

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## EDAYARPALAYAM ROUGH STONE AND GRAVEL QUARRIES

### NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT PROPONENTS APPLYING IN CLUSTER

| Code | Proponent Name                       | Extent (Ha) |
|------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| P1   | M/s.Ultra Ready Mix Concrete Pvt Ltd | 2.94.01     |
| P2   | Thiru.N.Kathires                     | 1.42.82     |

“B1” CATEGORY/ MINOR MINERAL /CLUSTER/ NON-FOREST LAND/ PATTALAND

**\* CLUSTER EXTENT = 14.33.33 Ha**

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

### ToR Obtained vide

- 1.Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9572/SEAC/ToR-1332/2022 Dated:10.02.2023 -M/s.Ultraready Mix Concrete Pvt Ltd- P1
- 2.Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9034/ToR-1165/2022 Dated:06.06.2022 - Thiru.N.Kathires -P2

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**Baseline Monitoring Period - December 2022-February 2023**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Rough Stone and Gravel are the major requirements for construction industry. This EIA report is prepared by considering Cumulative load of all proposed & existing quarries of Edayarpalayam Rough Stone and Gravel Cluster Quarries consisting of four Proposed and three Existing Quarries with total extent of Cluster of 14.33.33 Ha in Edayarpalayam Village, Suler Taluk, Coimbatore District and 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 for the below proposals in Table 1.1 and the Baseline Monitoring study has been carried out during the period of Dec2022-Feb 2023

| CODE | Name of the proponent                | Extent (Ha) | Terms of Reference (ToR)                                     |
|------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| P1   | M/s.Ultra Ready Mix Concrete Pvt Ltd | 2.94.01     | Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.9572/SEAC/ToR-1332/2022 Dated:10.02.2023 |
| P2   | Thiru.N. Kathiresh                   | 1.42.82     | Lr.No.SEIAA-TN/F.No.9034/ToR-1165/2022 Dated:06.06.2022      |

Source: ToR Letter's of the respective project proponents

### **“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

| PROPOSAL – P1       |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Name of the Company | M/s.Ultra ReadyMix Concrete Pvt Ltd   |
| Address             | No.25, Trichy Road, Kannampalayam, Coimbatore District - 641 402  |
| Mobile              | +91 94431 49816   |
| Status              | Private Company   |
| PROPOSAL – P2       |   |
| Name of the Company | Thiru.N. Kathiresh, Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry Project   |
| Address             | S/o.V.Nataraj, No.3/175, Karacheri, Periyakuyili Post, Chettipalayam Via, Coimbatore District- 641 201. |
| Mobile              | +91 97882 70883   |
| Status              | Proprietor (Individual)   |

The project proponent is an individual.

#### 1.2 QUARRY DETAILS WITHIN 500 M RADIUS

| PROPOSED QUARRIES |                                      |  |              |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| CODE              | Name of the Proponent and Address    | S.F. Nos, Village & Taluk  | Extent in Ha | Status   |
| P1                | M/s.Ultra Ready Mix Concrete Pvt Ltd | 168/2A (P), 168/2B (P), 169/1C (P) & 169/2A (P)<br>Edayarpalayam Village,<br>Suler Taluk | 2.94.01      | Obtained ToR vide,<br>Lr.No. SEIAA-<br>TN/F.No.9572/SEAC/ToR-<br>1332/2022<br>Dated:10.02.2023 |
| P2                | Thiru.N. Kathiresh                   | 172/1B, 172/2 & 173/2A2<br>Edayarpalayam Village,<br>Suler Taluk                         | 1.42.82      | Obtained ToR vide,<br>Lr.No. SEIAA-<br>TN/F.No.9034/ToR-                                       |

|                             |  |  |                     | 1165/2022<br>Dated:06.06.2022 |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| P3                          | <b>Thiru. N. Vivek Prithviraj</b>        | 180/3 (P), Edayarpalayam Village, Sular Taluk            | 1.62.0              | EC Under Process              |
| P4                          | <b>Thiru.K. Ranganathan</b>              | 174/4 & 176/1 of Edayarpalayam Village, Sular Taluk      | 2.28.0              | EC Under Process              |
| <b>Total</b>                |  |  | <b>8.26.83</b>      |                               |
| <b>EXISTING QUARRIES</b>    |  |  |                     |                               |
| <b>CODE</b>                 | <b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b> | <b>S.F.Nos , Village &amp; Taluk</b>                     | <b>Extent in Ha</b> | <b>Lease Period</b>           |
| E1                          | Tmt.N.Chitradevi                         | 179/2(P), Edayarpalayam Village, Sular Taluk             | 3.64.5              | 14.07.2021 to 13.07.2026      |
| E2                          | Thiru.B.Sakthivel                        | 164/6A (P) & 164/7, Edayarpalayam Village, Sular Taluk   | 1.19.5              | 07.10.2017 to 06.10.2022      |
| E3                          | Thiru.V.Saravanan                        | 171/2(P) & 176/2 (P), Edayarpalayam Village, Sular Taluk | 1.22.5              | 15.09.2017 to 14.09.2022      |
| <b>Total</b>                |  |  | <b>6.06.5</b>       |                               |
| <b>ABANDONED QURRIES</b>    |  |  |                     |                               |
| <b>CODE</b>                 | <b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b> | <b>S.F. Nos, Village &amp; Taluk</b>                     | <b>Extent in Ha</b> | <b>Lease Period</b>           |
| A-1                         | Tmt.Ponnammal                            | 178/2, Edayarpalayam Village, Sular Taluk                | 2.34.5              | -                             |
| A-2                         | Government Quarry                        | 164/1, Edayarpalayam Village, Sular Taluk                | 3.13.5              | -                             |
| <b>Total</b>                |  |  | <b>5.48.0</b>       |                               |
| <b>EXPIRED QURRIES</b>      |  |  |                     |                               |
| <b>CODE</b>                 | <b>Name of the Proponent and Address</b> | <b>S.F. Nos, Village &amp; Taluk</b>                     | <b>Extent in Ha</b> | <b>Lease Period</b>           |
| <b>NIL</b>                  |  |  |                     |                               |
| <b>TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT</b> |  |  | <b>14.33.33</b>     |                               |

**TABLE 1.3: SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS IN CLUSTER**

| <b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P1"</b>            |   |                       |                       |
|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Name of the Mine                                    | <b>M/s.Ultra ReadyMix Concrete Pvt Ltd, Rough Stone &amp; Gravel Quarry Project</b>   |                       |                       |
| Land Type   | Private company, it is a Patta lands. Registered in the name of the applicant (Thiru.K.R. Ananth Kumar, Authorized Chief Executive Officer for Tvl. Ultra Readymix Concrete Private Limited), vide Patta Nos. 1030, 1028, 1027 & 1029. Refer Annexure No. IV. |                       |                       |
| S.F. Nos  | 168/2A (P), 168/2B (P), 169/1C (P) & 169/2A (P)   |                       |                       |
| Extent  | 2.94.01 Ha  |                       |                       |
| Existing pit dimensions (Max)                       | 98m (L) x 70m (W) x 18m Bgl (D)   |                       |                       |
| Geological Reserves                                 | Rough Stone   | Weathered Rock        | Gravel                |
|   | 10,07,006 m <sup>3</sup>  | 24,300                | 48,600 m <sup>3</sup> |
| Mineable Reserves                                   | Rough Stone   | Weathered Rock        | Gravel                |
|   | 3,18,706 m <sup>3</sup>   | 13,884 m <sup>3</sup> | 32,304 m <sup>3</sup> |
| Proposed Quantity of Reserves/Production for mining | 3,18,706 m <sup>3</sup>   | 13,884 m <sup>3</sup> | 32,304 m <sup>3</sup> |

