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No. HSPCB/SR/2023/1646

Dated:27.10.2023

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The Registrar, National Green Tribunal, New Delhi

Sub. Action taken report in compliance of Hon'ble NGT (Principal Bench) order dated 21.07.2023 in the matter of O.A. No. 269/2023 titled as Munish Vs Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Ref. Hon'ble NGT order dated 21.07.2023.

In this connection, please find enclosed herewith the Action Taken Report in compliance of NGT order dated 21.07.2023 in the matter of O.A. No. 269/2023 titled as Munish Vs Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors for kind consideration of the Hon'ble Tribunal.

DA/ Copy of Report with all Annexures.

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 269/2023

In the matter of

Munish

...Applicant

Versus

Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors.

...Respondent

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Regional Officer, HSPCB, Sonipat

Dated: 27.10.2023 Place: Sonipat Action taken report in compliance of Hon'ble NGT (Principal Bench) order dated 21.07.2023 in the matter of O.A. No. 269/2023 titled as Munish Vs Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors.

1. Back ground and Directions of Hon'ble NGT:

The matter in O.A. No. 269/2023 titled as Munish Vs. Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors, is relates to illegal mining by M/s Ultimate Group, Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat, Haryana. The unit is extracting sand from Yamuna beyond permissible quantity and without consent to operate in violation of section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and in violation of EC conditions.

In the above matter, Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 17.04.2023 directed as under:-

2. In view of above, a joint Committee of SEIAA Haryana, State PCB and District Magistrate, Sonipat may furnish a factual and action taken report within two months from today by e-mail at judicialngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF. The State PCB will be nodal agency for coordination and compliance. A copy of the report may also be furnished to the PP for its response, if any, before the next date. The report may specify the action taken in terms of stopping illegal activity, initiating prosecution and recovery of compensation on "Polluter Pays" principle.

List for further consideration on 21.07.2023.

Thereafter report of joint committee was filed through HSPCB on 20.07.2023 and during the hearing of the case vide order dated 21.07.2023 (copy attached as Annexure-1),following directions were issued by the Hon'ble Tribunal:-

7. Haryana State Pollution Control Board is directed to immediate take remedial action and to stop mining activity and to realize the environmental compensation according to rules and to submit the report within four weeks.

2. Compliance of the Orders of Hon'ble NGT

2.1 Action taken by HSPCB:-

- I. The closure order were issued against the above said mining unit vide order No. I/156740/2023 dated 16.03.2023 Copy attached as **Annexure-2.**
- II. The copy of the closure order has been served to the unit on 17.03.2023 and the mining activity has been stopped at site. Further the compliance report of the implementation of closure order was sent to the Chairman,

- HSPCB Panchkula vide letter No. HSPCB/SR/2023/5918 dated 17.03.2023. Copy attached as **Annexure-3**.
- III. The Consent to Operate was granted to the unit up to 30.09.2022 by the Board and thereafter above said unit was engaged in the operation of mining activity without having valid CTO from the Board. Therefore, Environmental Compensation of Rs. 33,60,000/- (Thirty Three Lakhs Sixty Thousands only) has been imposed on the above said unit by the Board vide order No. I/170496/2023 dated 04.08.2023, Copy attached as **Annexure-4** with the direction to the unit to deposit the Environmental Compensation within 30 days.
- IV. The above said unit failed to deposit the Environmental Compensation of Rs. 33,60,000/- (Thirty Three Lakhs Sixty Thousands only) with in stipulated time period, therefore Show Cause Notice to recover the EC amount in accordance with law of Haryana Land Revenue Act has been issued to the mining unit and its partners vide no.HSPCB/SR/2023/1614-1616 dated 16.10.2023. Copy attached as Annexure-5.
- V. In case if the above said unit will not deposit the Environmental Compensation of Rs. 33,60,000/- (Thirty Three Lakhs Sixty Thousands only) with in stipulated time period mentioned in the Show Cause Notice to recover the EC amount in accordance with law of Haryana Land Revenue Act, the case will be sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat to recover the EC amount in accordance with law of Haryana Land Revenue Act.
- VI. Prosecution action has also been initiated against the partners of the above said mining unit for violations of the provisions of Environmental Acts.
- VII. Disciplinary action against the then Regional Officers of HSPCB Sonipat has also been taken by the Chairman, HSPCB Panchkula.

