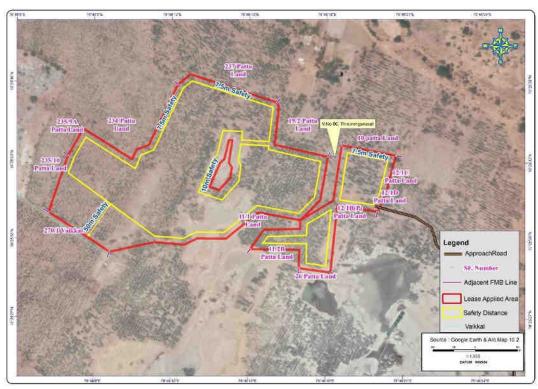


FIGURE – 1 (b): GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING APPLIED QUARRY LEASE AREA OF PROJECT- 2

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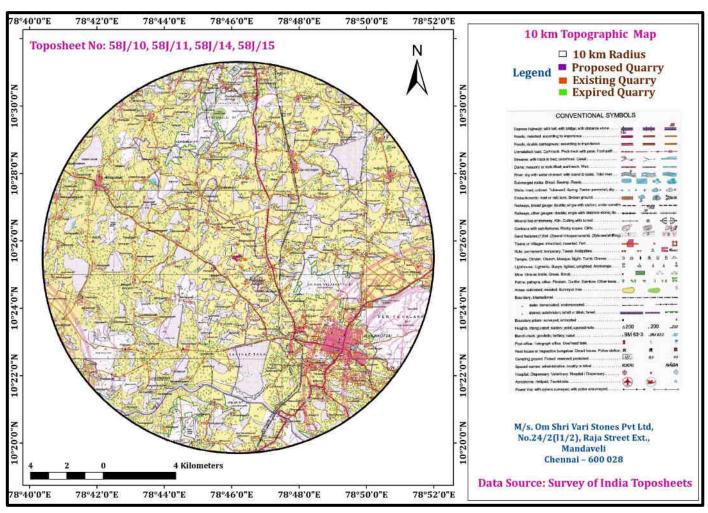


FIGURE - 2: TOPOSHEET MAP COVERING 10 KM RADIUS

Proposed Rough Stone Quarry
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#### 2.6 PROPOSED MACHINERY DEPLOYMENT

	Particulars	Size	<b>Motive Power</b>	P1	P2
S.No		capacity		Nun	nbers
1.	Jack hammer (30-35mm dia hole)	1.2m -2.0m	Compressed air	12	12
2.	Compressor	400 psi	Diesel drive	3	3
3.	Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker	300	Diesel drive	3	3
4.	Tippers	20 tonnes	Diesel drive	7	1

# 2.7 CONCEPTUAL MINING PLAN/ FINAL MINE CLOSURE PLAN

- 1) 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.
- 2) After mine closure the greenbelt developed along the safety barrier and top benches and temporary water reservoir will enhance the ecosystem
- 3) 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.
- 4) The principal 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.

### 2.8 ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION

Paticulars	Ultimate Pit Dimension
Project -1	275m (L) x 105m (W) x 45m (D) BGL
Project -2	Pit -I 185m (L) x 207m (W) x 45m (D) BGL
	Pit -I 66m (L) x 93m (W) x 30m (D) BGL
	Pit -I 55m (L) x 46m (W) x 20m (D) BGL
	Pit -I 58m (L) x 24m (W) x 10m (D) BGL

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

Field monitoring studies to evaluate the base line status of the project site were carried out during December 2021 to February 2022 as per CPCB guidelines. Environmental Monitoring data has been collected with reference to proposed quarry by Noida Testing Laboratories, Haridwar (Uttarakhand) an NABL Certified & MoEF Notified Laboratory