|  |  |                       |             |
|--|--|-----------------------|-------------|
| Period                                   |  |                       |             |
| Mining Plan Period / Lease Period        | 5 Years  |                       |             |
| Ultimate Pit Dimension                   | 247m (L) x 113m (W) x 38m Bgl (D)  |                       |             |
| Depth restricted as per ToR              | The ultimate depth of mining is about 38m (2m Gravel + 1m Weathered Rock + 35m Rough stone)  |                       |             |
| Toposheet No                             | 58 F/01  |                       |             |
| Latitude                                 | 10°54'43.0036"N to 10°54'49.7345"N   |                       |             |
| Longitude                                | 77°06'46.9047"E to 77°06'56.1903"E   |                       |             |
| Machinery proposed                       | Jack Hammer  | 8                     |             |
|  | Compressor   | 2                     |             |
|  | Excavator with Bucket and Rock Breaker   | 2                     |             |
|  | Tippers  | 4                     |             |
| Blasting                                 | Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators  |                       |             |
| Manpower Deployment                      | 40Nos  |                       |             |
| Total Project Cost                       | Operational Cost   | Rs. 85,44,000/-       |             |
|  | EMP Cost   | Rs. 3,80,000/-        |             |
|  | Total  | Rs. 48,55,000/-       |             |
| CER cost                                 | Rs.5,00,000/-  |                       |             |
| Water Requirements                       | 3.0 KLD  |                       |             |
| Nearest Habitation                       | 950m-NW  |                       |             |
| <b>SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSAL "P2"</b> |  |                       |             |
| Name of the Mine                         | <b>Thiru.N. Kathiresh, Roughstone and gravel quarry</b>  |                       |             |
| Land Type                                | Patta Land (Patta No.978,501&1051)   |                       |             |
| S.F. No.                                 | 172/1B, 172/2 & 173/2A2  |                       |             |
| Extent                                   | 1.42.82 Ha   |                       |             |
| Previous quarry operation details        | <p>Operated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quarry lease was first granted in favour of Thiru. K. Manthirachalam, R.C.No. 1151/2002/MM2, dated: 16.12.2002 for the period of five years from 24.12.2002 to 23.12.2007</li> <li>the quarry lease was granted in Favour of Thiru. M.Arumugam, R.C.No. 1746/2007/X1, dated: 18.02.2008 for the period of five years from 18.05.2008 to 17.05.2013</li> <li>Now the same applicant has again applied the Rough stone and Gravel quarry lease on 07.10.2021.</li> </ul> |                       |             |
| Present quarry pit dimension             | 78m (L) x 49m (W) x 17m(D)   |                       |             |
| Depth restricted as per ToR              | 27m bgl (2m Gravel + 25m Roughstone)   |                       |             |
| Geological Resources                     | <b>Rough Stone</b>   | <b>Gravel</b>         |             |
|  | 2,86,860m <sup>3</sup>   | 11,230 m <sup>3</sup> |             |
| Mineable Reserves                        | <b>Rough Stone</b>   | <b>Gravel</b>         |             |
|  | 65,140 m <sup>3</sup>  | 5,712                 |             |
| Proposed production for five years       | 65,140 m <sup>3</sup>  | 5,712                 |             |
| Mining Plan Period / Lease Period        | 5 Years  |                       |             |
| Ultimate Pit Dimension                   | 146m(L)  | 49m (W)               | 27m bgl (D) |
| Toposheet No                             | 58 - F/01  |                       |             |
| Latitude                                 | 10°54'56.31"N to 10°55'02.21"N   |                       |             |
| Longitude                                | 77°06'49.03"E to 77°06'53.12"E   |                       |             |
| Highest Elevation                        | 425m AMSL  |                       |             |
| Machinery                                | Jack Hammer  | 2                     |             |
|  | Compressor   | 1                     |             |
|  | Excavator with   | 1                     |             |

|                     |   |                 |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|
|                     | Bucket and Rock Breaker                       |                 |
|                     | Tipplers                                      | 1               |
| Blasting            | Usage of Slurry Explosive with MSD detonators |                 |
| Manpower Deployment | 15Nos   |                 |
| Total Cost          | Project Cost                                  | Rs. 62,32,000/- |
|                     | EMP Cost                                      | Rs. 3,80,000/-  |
|                     | Total   | Rs. 66,12,000/- |
| CER cost            | Rs.5,00,000/-                                 |                 |
| Water Requirements  | 2.0 KLD                                       |                 |
| Nearest Habitation  | 540m-NW                                       |                 |

Source: Approved Mining Plan of the respective proposals

## 1.4 STATUTORY DETAILS

### Project – P1 –

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Dated: 02.08.2021 & 15.06.2022
- The precise area communication letter was received from the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore District vide Rc.No. 931/Mines/2021, Dated: 04.07.2022.
- The Mining plan was approved by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore vide Rc.No. 931/Mines/2021, Dated: 11.07.2022
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vides online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/401183/2022, Dated: 08.11.2022.
- The proposal was placed in 346<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting held on 12.01.2023 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 591<sup>st</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 10.02.2023 and issued ToR vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9572/SEAC/ToR-1332/2022 Dated:10.02.2023.

### Project – P2 –

- The proponent applied for Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry Lease Date from 20.01.2021 and 07.10.2021
- The precise area communication letter was received from the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore District vide Rc.No.111/Mines/2021, Dated: 21.10.2021.
- The Mining plan was approved by the Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore vide Rc.No.111/Mines/2021, Dated: 05.01.2022
- Proponent applied for ToR for Environmental Clearance vides online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/72484/2022, Dated:22.02.2022
- The proposal was placed in 273<sup>rd</sup> SEAC meeting held on 14.05.2022 and the committee recommended for issue of ToR.
- The proposal was considered in 518<sup>th</sup> SEIAA meeting held on 06.06.2022 and issued ToR vide Letter No Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.9034/ToR-1165/2022 Dated:06.06.2022

## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is site specific and there is no additional area required for this project. There is no effluent generation/discharge from the proposed quarries. Rough Stone and Gravel are 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 | NH544 - Thirussur – Coimbatore Road -1.0km-N<br>SH163 - Othakalmandapam – Palladam Road – 4.0km-NE |
| Nearest Village | Edaiyarpalayam – 1.0Km- NW   |
| Nearest Town    | Sulur – 12.0Km – NE  |
| Nearest Railway | Chettipalayam Railway station – 8.0Km - West   |
| Nearest Airport | Coimbatore Airport – 20Km - NW   |
| Seaport         | Kochi- 145 Km-SW   |

## 2.2 LAND USE PATTERN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

| LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P1 |                      |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Description                      | Present area in (ha) | Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha) |
| Area under quarrying             | 0.67.30              | 2.30.0                                 |
| Infrastructure                   | Nil                  | 0.01.0                                 |
| Roads                            | 0.01.0               | 0.03.0                                 |
| Green Belt                       | Nil                  | 0.60.01                                |
| Un – utilized area               | 2.25.71              | Nil                                    |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | <b>2.94.0</b>        | <b>2.94.0</b>                          |
| LAND USE PATTERN OF PROJECT – P2 |                      |  |
| Description                      | Present area in (ha) | Area at the end of life of quarry (Ha) |
| Area under quarrying             | 0.40.70              | 0.73.00                                |
| Infrastructure                   | Nil                  | 0.01.00                                |
| Road                             | 0.01.0               | 0.02.00                                |
| Green Belt                       | Nil                  | 0.26.08                                |
| Unutilized area                  | 1.01.12              | 0.40.74                                |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | <b>1.42.82</b>       | <b>1.42.82</b>                         |