2.1 Action taken by Mining Department:-

- I. The mining site in question was surveyed jointly by Surveyor and Officers of Mines & Geology Department, Revenue Department and HSPCB Sonipat on 07.07.2023. The Survey/ Demarcation report submitted by the Mining Officer, Sonipat vide letter No. Mining/Snp/Ultimate/NGT/Munish/3223 dated 24.08.2023 reveals that the mining unit had excavated the minerals outside the allotted contract area upto the depth of 09 feet in Total 59.40 Acre land (40.85 Acre of village Gyaspur and 18.55 Acre of village Pabnera) in garb of Mining Contract. Copy the survey report endorsed by the then Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat is attached as **Annexure-6**.
- II. The Show Cause & Demand notice has been issued to the mining unit M/S Ultimate Group by mining department vide memo No. Mining/Snp/Ultimate/illegal/3231 dated 25.08.2023 to deposit the penalty of Rs. 24,48,71,800/- (Twenty Four Crore Forty Eight Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight hundred)) as royalty price & fine of minor mineral (sand) for

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unlawful raising of minor minerals outside the mining lease area in garb of Mining Contract within 15 days. Copy attached as **Annexure-7**.

III. Mining Contract of the mining unit M/s Ultimate Group has also been terminated by the Director, Mining and Geology, Haryana vide order dated

28.08.2023. Copy attached as Annexure-8.

IV. The said mining unit has not deposited the penalty of Rs. 24,48,71,800/-

(Twenty Four Crore Forty Eight Lakh Seventy One Thousand Eight hundred) within stipulated time period of 15 days, therefore reminder notice

was issued to the unit vide no. Mining/Snp/Ultimate/illegal/3774 dated

23.10.2023 to deposit the penalty amount within 15 days. Copy attached as

Annexure-9.

V. In case if the above said unit will not deposit the penalty of Rs.

24,48,71,800/- (Twenty Four Crore Forty Eight Lakh Seventy One Thousand

Eight hundred) with in stipulated time period, the case will be sent to the

Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat to recover the penalty amount in

accordance with law of Haryana Land Revenue Act.

Present report is being submitted for the consideration of Hon'ble National Green

Tribunal. It is undertaken to comply with the directions passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal.

Date: 27.10.2023

Place: Sonipat

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Regional Officer HSPCB Sonipat Item No. 12 Court No. 1

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 269/2023

Munish Applicant

Versus

Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 21.07.2023

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEO KUMAR SINGH, CHAIRPERSON

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER

Applicant: Mr. Narender Pal Singh & Mr. Ram Naresh Yadav, Advs. for Applicant

Respondent: Mr. Rahul Khurana, Adv. for HSPCB

ORDER

- 1. Issue raised in this application is illegal mining by M/s Ultimate Group, Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat, Haryana. It is further contended that the unit is extracting sand from Yamuna beyond permissible quantity and without consent to operate in violation of section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and in violation of EC conditions.
- 2. The report submitted by the Pollution Control Board reveals that
 - (i) Unit was operating without valid CTO under Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981 from the Board, thus violating the condition of environmental clearance.
 - (ii) Not submitted six monthly compliance report of the environmental clearance conditions.

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(iii) Not submitted the report of Replenishment study of the mining in the River bed as per environmental clearance condition.

- (iv) Not submitted copy of reports of regularly Monitoring of Ground Water level and quality have to be carried out in and around the mine lease by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operation. The monitoring have to be carried out four times in a year: Premonsoon (April-May), Monsoon (August), Post monsoon (November) and winter (January) and the data collected may be sent regularly to the ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, its Regional Office Chandigarh, Central Ground water authority Regional Director, Ground Central Water Board, State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board, but unit has not submitted the reports to HSPCB Sonepat.
- (v) Not submitted copy of data on ambient air quality which will be regularly submitted to the ministry including its Regional Office located at Chandigarh and the State Pollution Control Board/ Central Pollution Control Board once in six months but date wise data along with Analysis reports has not been submitted for PM10, PM2.5, S02 & NOx.
- (vi) Not submitted copy of the Environment statement for the preceding year."
- 3. Annexure A-10 attached with the application discloses that the unit was inspected by Regional Officer and in its inspection report the letter has