### 3.1 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING ATTRIBUTES

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S. No.	Attributes	Parameters	Frequency
1	Ambient Air Quality	PM <sub>10</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , & mineralogical composition of PM <sub>10</sub> , particularly for free silica	24 hourly samples, twice a week for three months at 8 locations.
2	Meteorology	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity and Rainfall	Continuous hourly recording (one season) at project site. Secondary data from the nearest IMD station.
3	Water quality	Physical and Chemical parameters.	Grab samples collected once during study period from 5 ground water and 3 surface water locations.
4	Soil Quality	Physical and Chemical parameters.	Grab samples collected once during study period from 8 locations.
5	3	A. Existing terrestrial flora and fauna covering Core Zone (1.00.0 Ha) & Buffer Zone (10-Km radius). B. Existing aquatic ecological status in Buffer Zone (10-Km radius).	Through field studies once during study period. Secondary data also collected.
6	Noise levels	Noise levels in dB (A) Day and Night.	Hourly Noise levels in and around the project area for 24 hours at each location once during study period at 8 locations.
7	Land use	Current land use scenario	Once during study period based on recent satellite imagery and ground-truthing at site.
8	Geology	Geological details	Once during study period. Data collected from secondary sources
9	Hydrogeology	Drainage area and pattern, nature of streams, aquifer characteristics, recharge and discharge areas, etc.	Based on primary and secondary sources, once during study period.

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S. No.	Attributes	Parameters	Frequency
10	Socio- Economic aspects	like demography,	From primary and secondary sources (like census abstracts of census of India 2011) once during the study period.

### 3.2 LAND ENVIRONMENT

S.No	Level I	Level -II	Area (Km²)	Percentage (%)	
1	Built-up Land	Built-up Land	17.57	5.15	
2	Forest	Dense jungle	26.35	7.72	
3	Agricultural Land	Crops	143.8	42.11	
			Plantation	49.92	14.62
4	Waste Land	Scrub/shrub	18.71	5.48	
		Bare Land	63.24	18.5	
5	Water Body Water Body		20.81	6.10	
6	Other	Mining land	1.1	0.32	
		Total	341.5	100	

The cluster area of 9.67.5 Ha contributes about 0.32% 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 Loam Soil and Bulk Density of Soils in the study area varied between 0.95 to 1.26 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The Water Holding Capacity and Porosity of the soil samples is found to be medium i.e. ranging from 23 to 44.3 %.

### **Chemical Characteristics -**

- > pH of the soil samples varied from 7.33 to 8.22 indicating slightly alkaline soil
- ➤ Bulk density of the soil samples varied from 0.95 to 1.26 g/cm³
- Organic matter in the soil samples varied from 1.34 to 2.00 %
- ➤ Total Nitrogen in the soil samples varied from 149 to 266 mg/kg

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➤ Water Holding Capacity (WHC) in the soil samples varied from 23 to 44.3%.

### 3.4 WATER ENVIRONMENT

### **Ground Water Quality**

The physico-chemical characteristics of groundwater are presented in Table above and are compared with the standards. The pH of the water samples collected ranged from 6.46 to 7.83 and within the acceptable limit of 6.5 to 8.5. The total dissolved solids were found in the range of 412 to 529 mg/L in all samples. The total hardness varied between 136 to 196 mg/L for all samples collected at 8 locations.

In all samples, iron content is 0.15 to 0.19 mg/L, Nitrate in between 13 to 26 mg/l, fluoride varied between 0.16 to 0.19 mg/L, chloride <0.1 to  $0.1 \, \text{mg/L}$ , Sulphate 17.4 to 34 mg/L, alkalinity 133 to 196 mg/L, calcium 23 to 41.6 mg/L and magnesium in between 17 to 23.7 mg/L. The overall ground water quality was found to be good. The levels of heavy metals content were found to be within permissible limits.

### **Surface Water Quality**

The physico-chemical characteristics of surface water are presented in Table above and are compared with the standards. The pH of the water samples collected was 7.16 and 7.66 and within the acceptable limit of 6.5 to 8.5. The total dissolved solids were found in the range of 263 and 533 mg/L in all samples. The total hardness was 39.9 and 192.5 mg/L for all samples collected at 4 locations.