## 2.3 OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF LEASE APPLIED AREA

| OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P1         |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| PARTICULARS                                  | DETAILS  |   |   |
|  | Rough Stone (m <sup>3</sup> )<br>(5Year Plan period) | Weathered Rock (m <sup>3</sup> )<br>(3 Years Plan period) | Gravel (m <sup>3</sup> )<br>(3 Years Plan period) |
| Geological Resources                         | 10,07,006 m <sup>3</sup>                             | 24,300 m <sup>3</sup>                                     | 48,600 m <sup>3</sup>                             |
| Mineable Reserves                            | 3,18,706 m <sup>3</sup>                              | 13,884 m <sup>3</sup>                                     | 32,304 m <sup>3</sup>                             |
| Production for five-year plan period         | 3,18,706 m <sup>3</sup>                              | 13,884 m <sup>3</sup>                                     | 32,304 m <sup>3</sup>                             |
| Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period    | 5Years   |   |   |
| Number of Working Days                       | 300 Days   |   |   |
| Production per day                           | 212  | 15  | 36  |
| No of Lorry loads (6m <sup>3</sup> per load) | 35   | 3   | 6   |
| Total Depth of Mining                        | 38m (2m Gravel +1m Weathered Rock +35m Rough Stone)  |   |   |
| OPERATIONAL DETAILS FOR PROJECT – P2         |  |   |   |
| PARTICULARS                                  | DETAILS  |   |   |
|  | Rough Stone (m <sup>3</sup> )                        | Weathered Rock  | Gravel (m <sup>3</sup> )                          |



|  |                                      |                        |                              |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | <b>(5Year Plan period)</b>           | <b>(m<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>(3 Years Plan period)</b> |
| Geological Resources                         | 2,86,860m <sup>3</sup>               | --                     | 11,230 m <sup>3</sup>        |
| Mineable Reserves                            | 65,140 m <sup>3</sup>                | --                     | 5,712 m <sup>3</sup>         |
| Production for five years Plan               | 65,140 m <sup>3</sup>                | --                     | 5,712 m <sup>3</sup>         |
| Mining Plan Period / Lease Applied Period    | 5Years                               |                        |                              |
| Number of Working Days                       | 300 Days                             |                        |                              |
| Production per day                           | 43                                   | --                     | 6                            |
| No of Lorry loads (6m <sup>3</sup> per load) | 7                                    | --                     | 1                            |
| Total Depth of mining                        | 27m bgl (2m Gravel + 25m Roughstone) |                        |                              |

**FIGURE – 1: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING PROJECT AREA**



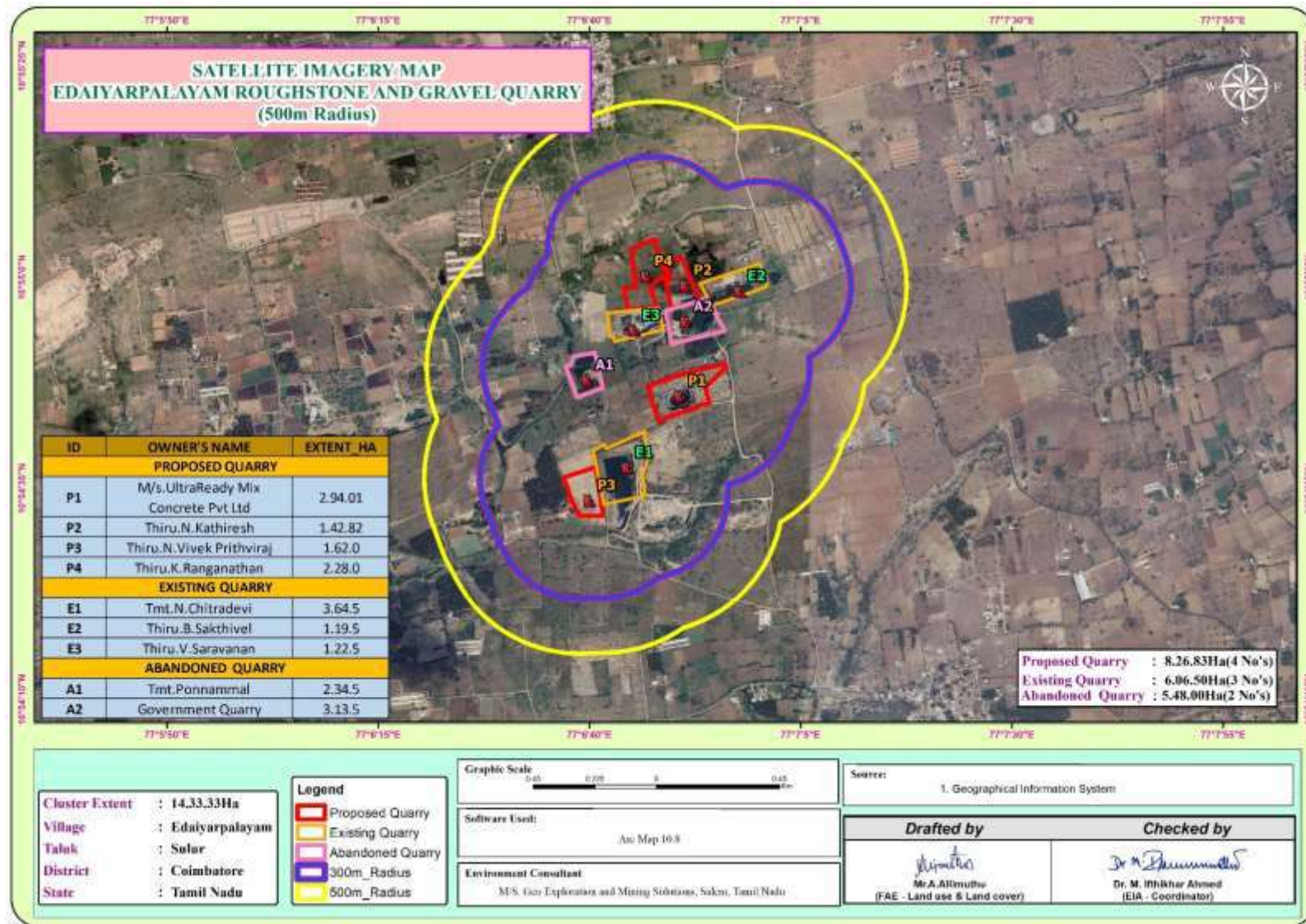
**SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P1**