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been addressed to Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (Panchkula) with the facts that unit was operating without obtaining CTO from the board and no reply have been submitted in response to the notice. The Regional Officer has further submitted the report with the facts that:

The unit was inspected on 23.11.2022, during inspection unit was found operational without valid CTO from the Board. CTO was refused vide No. 29649884 dated 17.11.2022 and vide No. 30999360 dated 26.12.2022. CTO Were refused due to certain shortcomings including the following:

- (i) Not submitted compliance of refusal of previous CTO.
- (ii) Neither submitted sampling fees, nor submitted latest analysis reports of ground water monitoring as well as Ambient Air Monitoring for PM10, PM2.5, SO2 & NOx from the Board lab (not more than 3 months old).
- (iii) Not submitted six monthly compliance report of the E.C conditions.
- (iv) Not submitted copy of reports of regularly Monitoring of Ground Water level and quality have to be carried out in and around the mine lease by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operation. The monitoring have to be carried out four times in a year: Pre-monsoon (April-May). Monsoon (August), Post monsoon (November) and winter (January) and the data collected may be sent regularly to the ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, its Regional Office Chandigarh, Central Ground water authority Regional Director, Ground Central Water Board, State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board, but unit has not submitted the reports to HSPCB Sonepat.
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- located at Chandigarh and the State pollution Control Board Central Pollution Control Board once in six months but date wise data along With Analysis reports has not been submitted for PM10, PM2.5, SO2& NOx.
- (vi) Not submitted copy of the Environment statement for the preceding year.
- (vii) Show Cause Notice was issued to the unit vide letter no. HSPCB/SR/2023/5226 dated 16.01.2023 but no reply has been received from the unit. Hence, recommendation to issue directions for closure and disconnection of services against the unit has been sent to Head Office and closure order has been issued against the unit on 16.03.2023. Letter dated 17.03.2023 was served to Mining Officer, Sonipat to stop mining activity and issuance of E-ravaana (ANNEXURE-RI2). Thereafter, mining is not in operation. Moreover, recommendation of proposed Environmental Compensation of Rs. 33,60,000/- and sanction of prosecution has been sent by Regional Office, HSPCB, Sonipat to Head Office, HSPCB.

Recommendations:

- (a) The unit should not start mining activities without obtaining

 Consent to Operate under Water (Prevention & Control of

 Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution)

 Act, 1981 from Haryana State Pollution Control Board.
- (b) The unit should comply the terms and conditions of Environmental Clearance granted to the unit for mining activities.
- (c) The Mines and Geology Department should submit its survey report separately ascertaining extent of illegal mining.

 Present report is being filed by the Joint Committee through Haryana SPCB, for the consideration of Hon'ble National Green

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Tribunal. Further report shall be submitted through Joint Committee within 06 weeks on all issue after receiving survey report from the Mines & Geology Department.

- 4. The perusal of the report reveals that the matter was within the knowledge of the Regional Officer, HSPCB and inspite of the knowledge that the unit has no valid CTO it was indirectly permitted to operate without any valid CTO in violation of environmental rules. No further action has been taken to recover the environmental compensation which was assessed to the tune of Rs. 35,66,000/-. Inaction on the part of Regional Officer concerned reveals that the Regional Officer is supposed to do his duty sincerely, fairly, and honestly but he failed to exercise his duty sincerely, fairly, and honestly, and thus causing loss to the state exchequer by his inaction and indirectly permitting the unit to operate without obtaining CTO. The Member Secretary, HSPCB is directed to take disciplinary action against the concerned Regional Officer for negligence in performing his duties and indirectly permitting for illegal mining causing loss to state exchequer.
- 5. It is undisputed that there is huge degradation of environment on account of unregulated sand mining remains which is otherwise lucrative activity. It poses threat to bio-diversity, could destroy riverine vegetation, cause erosion, pollute water sources, badly affecting riparian ecology, damaging ecosystem of rivers, safety of bridges, weakening of riverbeds, destruction of natural habitats of organisms living on the riverbeds, affects fish breeding and migration, spell disaster for the conservation bird species, increase saline water in the rivers. It has direct impact on the physical habitat characteristics of the rivers such as bed elevation, substrate composition and stability, in-