In all samples, iron content was between <0.02 and 0.19 mg/L, Nitrate was between <0.1 and 23 mg/l, fluoride was 0.13 and 15.5 mg/L, chloride was <0.02 and 0.28 mg/L, Sulphate was 0.19 and 20 mg/L, alkalinity was 65.6 and 263 mg/L, calcium was 22 and 31.3 mg/L and magnesium was 22.8and 148 mg/L. The overall surface water quality was found to be good in most. The levels of heavy metals content were found to be within permissible 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.

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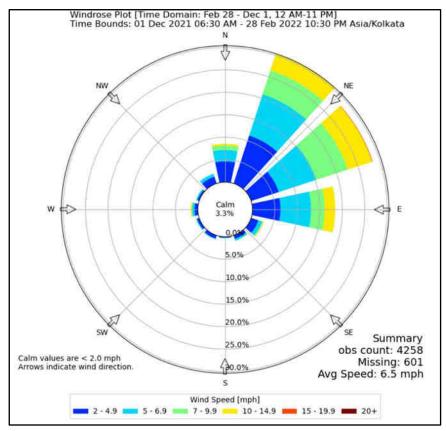


FIGURE - 3: WIND ROSE DIAGRAM

The results of ambient air quality monitoring for the period (December 2021 to February 2022) are presented in the report. Data has been complied for three months. As per monitoring data,  $PM_{10}$  ranges from 21.9 to 30.4  $\mu g/m^3$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$  data ranges from 46.2 to 53.1  $\mu g/m^3$ ,  $SO_2$  ranges from 7.8 to 11  $\mu g/m^3$  and  $NO_2$  data ranges from 21.4 to 25.9  $\mu g/m^3$ . The concentration levels of the above criteria pollutants were observed to be well within the limits of NAAQS prescribed by CPCB.

### 3.6 NOISE ENVIRONMENT

Ambient noise levels were measured at 8 (Six) locations around the proposed project area. Noise levels recorded in core zone during day time were from 39.4 to 48.4 dB (A) Leq and during nighttime were from 35.4 to 40.0 dB (A) Leq. it is observed that the ambient noise levels at all the monitoring locations and villages as the permissible limits of  $55 \, dB(A)$  for daytime and  $45 \, dB(A)$  for night time observed within permissible limit.

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#### 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.

# ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES – IN COMMON FOR ALL PROPOSED QUARRIES

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.

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- 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., 10 m safety barrier and other safety provided) so as to help minimise dust emissions.
- Proper fencing will be carried out at the conceptual stage, Security will be posted round the clock, to prevent inherent entry of the public and cattle.

# 4.2 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

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- 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 15 m 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 judicially 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

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# 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

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- 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

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# 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 though 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.

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#### **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 PROJECT- 1

Year	No. of trees	Survival	Area to be	Name of the	No. of trees
	proposed to be	%	covered	species	expected to be
	planted		Sq.m		grown
I	44	80%	400	Neem,	35
II	44	80%	400	Pongamia	35
III	44	80%	400	Pinnata,	35
IV	44	80%	400	Casuarina	35
V	44	80%	400	etc.,	35

### **PROJECT-2**

Year	No. of trees proposed to be	Survival %	Area to be covered	Name of the species	No. of trees expected to be
	planted		Sq.m		grown
I	44	80%	400	Neem,	35
II	44	80%	400	Pongamia	35
III	44	80%	400	Pinnata,	35
IV	44	80%	400	Casuarina	35
V	44	80%	400	etc.,	35

# 4.6 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT ANTICIPATED IMPACT

• Employment generation due to the project will provide direct employment for about 56 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.

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- 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.