SATELLITE IMAGERY OF P2

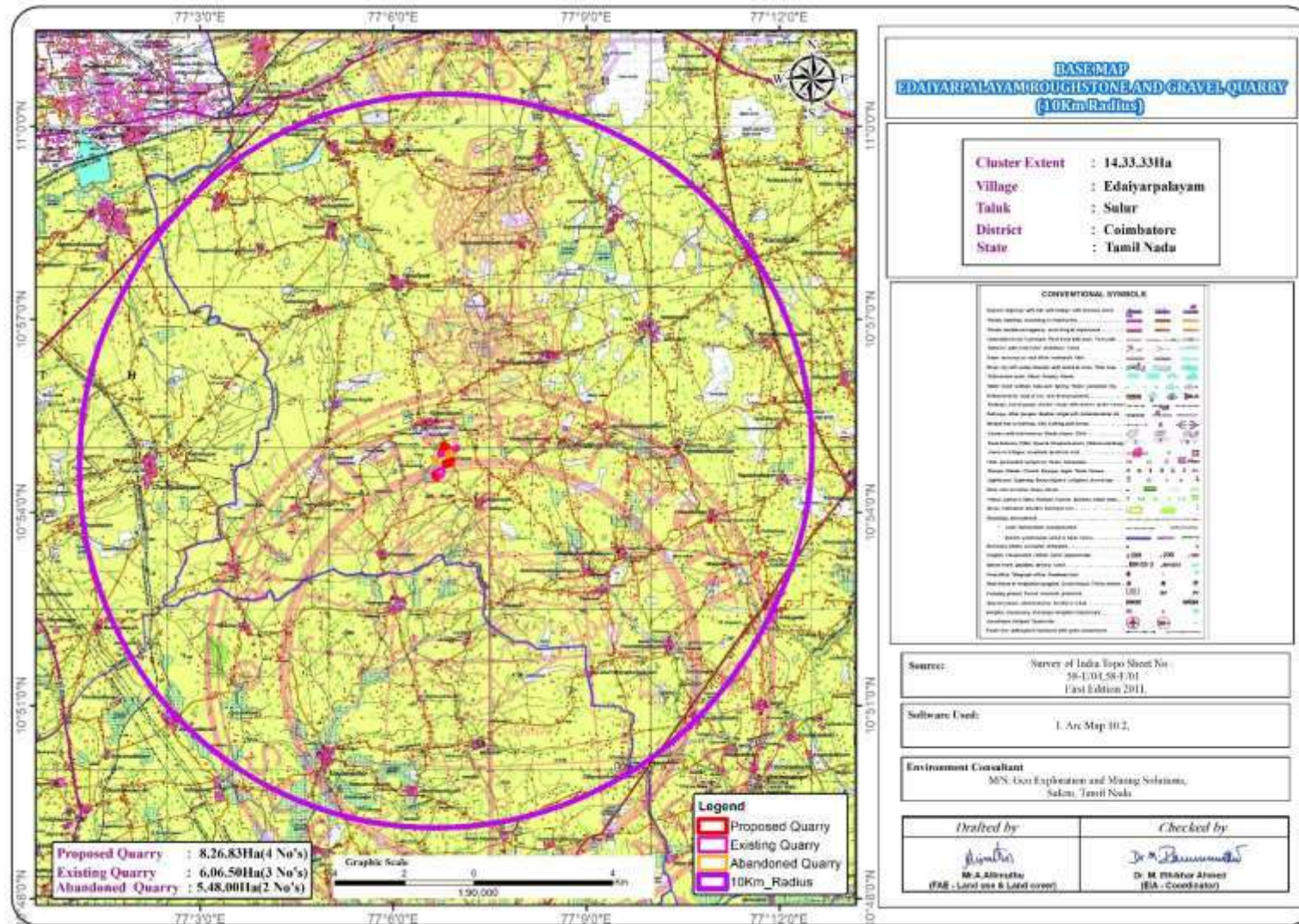


**FIGURE – 2: GOOGLE IMAGE SHOWING CLUSTER (500 m QUARRIES)**



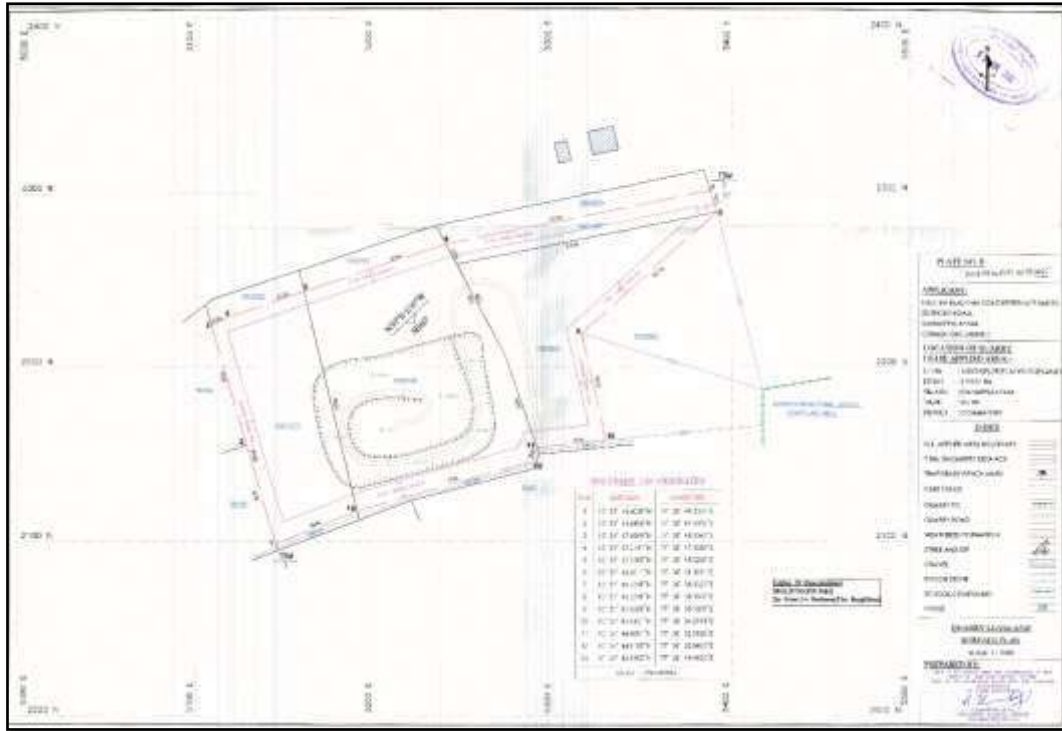


**FIGURE – 3: TOPOSHEET MAP COVERING 10 KM RADIUS**



### FIGURE – 4: QUARRY LEASE PLAN & SURFACE PLAN

#### P1- M/s.Ultra Ready Mix Concrete Pvt Ltd



#### P2- Thiru.N. Kathires



## 2.4 METHOD OF MINING

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

The top layer of Topsoil will be Excavate directly by Hydraulic Excavators and preserved all along the safety barrier to facilitate greenbelt development during Mine Closure Stage. The Rough Stone is a batholith formation and the splitting of rock mass of considerable volume from the parent rock mass will be carried out by deploying jackhammer drilling and Slurry Explosives will be used for blasting. Hydraulic Excavators attached with Rock Breakers unit will be deployed for breaking large boulders to required fragmented sizes to avoid secondary blasting and hydraulic excavators attached with bucket unit will be deployed for loading the Rough Stone into the tippers and then the stone is transported from pithead to the nearby crushers.

## 2.5 PROPOSED MACHINERY DEPLOYMENT

| <b>PROPOSAL – P1</b> |   |            |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>S.NO.</b>         | <b>TYPE</b>                                 | <b>NOS</b> | <b>SIZE/CAPACITY</b> | <b>MOTIVE POWER</b> |
| 1                    | Jack hammers                                | 8          | 1.2m to 2.0m         | Compressed air      |
| 2                    | Compressor                                  | 2          | 400psi               | Diesel Drive        |
| 3                    | Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker        | 2          | 300 HP               | Diesel Drive        |
| 4                    | Tippers                                     | 4          | 20 Tonnes            | Diesel Drive        |
| <b>PROPOSAL – P2</b> |   |            |                      |                     |
| <b>S.NO.</b>         | <b>TYPE</b>                                 | <b>NOS</b> | <b>SIZE/CAPACITY</b> | <b>MOTIVE POWER</b> |
| 1                    | Jack hammers                                | 2          | 1.2m to 2.0m         | Compressed air      |
| 2                    | Compressor                                  | 1          | 400psi               | Diesel Drive        |
| 3                    | Excavator with Bucket / Rock Breaker Unit 4 | 1          | 300 HP               | Diesel Drive        |
| 4                    | Tippers                                     | 1          | 20 Tonnes            | Diesel Drive        |