stream roughness elements, depth, velocity, turbidity, sediment transport, stream discharge and temperature. Increase in demand of sand has placed immense pressure in the supply of sand resource and mining activities were going on illegally as well as legally without requisite restrictions. Lack of proper planning and sand management disturbs marine ecosystem and upset the ability of natural marine processes to replenish the sand. The Hon'ble Supreme Court (in Deepak Kumar, supra) noted that core group was constituted by the MoEF&CC to examine the impact of minor minerals on riverbeds and ground waters. A draft report was prepared recommending mandatory preparation of mining plan on the pattern of mining plans for major minerals. Further recommendations are reclamation and rehabilitation of abandoned mines, proportion of hydro geo-logical balance for minerals below ground water table limiting depth of mining to 3 meter and identification on locations where mining should be permitted was required. There is need for identifying safety zones in the proximity of intendments. Thus, strict regulatory parameters were required for regulating mining of minor minerals. It was noted that in-stream mining lowers the stream bottom of rivers which may lead to bank erosion. Depletion of sand in the stream bed causes deepening of rivers which may result in destruction of aquatic and riparian habitats. It has impact on stream's physical habitat characteristics.

6. In State (NCT of Delhi) v. Sanjay, (2014) 9 SCC 772, at page 790, it was observed:

"32. The policy and object of the Mines and Minerals Act and Rules have a long history and are the result of an increasing awareness of the compelling need to restore the serious ecological imbalance and to stop the damages being caused to the nature. The Court cannot lose sight of the fact that adverse and destructive environmental impact of sand mining has been discussed in the UNEP Global Environmental Alert Service Report. As per the contents of

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the Report, lack of proper scientific methodology for river sand mining has led to indiscriminate sand mining, while weak governance and corruption have led to widespread illegal mining. While referring to the proposition in India, it was stated that sand trading is a lucrative business, and there is evidence of illegal trading such as the case of the influential mafias in our country."

- "33. The mining of aggregates in rivers has led to severe damage to rivers, including pollution and changes in levels of pH. Removing sediment from rivers causes the river to cut its channel through the bed of the valley floor, or channel incision, both upstream and downstream of the extraction site. This leads to coarsening of bed material and lateral channel instability. It can change the riverbed itself. The removal of more than 12 million tonnes of sand a year from Vembanad Lake catchment in India has led to the lowering of the riverbed by 7 to 15 cm a year. Incision can also cause the alluvial aguifer to drain to a lower level, resulting in a loss of aquifer storage. It can also increase flood frequency and intensity by reducing flood regulation capacity. However, lowering the water table is most threatening to water supply exacerbating drought occurrence and severity as tributaries of major rivers dry up when sand mining reaches certain thresholds. Illegal sand mining also causes erosion. Damming and mining have reduced sediment delivery from rivers to many coastal areas, leading to accelerated beach erosion.
- 34. The Report also dealt with the astonishing impact of sand mining on the economy. It states that tourism may be affected through beach erosion. Fishing, both traditional and commercial, can be affected through destruction of benthic fauna. Agriculture could be affected through loss of agricultural land from river erosion and the lowering of the water table. The insurance sector is affected through exacerbation of the impact of extreme events such as floods, droughts and storm surges through decreased protection of beach fronts. The erosion of coastal areas and beaches affects houses and infrastructure. A decrease in bed load or channel shortening can cause downstream erosion including bank erosion and the undercutting or undermining of engineering structures such as bridges, side protection walls and structures for water supply.
- 35. Sand is often removed from beaches to build hotels, roads and other tourism-related infrastructure. In some locations, continued construction is likely to lead to an unsustainable situation and destruction of the main natural attraction for visitors—beaches themselves. Mining from, within or near a riverbed has a direct impact on the stream's physical characteristics, such as channel geometry, bed elevation, substratum composition and stability, instream roughness of the bed, flow velocity, discharge capacity, sediment transportation capacity, turbidity, temperature, etc. Alteration or modification of the above attributes may cause hazardous impact on ecological equilibrium of riverine

regime. This may also cause adverse impact on instream biota and riparian habitats. This disturbance may also cause changes in channel configuration and flow paths.