### 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.

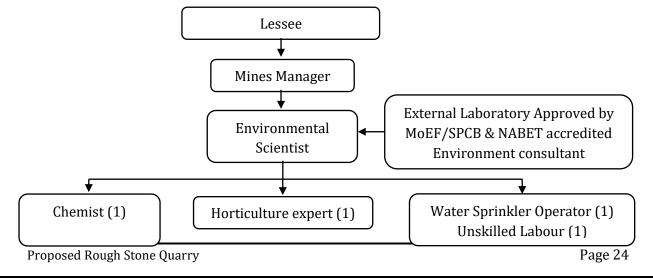
### > ENVIRONMENT MONITORING PROGRAM

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



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### 6.2 POST ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE MONITORING SCHEDULE IN COMMON

S.	Environment	Location	Moni	itoring	Parameters	
No.	Attributes	Location	Duration	Frequency	1 di dilictoi 5	
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 (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	

### > 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

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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

	PROPOSAL "P1"			
Name of the Mine	M/s. Om Shri Vari Stones Pvt Ltd			
	20/1,20/2,270/2,270/3,270/4,257/9,257/	8A &		
Survey Nos	258/10A			
Panampatti Village				
Land Type	Non-Forest Land / Patta Land			
Extent	4.77.0 ha			
Mining Plan Period / Lease 5Years				
Period	Sieais			
Ultimate Pit Dimension	275m (L) x 105m (W) x 45m (D) BGL			
Latitude between	10°25'21.87"N to 10°25'32.47"N			
Longitude between	78°46'00.15"E to 78°46'10.71"E			
Highest Elevation	117 m (Max) above Mean Sea Level			
	Jack Hammer	12		
Machinary Proposed	Compressor	3		
Machinery Proposed	Excavator bucket & Rock breaker attached	3		
	Tippers (20 tonnes Capacity)	7		
Proposed Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method			
Manpower Proposed	55 Nos			

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Total Project Cost	Rs. 1,08,78,000/-				
	PROPOSAL "P2"				
Name of the Mine	M/s. Om Shri Vari Stones Pvt Ltd				
	Survey No. 11/2A, 12/1A & 12/1B (	Part)			
	Thiruvengaivasal village and 236/1A, 236/	Thiruvengaivasal village and 236/1A, 236/1B,			
	236/1C, 236/1D, 236/1E, 236/2, 236/3, 23	86/4,			
Survey Nos	236/5,236/6,236/7,236/9,236/10236/1	1, 236/12,			
	236/13, 236/14, 19/3,235/9B & 235/11 Pa	anampatti			
	Village, Illuppur Taluk, Pudukkottai District	t, Tamil			
	Nadu.				
Land Type	Non-Forest Land / Patta Land				
Extent	4.90.5 ha				
Mining Plan/Lease Period	5 Years				
Latitude between	10°25'28.72"N to 10°25'36.27"N				
Longitude between	78°46'07.27"E to 78°46'20.71"E				
Highest Elevation	t Elevation 117 m (Max) above Mean Sea Level				
Ultimate Pit Dimension	Pit -I 185m (L) x 207m (W) x 45m (D) BGL				
	Pit -I 66m (L) x 93m (W) x 30m (D) BGL				
	Pit -I 55m (L) x 46m (W) x 20m (D) BGL				
	Pit -I 58m (L) x 24m (W) x 10m (D) BGL				
	Jack Hammer	12			
Machinery Proposed	Compressor	3			
Machinery Proposed	Excavator bucket & Rock breaker attached	3			
	Tippers (20 tonnes Capacity)	1			
Proposed Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method				
Manpower Proposed	53 Nos				
Total Project Cost	Rs. 1,06,24,000/-				
	EXISTING MINE "E1"				
Name of the Mine	ThiruS.A Subbaiah				
Survey Nos	42/2				
Land Type	Non-Forest Land / Patta Land				
Extent	0.01.5 ha				
Production in m <sup>3</sup>	1500 m <sup>3</sup>				
Mining Plan/Lease Period	23.09.2016 to 22.09.2021 (Lease Expired)				
Ultimate Pit Depth	12m x 12m x 18m				
Latitude and Longitude	10°25 '8.81"N to 10°25'09.27"N				
/8°46 19.56 E to /8°46 20.08 E					
Proposed Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method				
Manpower Proposed	11 Nos				
Total Project Cost	Rs. 12,52,000/-				
	EXISTING MINE "E2"				
Name of the Mine	ThiruS.A Subbaiah				