## 2.6 WATER REQUIREMENTS

| <b>PROPOSAL – P1</b>          |                 |   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>*Purpose</b>               | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Source</b>   |
| Dust Suppression              | 1.0 KLD         | From Existing bore wells from nearby area   |
| Green Belt development        | 1.3 KLD         | From Existing bore wells from nearby area   |
| Sanitation & Drinking purpose | 0.7KLD          | From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors. |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>3.0 KLD</b>  |   |
| <b>PROPOSAL – P2</b>          |                 |   |
| <b>*Purpose</b>               | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Source</b>   |
| Dust Suppression              | 1.0 KLD         | From Existing bore wells from nearby area   |



|                               |                |   |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Green Belt development        | 0.4 KLD        | From Existing bore wells from nearby area   |
| Sanitation & Drinking purpose | 0.6 KLD        | From existing, bore wells and drinking water will be sourced from Approved water vendors. |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>2.0 KLD</b> |   |

## 2.7 CONCEPTUAL MINING PLAN/ FINAL MINE CLOSURE PLAN

The ultimate pit size is designed based on certain practical parameters such as economical depth of mining, safety zones, permissible area, etc.,

## 2.8 ULTIMATE PIT DIMENSION P1 to P2

| PROPOSAL – P1 |                  |                 |             |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Pit           | Length (Max) (m) | Width (Max) (m) | Depth (Max) |
| I             | 247              | 113             | 38m bgl     |
| PROPOSAL – P2 |                  |                 |             |
| Pit           | Length (Max) (m) | Width (Max) (m) | Depth (Max) |
| I             | 146              | 49              | 27 m bgl    |

## 3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The baseline status of the project environment is described section wise for better understanding of the broad-spectrum conditions. The baseline environment quality represents the background environmental scenario of various environmental components such as Land, Water, Air, Noise, Biological and Socio-economic status of the study area. Field monitoring studies to evaluate the base line status of the project site were carried out covering December 2022 -February 2023 as per CPCB & MoEF & CC guidelines.

### 3.1 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING ATTRIBUTES

| Attribute              | Parameters   | Frequency of Monitoring   | No. of Locations                        | Protocol  |
|------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Land-use<br>Land cover | Land-use Pattern within 10 km radius of the study area     | Data's from census handbook 2011 and from the satellite imagery | Study Area                              | Satellite Imagery<br>Primary Survey   |
| *Soil                  | Physio-Chemical Characteristics                            | Once during the study period                                    | 6<br>(2 core & 4 buffer zone)           | IS 2720<br>Agriculture Handbook - Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi |
| *Water Quality         | Physical, Chemical and Bacteriological Parameters          | Once during the study period                                    | 6<br>(1 surface water & 5 ground water) | IS 10500& CPCB Standards  |
| Meteorology            | Wind Speed<br>Wind Direction<br>Temperature<br>Cloud cover | 1 Hourly Continuous Mechanical/Automatic Weather Station        | 1                                       | Site specific primary data& Secondary Data from IMD Station                         |



|                        |   |   |                               |   |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
|                        | Dry bulb temperature<br>Rainfall  |   |                               |   |
| *Ambient Air Quality   | PM <sub>10</sub><br>PM <sub>2.5</sub><br>SO <sub>2</sub><br>NO <sub>x</sub><br>Fugitive Dust        | 24 hourly twice a week<br>(December 2022 - February 2023) | 8<br>(2 core & 6 buffer)      | IS 5182 Part 1-23<br>National Ambient Air Quality Standards, CPCB                   |
| *Noise Levels          | Ambient Noise   | Hourly observation for 24 Hours per location              | 8<br>(2 core & 6 buffer zone) | IS 9989<br>As per CPCB Guidelines   |
| Ecology                | Existing Flora and Fauna  | Through field visit during the study period               | Study Area                    | Primary Survey by Quadrate & Transect Study<br>Secondary Data – Forest Working Plan |
| Socio Economic Aspects | Socio–Economic Characteristics, Population Statistics and Existing Infrastructure in the study area | Site Visit & Census Handbook, 2011                        | Study Area                    | Primary Survey, census handbook & need based assessments.                           |

### 3.2 LAND ENVIRONMENT

To study the land use pattern of the core as well as a buffer zone, land use/land cover details have been identified/ maps have been prepared in accordance with the Standard ToR point. A visual interpretation technique has been adopted for land use supervised classification based on training site by Level III classification with 1:50,000 scale for the preparation of land use mapping. Land use pattern of the area was studied through **LISSIII** imagery of **NRSC-Bhuvan**. The 10 km radius map of study area was taken for analysis of Land use/**Landcover**.

**TABLE 3.1: LAND USE / LAND COVER TABLE 10 KM RADIUS**

| S.No                     | Classification          | Area_Ha  | Area_% |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|
| <b>BUILTUP</b>           |                         |          |        |
| 1                        | Builtup Urban           | 315.07   | 0.93   |
| 2                        | Builtup Rural           | 1054.32  | 3.11   |
| 3                        | Builtup Mining          | 346.79   | 1.02   |
| <b>AGRICULTURAL LAND</b> |                         |          |        |
| 4                        | Crop Land               | 19816.84 | 58.38  |
| 5                        | Agricultural Plantation | 3655.31  | 10.77  |
| 6                        | Fallow Land             | 7558.23  | 22.27  |
| <b>BARREN/WASTELAND</b>  |                         |          |        |
| 7                        | Barren Rocky            | 13.93    | 0.04   |
| 8                        | Scrub Land              | 1033.26  | 3.04   |
| <b>WATERBODIES</b>       |                         |          |        |
| 9                        | Waterbodies             | 151.94   | 0.45   |
|                          |                         | 33945.70 | 100.00 |

**LU/LC Interpretation:**

- ⊗ The 10 km radius study area mainly comprises of crop land & Agriculture Plantation land accounting of 58.38% & 1.77% of the total study area. The study area also consists of fallow land of 22.27%.
- ⊗ The buffer zone studied has no ecological sensitive area (National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve/ etc.).
- ⊗ Water Bodies such as Odai, ponds/ lakes comprise of 0.45% of the total buffer area. There are some lake found in the study area like Odai (180m-NW), Pallapalayam lake (9km-NW), Kammampalayam Lake (9.4km-NW) of the total study area.
- ⊗ The Scrub land accounts of 3%. As per the primary survey, it was observed the scrub land is mainly occupied by the stony waste and left-over domestic waste generated by the nearby areas.
- ⊗ The Barren rocky area covered is about 0.04% in buffer zone.
- ⊗ 1.02% of the total study area is occupied by the mine industries. The area occupied by Mainly Roughstone of the total buffer area. As also observed within the primary survey, the 10 km buffer area is also occupied by the medium scaled roughstone and small Brick kiln industries also located in the study area.
- ⊗ 5% of the area is covered under the Builtup Land including rural area. The nearest village within the 3km from the project site boundary is observed to be villages Edayarpalaym, Bogampatti, Kalipalayam, Chinnakuyili villages etc.

The project site falls under the Roughstone and gravel region. Therefore, the area is appropriate for developing Road development and building etc., it shows that the region has good prospects in the future. Due to proposed Roughstone in this region, economic condition of locals is expected to be improved directly & indirectly. Hence project will prove to be the best economic proposal for the coming times.

**3.3 SOIL ENVIRONMENT**

The samples were analysed as per the standard methods prescribed in “Soil Chemical Analysis (M.L. Jackson, 1967) & Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India”. The important properties analysed for soil are bulk density, porosity, infiltration rate, pH and Organic matter, kjeldahi Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium

**Interpretation & Conclusion**

- The nature of soil is slightly alkaline to strongly alkaline in nature with pH range 7.54 to 8.55
- The available Nitrogen content range between 290.5 to 440 mg/kg
- The available Phosphorus content range between 1.11 to 4.4 mg/kg
- The available Potassium range between 2.5 to 48 mg/kg

Whereas, the micronutrient as zinc (Zn), iron (Fe) and copper (Cu) were found in the range of 1.05 to 3.5mg/kg; 1.02 to 2.91 mg/kg and ND

### 3.4 WATER ENVIRONMENT

The study area is studded with few tanks that serve as the source of drinking water and also their surplus feeds adjoining tanks. The rainfall over the area is moderate, the rainwater storage in open wells and trenches are in practice over the area and the stored water acts as source of freshwater for couple of months after rainy season.