.....Today, demand for sand and gravel continues to increase. Mining operators, instead of working in conjunction with cognizant resource agencies to ensure that sand mining is conducted in a responsible manner, are engaged in full-time profiteering. Excessive in-stream sand and gravel mining from riverbeds and like resources causes the degradation of rivers. In-stream mining lowers the stream bottom, which leads to bank erosion. Depletion of sand in the stream-bed and along coastal areas causes the deepening of rivers and estuaries and enlargement of river mouths and coastal inlets. It also leads to saline water intrusion from the nearby sea. The effect of mining is compounded by the effect of sea level rise. Any volume of sand exported from stream-beds and coastal areas is a loss to the system. Excessive in-stream sand mining is a threat to bridges, river banks and nearby structures. Sand mining also affects the adjoining groundwater system and the uses that local people make of the river. Further, according to researches, in-stream sand mining results in the destruction of aquatic and riparian habitat through wholesale changes in the channel morphology. The ill effects include bed degradation, bed coarsening, lowered water tables near the streambed and channel instability. These physical impacts cause degradation of riparian and aquatic biota and may lead to the undermining of bridges and other structures. Continued extraction of sand from riverbeds may also cause the entire stream-bed to degrade to the depth of excavation."

7. Haryana State Pollution Control Board is directed to immediate take remedial action and to stop mining activity and to realize the environmental compensation according to rules and to submit the report within four weeks.

List it on 01st November, 2023

Sheo Kumar Singh, CP

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

July 21, 2023 O.A No. 269/2023 PU

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CLOSURE ORDER

Whereas, M/s Ultimate Group, sand minor mineral quarries of Gyaspur Rasulpur sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat Haryana is engaged in the process of sand mining and is covered under the red category of consent management of the Board which is polluting in nature;

Whereas, the above said unit was visited by Sh. Ravinder Yadav, AEE on dated 23.11.2022 and he reported the following violations made by the

unit:-

Not submitted compliance of refusal of previous CTO.

Not submitted required CTO fee under the Water Act and the Air Act along with performance security after refusal of previous CTO as per policy of the Board.

 Neither submitted sampling fees, nor submitted latest analysis reports of ground water monitoring as well as Ambient Air Monitoring for PM10, PM2.5, SO2 & NOx from the Board lab (not more than 3 months old).

4. Not submitted CA certificate w.r.t. capital investment cost for the preceding year. Capital investment cost should include the original cost of land, building, plant & machinery without depreciation but with upto date additions.

5. Environmental Clearance (EC) obtained vide No. SEIAA/HR/2016/470 dated 27.06.2016 is valid up to 07 years and EC will expire on 26.06.2023, CTO can't be granted beyond the EC validity period.

6. Not submitted six monthly compliance report of the E.C conditions.

7. Not submitted the report of replenishment study of the mining in the

River bed as per EC condition.

8. Not submitted copy of reports of regularly monitoring of ground water level and quality have to be carried out in and around the mine lease by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operation. The monitoring have to be carried out four times in a year: Pre-monsoon (April-May), monsoon (August), Post monsoon (November) and winter (January) and the data collected may be sent regularly to the ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, its Regional Office Chandigarh, Central Ground water authority Regional Director, Ground Central Water Board, State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board, but unit has not submitted the reports to HSPCB Sonepat.

 Not submitted copy of data on ambient air quality which will be regularly submitted to the ministry including its Regional Office located at Chandigarh and the State pollution Control Board/ Central Pollution

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Control Board once in six months but date wise data along with Analysis reports has not been submitted for PM10, PM2.5, SO2 & NOx.

10. Not submitted copy of the Environment statement for the preceding year.

Whereas, a Show Cause Notice for closure was issued to the above said unit by the Regional Officer, Sonipat Region vide letter no. 5226 dated 16.01.2023. The Regional Officer has reported that the show cause notice was delivered to the unit by registered post but the unit has not submitted reply to the show cause notice;

Whereas, the Regional Officer, Sonipat Region vide letter no. 5865 dated 14.03.2023 has recommended closure action against the unit under section 33-A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, which has been examined and it has been found that the unit has violated the provisions, as mentioned above;

Therefore, keeping in view the above mentioned facts and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 33-A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, it is hereby ordered to close down the operation of the above said illegal unit of M/s Ultimate Group, sand minor mineral quarries of GyaspurRasulpur sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat Haryana by sealing its plant, machinery, DG sets along with directions to stop the electricity supply with immediate effect.