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Survey Nos	42/3		
Land Type	Non-Forest Land / Patta Land		
Extent	0.01.5 ha		
Production in m <sup>3</sup>	3135 m <sup>3</sup>		
Mining Plan/Lease Period	23.09.2016 to 22.09.2021 (Lease Expired)		
Ultimate Pit Depth	14x11x28m(d)		
I skitu de and I anaitu de	10°25'08.33"N to 10°25'08.77"N		
Latitude and Longitude	78°46'20.91"E to 78°46'20.62"E		
Proposed Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method		
Manpower Proposed	11 Nos		
Total Project Cost	Rs. 12,52,000/-		
	EXISTING MINE "E3"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru.M Ramesh		
Survey Nos	11/1 & 11/2B		
Land Type	Non-Forest Land / Patta Land		
Extent	2.86.0 ha		
Production in m <sup>3</sup>	341852		
Mining Plan/Lease Period	5 Years 09.03.2017 to 08.03.2022		
Ultimate Pit Dimension	170m (L) x 54m (W) x 4m (D) BGL		
Latitude between	10°25'21"N to 10°25'30"N		
Longitude between	78°46'10"E to 78°46'18"E		
Proposed Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method		
Manpower Proposed	11 Nos		
Total Project Cost	Rs. 72,96,000/-		
	EXISTING MINE "E4"		
Name of the Mine	Thiru. R. Chinnathambi		
Company No.	1/5, 11/16, 11/17, 11/21, 11/2	•	
Survey Nos	11/25,12/3, 12/4, 12/19, 12/20, 19/1, 1	9/2, 19/3,	
Land Tyme	19/4, 19/11, 19/12, 19/16 & 19/17		
Land Type Extent	Non-Forest Land / Patta Land 3.05.0 ha		
Production in m <sup>3</sup> Mining Plan /Lagge Paried	1,61,963 m <sup>3</sup>		
Mining Plan/Lease Period	5 Years 31.07.2019 to 30.07.2024		
Ultimate Pit Dimension	172m (L) x 64m (W) x 42m (D) BGL		
Latitude between	10°26'51.23"N to 10°26'57.62"N		
Longitude between	78°46'20.23"E to 78°46'25.38"E		
Ultimate pit details	238m x 127m x 32m BGL		
Highest Elevation	110 m (Max) above Mean Sea Level		
	Jack Hammer	6	
Machinery Proposed	Compressor	1	
_ ^	Excavator bucket & Rock breaker	1	
	attached		

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	Tippers (20 tonnes Capacity)		
Proposed Blasting Method	Controlled Blasting Method		
Manpower Proposed	24 Nos		
Total Project Cost	Rs. 38,83,550/-		

The Cumulative Impact is anticipated due to drilling & blasting and excavation and transportation activities from proposed mines within the 500-meter radius from the proposed mines and major impact anticipated is on Air & Noise Environment and Ground Vibrations due to blasting. The current monitoring was done as existing quarry are working which gives the ambient or present condition of air quality as well as noise.

### PREDICTED AIR INCREMENTAL VALUE

S.No.	Locations PM10 (μg/m³)		PM	PM2.5 (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )		SO2 (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )		NO2 (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )					
S.NO.	Locations	Inc	Max	Total	Inc	Max	Total	Inc	Max	Total	Inc	Max	Total
1	AAQ-1	2.3	52.6	54.9	1.3	30.4	31.7	0.5	10.9	11.4	0.6	25.9	26.5
2	AAQ-2	1.1	51.4	52.5	0.7	28.4	29.1	0.1	10.6	10.7	0.1	25.7	25.8
3	AAQ-3	0	52.3	52.3	0	29	29	0	10.9	10.9	0	26	26
4	AAQ-4	5.8	51.6	57.4	3.3	28.5	31.8	2.1	10.5	12.6	2.2	25.7	27.9
5	AAQ-5	2.3	51.1	53.4	1.3	27.9	29.2	1.1	10.6	11.7	1.3	25.5	26.8
6	AAQ-6	1.1	53.1	54.2	0.7	28.9	29.6	0.1	11	11.1	0.1	26.1	26.2
7	AAQ-7	0	51.9	51.9	0	27.8	27.8	0	9.7	9.7	0	25	25
8	AAQ-8	3.4	51.4	54.8	2	28.2	30.2	1.6	9.4	11	1.7	26.1	27.8