#### Surface Water

- ✚ The pH of surface 7.85 while turbidity found within the standards.
- ✚ Total Dissolved Solids 659 mg/l and Chloride 188 mg/l. Nitrates 7.1 mg/l, while sulphates 60.7mg/l.

#### Ground Water

The pH of the water samples collected ranged from 7.06 to 8.03 and within the acceptable limit of 6.5 to 8.5. pH, Sulphates and Chlorides of water samples from all the sources are within the limits as per the Standard. on Turbidity, the water samples meet the requirement.

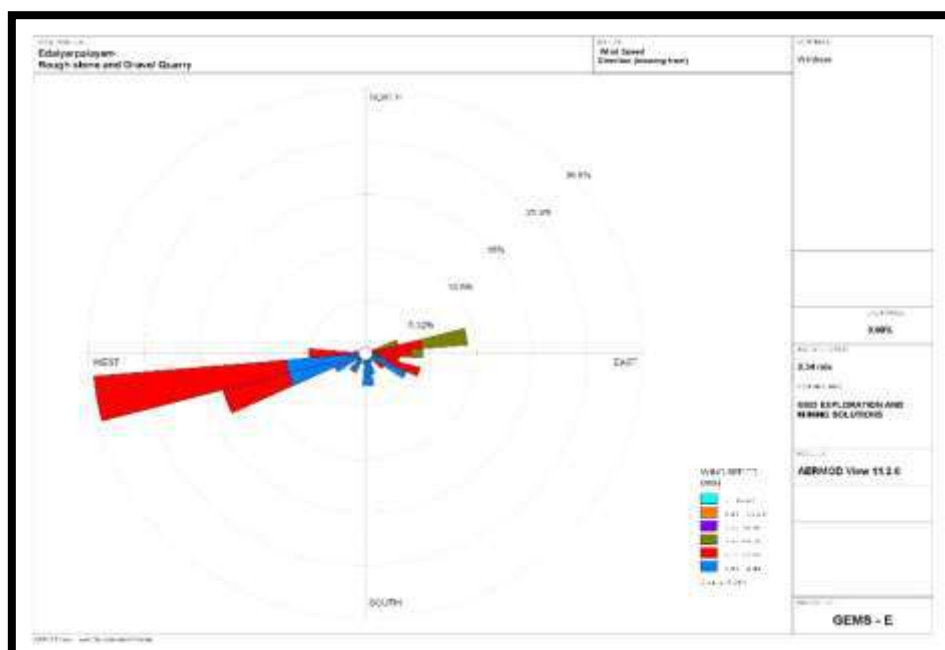
**Total Dissolved Solids** were found in the range of 406 - 546 mg/l in all samples.

**Total hardness** varied between 130.49 – 211.59 mg/l for all samples.

On Microbiological parameters, the water samples from all the locations meet the requirement. The parameters thus analysed were compared with IS 10500:2012 and are well within the prescribed limits.

### 3.5 AIR ENVIRONMENT

The baseline studies on air environment include identification of specific air pollution parameters and their existing levels in ambient air. The ambient air quality with respect to the study zone of 10 km radius around the proposed quarry forms the baseline information.

**FIGURE – 6: WIND ROSE DIAGRAM**

### 3.6 SUMMARY OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

As per monitoring data,  $PM_{10}$  ranges from  $41.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to  $49.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$  data ranges from  $21 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to  $29.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ,  $SO_2$  ranges from  $5.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to  $8.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and  $NO_2$  data ranges from  $17.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to  $25.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The concentration levels of the above criteria pollutants were observed to be well within the limits of NAAQS prescribed by CPCB. The minimum & maximum concentrations of  $PM_{10}$  were found to be  $41.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in Chinnakuyili &  $49.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in Core area respectively. The minimum & maximum concentrations of  $PM_{2.5}$  were found to be  $21.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in SN Palayam village &  $29.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in Chinnakuyili Village area respectively. The maximum concentration in the core zone is due to the cluster of quarries situated within 500m radius.

### 3.7 NOISE ENVIRONMENT

Ambient noise levels were measured at 8 (Eight) locations around the proposed project area.

Ambient noise levels were measured at 8 (eight) locations around the project area considering cluster quarries. Noise levels recorded in core zone during day time were from 41.8 – 42.5 dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 35.3 dB (A) Leq. Noise levels recorded in buffer zone during day time were from 37.9 – 39.7dB (A) Leq and during night time were from 34 – 35.6 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.

### **3.8 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.

### **3.9 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 145 persons to the local people there by improving the indirect employment opportunity for 50 persons and in turn the social standards will improve.

## **4. ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES**

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

### **4.1 LAND ENVIRONMENT:**

#### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

- 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 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., 7.5 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 SOIL ENVIRONMENT

### IMPACT ON SOIL ENVIRONMENT

**Erosion and Sedimentation** (Removal of protective vegetation cover; Exposure of underlying soil horizons that may be less pervious, or more erodible than the surface layers; Reduced capacity of soils to absorb rainfall; Increased energy in storm-water runoff due to concentration and velocity; and Exposure of subsurface materials which are unsuitable for vegetation establishment).

### MITIGATION MEASURES FOR SOIL CONSERVATION

- Run-off diversion – Garland drains will be constructed all around the project boundary to prevent surface flows from entering the quarry works areas. And will be discharged into

vegetated natural drainage lines, or as distributed flow across an area stabilised against erosion.

- Sedimentation ponds - Run-off from working areas will be routed towards sedimentation ponds. These trap sediment and reduce suspended sediment loads before runoff is discharged from the quarry site. Sedimentation ponds should be designed based on runoff, retention times, and soil characteristics. There may be a need to provide a series of sedimentation ponds to achieve the desired outcome.
- Retain vegetation – Retain existing or re-plant the vegetation at the site wherever possible.
- Monitoring and maintenance – Weekly monitoring and daily maintenance of erosion control systems so that they perform as specified specially during rainy season

## **4.3 WATER ENVIRONMENT**

### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

- The major sources of water pollution normally associated due to mining and allied operations are:
  - 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 drain, settling tank will be constructed along the project area. The Garland drain will be connected to settling tank and sediments will be trapped in the settling traps and only clear water will be discharged out to the natural drainage
- 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;

#### **4.4 AIR ENVIRONMENT**

##### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

- Garland drain, settling tank will be constructed along the proposed mining lease area. The Garland drain will be connected to settling tank and sediments will be trapped in the settling traps and only clear water will be discharged out to the natural drainage
- Rainwater will be collected in sump in the mining pits and will be allowed to store and pumped out to surface setting tank of 15 m x 10m x 3m to remove suspended solids if any. This collected water will be judiciously used for dust suppression and such sites where dust likely to be generated and for developing green belt. The proponent will collect and judiciously utilize the rainwater as part of rainwater harvesting system.
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- Using flocculating or coagulating agents to assist in the settling of suspended solids during monsoon seasons;
- Periodic (every 6 month once) analysis of quarry pit water and ground water quality in nearby villages.
- Domestic sewage from site office & urinals/latrines provided in ML is discharged in septic tank followed by soak pits.
- Waste water discharge from mine will be treated in settling tanks before using for dust suppression and tree plantation purposes.
- De-silting will be carried out before and immediately after the monsoon season.
- Regular monitoring (every 6 month once) and analysing the quality of water in open well, bore wells and surface water

## 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

### **4.5 NOISE ENVIRONMENT**

#### **ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

Noise pollution poses a major health risk to the mine workers. Following are the sources of noise in the existing open cast mine project are being observed such as Drilling, & Blasting, Loading and during movement of vehicles.