In addition to above, it is also intimated that non-compliance with the directions issued under section 33-A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 is an offence under the provision of 33-A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Dated Panchkula, the Rao 16th March, 2023 **HSPCB**

P.Raghavendra

Chairman.

Date: 16/03/2023

Endst.No. HSPCB/PLG/2023/

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat.

2. The Executive Engineer, UHBVN, Sonipat to stop the electricity supply of said unit.

3. The Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation, (MC)/PHED, Sonipat

with the direction to stop the water supply of said unit.

4. The Regional Officer, Sonipat Region. He is directed to ensure compliance of the closure order immediately. The RO shall also initiate legal action and impose environment compensation as applicable, as per policy of Board

5. M/s Ultimate Group, sand minor mineral quarries of Gyaspur-Rasulpur sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat Haryana.

Signed by Bhupender Singh Rinwa

Date: 16-03-2023 16:26:02

Reason: Approved

Sr.EE (PLG) For Chairman

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Annexure- 3

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No. HSPCB/SR/2023/59/8

Dated: 17/03/2023

To

The Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Panchkula.

Compliance of closure order of M/s Ultimate Group, Sand Minor Quarries of Sub: Gyaspur Rasulpur sand unit, Gannaur, Sonipat.

Closure order of HSPCB vide No. I/156740/2023 dated 16.03.2023. Ref:

In compliance to Head Office order under reference, it is submitted that the said unit was visited for implementing said closure order on 17.03.2023. The unit is not having any stationary plant and machinery, hence closure order served to the unit. The compliance report of closure orders and photographs of the said unit are enclosed herewith.

This is submitted for your kind information and further necessary action please.

DA/As above.

Digitally signed by VIRENDER SINGH PUNIA **VIRENDER** SINGH PUNIA Date: 2023.03.17 Regional Officer, Sonipat Region

Compliance report of closure orders

In compliance of the orders passed by the Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control
Board, Panchkula vide Endst. No. T / 156740 / 2023 dated

16/03/2023 under section 31-A and 33-A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution)

Act. 1974 / Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 against the unit namely

M/s Ultimate Crown, Sand minor Mineral quarries of Grasher

Rasultur Sand Unit, Tell Grander, Buth Sonipat

The unit has been visited on 12/03/2023 to close down operation of the unit. Following officers of the Board were present during the sealing of the unit:-

- 1. Ravinder Yadun, AEE
- 2. Vikas, Driver
- 3. Biru, FA

The owner / partner/ representative of the unit, Sh. <u>Teja</u> Site <u>Inclarge</u> who was present in person, has been intimated about the above said orders and a copy of the above said closure orders, has been delivered to him.

After giving due time, for the completion of running process, the unit has been closed by sealing the plant and Machinery and D.G. Set as per detail given below:-

The Unit is not having any stationary plant and machinery, hence closure order served to the Unit.

Sh. Jeja Ste Incharge the owner / Partner / representative of the unit who was present at the time of sealing and closing down the unit has not shown any stay orders of any court of law in this regard. However the industry remains in the possession of its owners. They will themselves be responsible for watch and ward of the industry.

(IMPRESSION OF SEAL USED)

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Signature of representative of the unit

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Signature of Field Officer, HSPCB, Sonipat

Ravinder Yadur, Ale E

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Office Order

Whereas, M/s Ultimate Group, Sand Minor Mineral Quarries of Gyaspur Rasulpur. Sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat, Haryana unit is engaged in process of sand mining and is covered under the red category of consent management of the Board, which is polluting in nature;

Whereas, the above said unit was inspected by field officer of the HSPCB on 23.11.2022 and during inspection, the unit was found operational without valid CTO from the Board and he reported few violations made by the unit;

Whereas, a show cause notice for environmental compensation was issued to the unit vide no. 5948 dated 20.03.2023 but the unit had not submitted reply to the SCN. The unit was closed and sealed by the Board on 17.03.2023 in compliance of the closure order dated 16.03.2023 issued by the Board against the unit;