### MAXIMUM GROUND LEVEL CONCENTRATION

Pollutants	Max. GLC observed, (μg/m3)	Distance and Direction
PM <sub>10</sub>	11.3	1000 m, SW
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	6.6	1000 m, SW
SO <sub>2</sub>	5.3	1000 m, SW
NO <sub>2</sub>	5.8	1000 m, SW

### Noise Environment -

Noise pollution is mainly due to operation like drilling & blasting and plying of trucks & HEMM. Cumulative Noise modelling has been carried out considering blasting and compressor operation (drilling) and transportation activities. Predictions have been carried out to compute the noise level at various distances around the different quarries within the 500 m radius. For hemispherical sound wave propagation through homogeneous loss free medium, one can estimate noise levels at various locations at different sources using model based on first principle.

 $Lp_2 = Lp_1 - 20 \log (r_2/r_1) - Ae_{1,2}$ 

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#### Where:

 $Lp_1\& Lp_2$  are sound levels at points located at distances  $r_1\& r_2$  from the source.

 $Ae_{1, 2}$  is the excess attenuation due to environmental conditions. Combined effect of all sources can be determined at various locations by logarithmic addition.

# $Lp_{total} = 10 \log \left\{ 10^{(Lp1/10)} + 10^{(Lp2/10)} + 10^{(Lp3/10)} + \dots \right\}$

Attenuation due to Green Belt has been taken to be 4.9 dB (A). The inputs required for the model are: Source data has been computed taking into account of all the machinery and activities used in the mining process.

### PREDICTED NOISE INCREMENTAL VALUE

Location ID	Background Value (Day) dB(A)	Nearest House Distance in m	Incremental Value dB(A)	Total Predicted dB(A)	Residential Area Standards dB(A)
Habitation Near P1	48.4	440	44.2	49.8	FF
Habitation Near P2	48.4	460	43.8	49.7	55

The resultant Noise level due to monitored values and calculated values at the receptors are based on the mathematical formula considering attenuation due to Green Belt as 4.9 dB (A) the barrier effect. From the above table, the ambient noise levels at all the locations near habitations are within permissible limits of Residential Area (buffer zone)

# ESTIMATED PEAK PARTICLE VELOCITY OF EXPLOSIVE CHARGE FOR PROPOSED MINES

Distance	Quantity of Explo	sive/Blast, Kg	PPV, mm/s	
from	For different pro	posed project	For different pro	posed project
blasting site	P1	P2	P1	P2
m				
50	146	137	69.3	66.6
100	146	137	28.8	27.7
150	146	137	17.3	16.6
200	146	137	12.0	11.5
250	146	137	9.0	8.7
300	146	137	7.2	6.9
350	146	137	5.9	5.7
400	146	137	5.0	4.8

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Distance from	Quantity of Explosive/Blast, Kg For different proposed project		PPV, mm/s For different proposed proj	
blasting site	P1	P2	P1	P2
m				
450	146	137	4.3	4.1
500	146	137	3.8	3.6
550	146	137	3.3	3.2
600	146	137	3.0	2.9
650	146	137	2.7	2.6
700	146	137	2.5	2.4
750	146	137	2.3	2.2

Note: The empirical formula does not consider the delay factor in blasting due to use of Delay Detonators.

The nearest habitation from cluster is Panampatti Village at 0.65 Km in N direction. From the above table, the blasting will not cause any significant ground vibrations in the area. The ground vibrations at nearest habitation will be well within the permissible limits recommended by DGMS.