#### **MITIGATION MEASURES**

- Usage of sharp drill bits while drilling which will help in reducing noise;
- Secondary blasting will be totally avoided and hydraulic rock breaker will be used for breaking boulders;
- Controlled blasting with proper spacing, burden, stemming and optimum charge/delay will be maintained;
- The blasting will be carried out during favourable atmospheric condition and less human activity timings by using nonelectrical initiation system;
- Proper maintenance, oiling and greasing of machines will be done every week to reduce generation of noise;
- Provision of sound insulated chambers for the workers working on machines (HEMM) producing higher levels of noise;
- Silencers / mufflers will be installed in all machineries;
- Green Belt/Plantation will be developed around the project area and along the haul roads. The plantation minimizes propagation of noise;



- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like ear muffs/ear plugs will be provided to the operators of HEMM and persons working near HEMM and their use will be ensured through training and awareness.
- Regular medical check-up and proper training to personnel to create awareness about adverse noise level effects.

#### **4.6 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

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, and 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**

Keeping all this in mind the mitigations have been suggested under environmental management plan. With the understanding of the role of plant species as bio-filter to control air pollution, appropriate plant species (mainly tree species) have been suggested conceding the area/site requirements and needed performance of specific species. The details of year wise proposed plantation program are given in Table 4.13.

The main objective of the green belt is to provide a barrier between the source of pollution and the surrounding areas

In order to compensate the loss of vegetation cover, it is suggested to carry out afforestation program mainly in proposed areas falls in the cluster earmarked for plantation program as per Approved Mining Plan in different phases. This habitat improvement program would ensure the faunal species to re-colonize and improve the abundance status in the core zone.

#### **The objectives of the green belt cover will cover the following:**

- Noise abatement
- Ecological restoration
- Aesthetic, biological and visual improvement of area due to improved vegetative and plantations cover.

#### **4.7 SOCIO ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT ANTICIPATED IMPACT**

- Dust generation from mining activity can have negative impact on the health of the workers and people in the nearby area.

- Approach roads can be damaged by the movement of tippers.
- Increase in Employment opportunities both direct and indirect thereby increasing economic status of people of the region.

### **MITIGATION MEASURES**

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

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

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

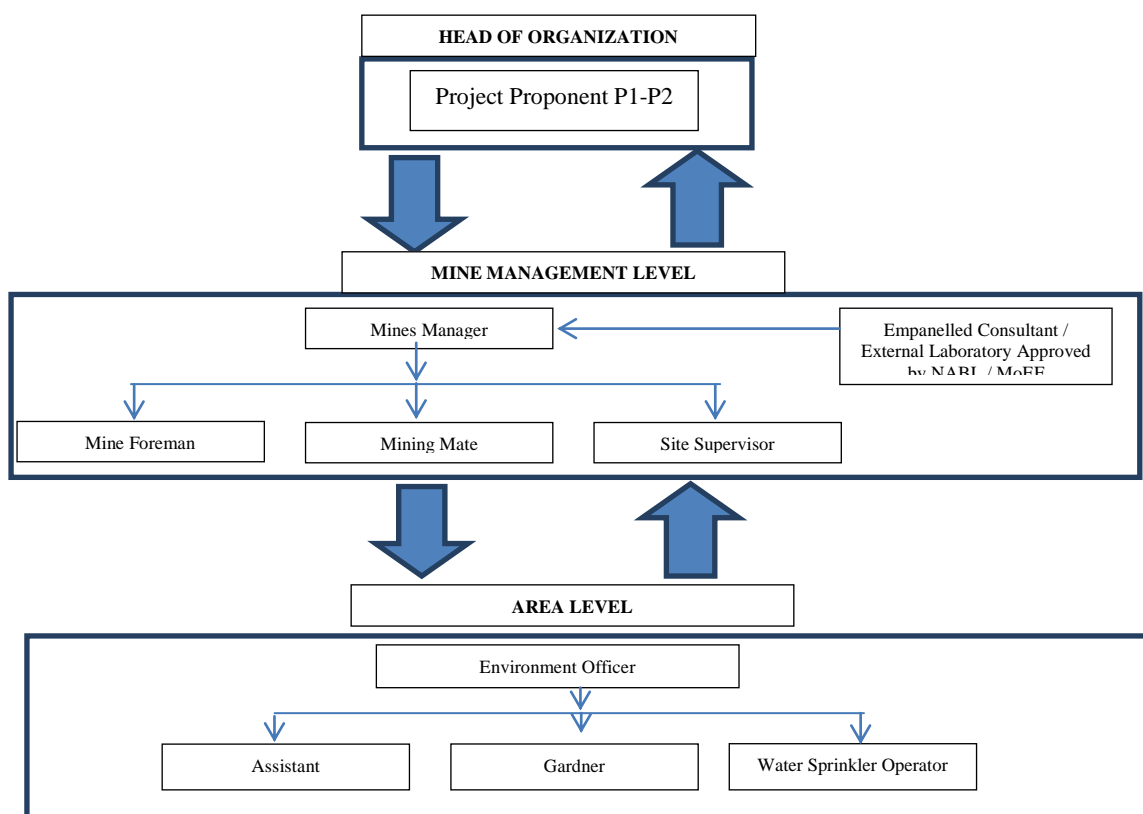
### **6. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING PROGRAM**

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

The responsibilities of this cell will be:

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

### 6.1 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING CELL



### 6.2 POST ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE MONITORING SCHEDULE

| S. No. | Environment Attributes   | Location   | Monitoring     |                              | Parameters  |
|--------|--------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------------|---|
|        |                          |  | Duration       | Frequency                    |   |
| 1      | Air Quality              | 2 Locations (1 Core & 1 Buffer)  | 24 hours       | Once in 6 months             | Fugitive Dust, PM <sub>2.5</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> . |
| 2      | Meteorology              | At mine site before start of Air Quality Monitoring & IMD Secondary Data | Hourly / Daily | Continuous online monitoring | Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity and Rainfall                     |
| 3      | Water Quality Monitoring | 2 Locations (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. ADDITIONAL STUDIES

### 7.1 RISK ASSESSMENT

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

The whole quarry operation will be carried out under the direction of a Qualified Competent Mine Manager holding certificate of competency to manage a metalliferous mine granted by the DGMS, Dhanbad for proposed project. Risk Assessment is all about prevention of accidents and to take necessary steps to prevent it from happening

### 7.2 DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Natural disasters like Earthquake, Landslides have not been recorded in the past history as the terrain is categorized under seismic zone III. The area is far away from the sea hence the disaster due to heavy floods and tsunamis are not anticipated.

The Disaster Management Plan is aimed to ensure safety of life, protection of environment, protection of installation, restoration of production and salvage operations in this same order of priorities.

The objective of the Disaster Management Plan is to make use of the combined resources of the mine and the outside services to achieve the following:

- Rescue and medical treatment of casualties;
- Safeguard other people;
- Minimize damage to property and the environment;
- Initially contain and ultimately bring the incident under control;
- Secure the safe rehabilitation of affected area; and

- Preserve relevant records and equipment for the subsequent inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the emergency.