Whereas, the Regional Officer, Sonipat Region vide letter dated 24.03.2023 has sent the calculation of environmental compensation against the unit for above said violation;

Whereas, on the directions of Hon'ble NGT in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (WP (CIVIL) No. 375/2012, Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. Vs. Union of India &Ors, CPCB has prepared methodology for assessing Environmental Compensation. The methodology prepared by the CPCB has been accepted by Hon'ble NGT vide orders dated 28.08.2019 in same case;

Whereas, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in matter of Indian Council for Enviro Legal Action & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors., (1996) 3 SCC 212 Para 16 and in matter of Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum Vs. Union of India & Ors. (1996) 5 SCC 647 Para 12-18 -holding that "Polluter Pays" principle is an 'accepted principle and part of environmental law of the country, even without specific statute';

Whereas, it has been ordered vide Head office order endst. No.HSPCB/PLG/2021/2343-2379 dated 22.12.2021 to adopt the modalities/methodology suggested by the CPCB for assessment, imposing, collection and utilization of environmental compensation from the polluting units in the state of Haryana. The modalities/methodology of environmental compensation of the HSPCB placed on website of Board for transparency and for accessibility of concerned stakeholders;

Whereas, a committee was constituted at head office level vide order endst. No. HSPCB/I/13645/2022 dated 20.10.2022 to examine and finalize case of the environmental compensation submitted by the Regional officers so as to maintain the uniformity among all the cases. The report submitted by committee placed before competent authority for approval;

Whereas, in compliance of above quoted orders of Hon'ble NGT order this case falls under the cases to be considered for levying environmental

compensation i.e. Operating without obtaining prior consent to operate under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and/or the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1981;

Whereas, the Environment Compensation Assessment Committee examined the recommendations of environmental compensation submitted by the Regional Officer in case of said unit, in its meeting held on 24.07.2023 as per provisions of above said modalities/ methodology. After deliberations, the committee finalized environmental compensation as under:-

EC= PI x N x R x S x LF = 80 x 168 x 250 x 1.0 x 1.0 = Rs. 33,60,000/- where PI = Pollution Index, N = No of days of violation, R = Factor in Rupees, S = Factor for scale of operation, LF = Location Factor.

In view of above, it is hereby ordered with the directions to the unit M/s Ultimate Group, Sand Minor Mineral Quarries of Gyaspur-Rasulpur Sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat, Haryana to deposit environment compensation of Rs. **33,60,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Sixty Thousand only) with the Haryana State Pollution Control Board as Environment compensation within 01 Month on account of the damage caused.

In case of failure, the Board will be constrained to initiate action as deemed necessary in due course of law. The amount of Environment compensation is to be deposited in Saving Bank Account of INDUSIND Bank, Sector-9, Panchkula in Account Number- 100053543757 having IFSC Code: INDB0000164.

Dated Panchkula, the Rao 04th August, 2023 HSPCB P. Raghavendr

Chairman,

Endst.No. HSPCB/PLG/2023/

Date:-

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please:

- 1. Regional Officer, Sonipat Region, Sonipat.
- 2. Sr. Account Officer, HSPCB Panchkula.
- 3. M/s Ultimate Group, Sand Minor Mineral Quarries of Gyaspur-Rasulpur . Sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat, Haryana.

Digitally Signed by Bhupender Singh Rinwa Date: 04-08-2023 13:08:47 Reason: Approved

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Sr.EE (PLG) For Chairman

HARYANA STATE POLOTION CONTROL BOARD

Star Complex, Opp. General Hospital, Delhi Road, Sonipat Ph. - 0130-2236119, E-mail ID: - hspcbrosr@gmail.com



To

M/s Ultimate Group, Sand minor mineral quarries of Gyaspur-Rasulpur sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat Haryana

Sh. Baldev Singh Virk S/o Sh. Dalip Singh,
 R/o H. No. 483-I, Modal Town, Karnal. (Partner of Unit)

3. Sh. Amandeep Singh S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh, R/o B-504, Palm Residency, Sec-35, Karnal. (Partner of Unit)

No. HSPCB/SR/2023/ 1614 - 16/6

Dated: /6/10/2023

Sub:

Show Cause Notice for recovery of Environmental Compensation amounting Rs. 33,60,000/- imposed on M/s Ultimate Group, Sand minor mineral quarries of Gyaspur-Rasulpur sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat Haryana in accordance with Law of Haryana Land Revenue Act.