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### ESTIMATED PEAK PARTICLE VELOCITY OF EXPLOSIVE CHARGE FOR EXISTING MINES

Distance from blasting site, m	-	Quantity of Explosive/Blast, Kg For different Existing project			PPV, mm/s For different Existing project		
	E1	E2	<b>E3</b>	E1	E2	Е3	
50	1	1	54	3.0	3.0	36.9	
100	1	1	54	1.2	1.2	15.4	
150	1	1	54	0.7	0.7	9.2	
200	1	1	54	0.5	0.5	6.4	
250	1	1	54	0.4	0.4	4.8	
300	1	1	54	0.3	0.3	3.8	
350	1	1	54	0.3	0.3	3.2	
400	1	1	54	0.2	0.2	2.7	
450	1	1	54	0.2	0.2	2.3	
500	1	1	54	0.2	0.2	2.0	
550	1	1	54	0.1	0.1	1.8	
600	1	1	54	0.1	0.1	1.6	
650	1	1	54	0.1	0.1	1.4	
700	1	1	54	0.1	0.1	1.3	
750	1	1	54	0.1	0.1	1.2	

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#### SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM THE CLUSTER

	Project Cost in Rs.	CER @ 2% in Rs.
P1	1,02,84,000	2,14,000
P2	1,04,15,000	2,09,000
E1	12,02,000	50,000
E2	12,02,000	50,000
E3	71,18,000	1,78,000
E4	37,88,550	95,000
Total	3,40,09,550	7,96,000

CER allocation has been made as per MoEF & CC OM F.No.22-65/2017-IA.III, Dated: 01.05.2018. As per para 6 (II) of the office memorandum, all the mines being a green field project & Capital Investment is  $\leq$  100 crores, they shall contribute 2% of Capital Investment towards CER as per directions of EAC/SEAC and the total CER amount from the Cluster is **Rs. 7,96,000/-**

### EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FROM THE CLUSTER

Mine Code	Direct Employment Nos	Indirect Employment Nos.
P1	20	35
P2	20	33
E1	5	6
E2	5	6
E3	5	6
E4	10	14
Total	65	100

Direct employment of 65 people will 100 will get indirect employment due to the cluster while

### **Greenbelt Development -**

### GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS FROM THE CLUSTER

Code	No of Trees proposed to be planted	Surviva 1%	Area Covered Sq.m	Name of the Species	No. of Trees expected to be grown
P1	220	80%	2000	NI	175
P2	220	80%	2000	Neem,	175
E1	-	-	-	Pungan,	-
E2	-	-	-	Casuarinas	-
E3	-	-	-	and other regional trees	-
E4	350	80%	3000	Neem	280
Total	790	80%	7000	INCCIII	630

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Based on the Mining Plans its anticipated that there shall be growth of native species of Neem, Casuarina, Pungan, etc. in the Cluster 790 nos of Trees Planted over a period of 5 Years with Survival Rate of 80% and expected growth is around 630 Trees over an area of 7000 Sq.m.

### > PROJECT BENEFITS

Proposed Project for Quarrying Rough Stone at Panampatti and Thiruvengaivasal Village aims to produce 1266768 m<sup>3</sup> Rough Stone over a period of 5 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

### **ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR P1, P2**

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:

- Implementation of pollution control measures as suggested in Environmental Management Plan and recommended in EC
- Conducting environmental monitoring as per EMP and EC stipulation through external laboratories approved by MoEF/SPCB and NABL
- Ensuring compliance with other conditions stipulated in Environmental Clearance for the project.
- Ensuring compliance with the conditions stipulated in 'Consent to Operate' for the project.
- Timely submission of compliance status to MoEF/ SPCB
- Seeking experts' guidance, as and when required.
- Conducting CSR activities in nearby villages.
- 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
- Monitoring of the water/ waste water quality, air quality and solid waste generated
- Analysis of the water and air samples collected through external laboratory

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- 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
- 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.

### > 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.