### 7.3 CUMULATIVE IMPACT STUDY

#### CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF ROUGH STONE IN CLUSTER

| Quarry            | Production for five-year plan period | Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup> | Per Day Production in m <sup>3</sup> | Number of Lorry Load Per Day @ 6m <sup>3</sup> per load |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| P1                | 3,18,706                             | 63,741                                | 212                                  | 35Trips /Day  |
| P2                | 65,140                               | 13,028                                | 43                                   | 7Trips /Day   |
| P3                | 2,08,950                             | 41790                                 | 139                                  | 23Trips /Day  |
| P4                | -                                    | -                                     | -                                    | -   |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>5,92,796</b>                      | <b>1,18,559</b>                       | <b>395</b>                           | <b>65 Trips /Day</b>                                    |
| E1                | 2,63,226                             | 52,645                                | 175                                  | 29Trips /Day  |
| E2                | 76,650                               | 15,330                                | 51                                   | 9Trips /Day   |
| E3                | 58,940                               | 11,788                                | 39                                   | 7Trips /Day   |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>3,98,816</b>                      | <b>79,763</b>                         | <b>265</b>                           | <b>45 Trips /Day</b>                                    |
| <b>Gran Total</b> | <b>9,91,612</b>                      | <b>1,98,322</b>                       | <b>660</b>                           | <b>110 Trips /Day</b>                                   |

#### CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION LOAD OF GRAVEL IN CLUSTER

| Quarry             | Mineable Reserves in m <sup>3</sup> | Per Year Production in m <sup>3</sup> | Per Day in m <sup>3</sup> | Number of Lorry Load @ 6m <sup>3</sup> per load |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| P1                 | 32304                               | 10768                                 | 36                        | 6Trips /Day                                     |
| P2                 | 5712                                | 1904                                  | 6                         | 1 Trips\ day                                    |
| P3                 | 37770                               | 12,590                                | 42                        | 7Trips\ day                                     |
| P4                 | -                                   | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>75,786</b>                       | <b>25,262</b>                         | <b>84</b>                 | <b>14Trips/ week</b>                            |
| E1                 | 27000                               | 9000                                  | 30                        | 5 Trips\ day                                    |
| E2                 | 6328                                | 2109                                  | 7                         | 1 Trips\ day                                    |
| E3                 | 2800                                | 2800                                  | 9                         | 2 Trips\ day                                    |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>36,128</b>                       | <b>13,909</b>                         | <b>46</b>                 | <b>8 Trips\ day</b>                             |
| <b>Grand total</b> | <b>1,11,914</b>                     | <b>40,171</b>                         | <b>130</b>                | <b>22Trips\ day</b>                             |

#### PREDICTED NOISE INCREMENTAL VALUES FROM CLUSTER

| Location ID                         | N1                 | N2    | N3                         | N4    | N5    | N6                           | N7    | N8    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Maximum Monitored Value (Day) dB(A) | 47.2               | 48.2  | 47.3                       | 45.3  | 43.1  | 48.6                         | 48.2  | 46.3  |
| Incremental Value dB(A)             | 47.30              | 52.14 | 28.50                      | 36.02 | 27.04 | 27.23                        | 27.43 | 30.00 |
| Total Predicted Noise level dB(A)   | 46.30              | 53.61 | 47.36                      | 45.78 | 43.21 | 48.63                        | 48.24 | 46.40 |
| NAAQ Standards                      | <b>Industrial</b>  |       | <b>Day Time- 75 dB (A)</b> |       |       | <b>Night Time- 70 dB (A)</b> |       |       |
|                                     | <b>Residential</b> |       | <b>Day Time- 55 dB (A)</b> |       |       | <b>Night Time- 45 dB (A)</b> |       |       |

#### EMISSION ESTIMATION FROM CLUSTER MINES

| EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY "P1"- M/s.Ultra Ready Mix Concrete Pvt Ltd |                 |              |             |       |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
|   | Activity        | Source type  | Value       | Unit  |
| Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>                              | Drilling        | Point Source | 0.092726254 | g/s   |
|   | Blasting        | Point Source | 0.001658166 | g/s   |
|   | Mineral Loading | Point Source | 0.043745863 | g/s   |
|   | Haul Road       | Line Source  | 0.002495583 | g/s/m |
|   | Overall Mine    | Area Source  | 0.061596558 | g/s   |

|  |                 |                    |              |             |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>                  | Overall Mine    | Area Source        | 0.000927007  | g/s         |
| Estimated Emission Rate for NOx                              | Overall Mine    | Area Source        | 0.000060171  | g/s         |
| <b>EMISSION ESTIMATION FOR QUARRY "P2"- Thiru.N.Kathires</b> |                 |                    |              |             |
| Estimated Emission Rate for PM <sub>10</sub>                 | <b>Activity</b> | <b>Source type</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Unit</b> |
|  | Drilling        | Point Source       | 0.058624578  | g/s         |
|  | Blasting        | Point Source       | 0.000167499  | g/s         |
|  | Mineral Loading | Point Source       | 0.037207229  | g/s         |
|  | Haul Road       | Line Source        | 0.002484819  | g/s/m       |
|  | Overall Mine    | Area Source        | 0.044324630  | g/s         |
| Estimated Emission Rate for SO <sub>2</sub>                  | Overall Mine    | Area Source        | 0.000178199  | g/s         |
| Estimated Emission Rate for NOx                              | Overall Mine    | Area Source        | 0.000005883  | g/s         |

### SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS

| Location Code      | Employment | Project Cost             | CER                    |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| P1                 | 40         | Rs. 85,44,000/-          | Rs.5,00,000/-          |
| P2                 | 15         | Rs. 62,32,000/-          | Rs.5,00,000/-          |
| P3                 | 21         | Rs. 56,51,000/-          | Rs.5,00,000/-          |
| P4                 | -          | -                        | -                      |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>76</b>  | <b>Rs. 2,04,27,000/-</b> | <b>Rs. 15,00,000/-</b> |
| E1                 | 31         | Rs. 1,46,40,700/-        | Rs. 5,00,000/-         |
| E2                 | 11         | Rs. 4,97,99,000/-        | Rs. 5,00,000/-         |
| E3                 | 14         | Rs. 2,94,40,000/-        | Rs. 5,00,000/-         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>56</b>  | <b>Rs. 9,38,79,700/-</b> | <b>Rs. 15,00,000/-</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>Rs.11,43,06,700/-</b> | <b>Rs.30,00,000/-</b>  |

## 8. PROJECT BENEFITS

The four Proposed Projects for Quarrying Rough Stone and Gravel at Edayarpalayam Village aims to produce cumulatively 5,92,796m<sup>3</sup> Rough Stone over a period of 5 Years & 75,786m<sup>3</sup> of Gravel over a period of 3 Years. This will enhance the socio-economic activities in the adjoining areas and will result in the following benefits

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

## 9. ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environment Monitoring cell discussed formed by the mine management will ensure effective implementation of environment management plan and to ensure compliance of environmental statutory guidelines through Mine Management Level.

The said team will be responsible for:

- ✚ Monitoring of the water/ waste water quality, air quality and solid waste generated
- ✚ Analysis of the water and air samples collected through external laboratory
- ✚ Implementation and monitoring of the pollution control and protective measures/ devices which shall include financial estimation, ordering, installation of air pollution control equipment, waste water treatment plant, etc.



- ✚ Co-ordination of the environment related activities within the project as well as with outside agencies
- ✚ Collection of health statistics of the workers and population of the surrounding villages
- ✚ Green belt development
- ✚ Monitoring the progress of implementation of the environmental monitoring programme
- ✚ Compliance to statutory provisions, norms of State Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests and the conditions of the environmental clearance as well as the consents to establish and consents to operate.

## 10. CONCLUSION

Various aspects of mining activities were considered and related impacts were evaluated. Considering all the possible ways to mitigate the environmental concerns Environmental Management Plan was prepared and fund has been allocated for the same. The EMP is dynamic, flexible and subjected to periodic review. For project where the major environmental impacts are associated, EMP will be under regular review. Senior Management responsible for the project will conduct a review of EMP and its implementation to ensure that the EMP remains effective and appropriate. Thus, the proper steps will be taken to accomplish all the goals mentioned in the EMP and the project will bring the positive impact in the study area.