Ref: EC order No. I/170496/2023 dated 04.08.2023.

Whereas in compliance of Hon'ble NGT dated 03.08.2018 in the matter of OA No. 593/2017 (WP (CIVIL) No. 375/2012, Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. Vs. Union of India & Ors, CPCB has prepared Methodology for Assessing Environmental Compensation. The Methodology prepared by CPCB has been accepted by Honble NGT vide orders dated 28.08.2019 in same case.

Whereas hon'ble NGT also referred orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in matter of Indian Council for Enviro Legal Action & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors., (1996) 3 SCC 212 Para 16 and in matter of Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum Vs. Union of India & Ors. (1996) 5 SCC 647 Para 12-18 —holding that "Polluter Pay" principle is accepted principle and part of environmental law of the country, even without specific statute.

Whereas Environmental Compensation (EC) of Rs. 33,60,000/- has been imposed on the unit M/s Ultimate Group, Sand minor mineral quarries of Gyaspur-Rasulpur sand unit at Tehsil Gannaur, District Sonipat Haryana vide order No. I/170496/2023 dated 04.08.2023 for operating without valid CTO from the Board but the said compensation has not been deposited till date.

Whereas as per the record of this office, you were the partners of the above said unit and responsible for day to day act and omissions of the above said unit.

In view of the above mentioned facts, you are hereby show caused for 15 days to deposit the above said E.C amount in the account of HSPCB as per details given below:-

Name- Haryana State Pollution Control Board Name of Bank- Indusind Bank Account No.- 100053543757 IFSC Code- INDB0000164

In case you fail to deposit the above said E.C amount with in stipulated time period, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in this regard and accept the status as mentioned above and case will be sent to Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat to recover EC in accordance with Law of Haryana Land Revenue Act without any further notice.

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A Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and further necessary action, please:-

1. The Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Panchkula.

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat.

कृतः उपायुक्त, सोनीपत्

Regional Officer
Sonipat Region

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Subject : Action Taken Report in Compliance of Hon'ble NGT (Principal Bench) order dated 17.04.2023 in the matter of O.A No. 269/2023 titled as Munish Vs Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Ref: Mining/Snp/Ultimate/NGT/Munish/3223 dated 24.08.2023 received on 28.08.2023.

Kindly refer to the subject noted above, it is submitted that in compliance of Hon'ble NGT order dated 17.04.2023 passed in the above mentioned case, mining site in question was inspected on 15.05.2023 by the joint committee comprising of the then Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat, Member Secretary SEIAA -cum- HSPCB Panchkula, Haryana and State Geologist & Sr. Surveyor, Mines & Geology Department Panchkula. As per the directions of joint committee the mining area in question was again surveyed jointly by Surveyor and Offcers of Mines & Geology Department, Revenue Department and HSPCB Sonipat. The Survey/ Demarcation report received in the office of undersigned on 28.08.2023 from Mining Officer, Sonipat is attached along with for your kind information and necessary comments please.

Regional/Officer,

29/08/2022

HSPCB, Sonipat

Sh. Lalit Siwach, IAS

(The Then Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat)

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From

Mining Officer. Mines & Geology Department, Sonipat.

To

Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board Sonepat.

Memo No. Mining/Snp/Ultimate/NGT/Munish/3223 dated 24.08.2023.

Subject:-Action taken report in compliance of Hon'ble NGT (Principal Bench) order dated 17.04.2023 in matter of O.A No. 269/2023 titled as Munish

Vs Haryana State Pollution Control Board & Ors..

Reference- Court case/ O.A No. 269/2023 title as Munish Vs State, filed in Hon'ble NGT.

On the above noted subject in reference to your office memo no. 589 dated 07.06.2023 & 1186 dated 21.08.2023.

In this regard it is intimated that in compliance of Hon'ble NGT order dated 17.04.2023 passed in above mentioned case, mining site in question was inspected on 15.05.2023 by then the Deputy Commissioner, Member Secretary SEIAA and HSPCB, Haryana and State Geologist & Sr. Surveyor, Mines & Geology Department Haryana along with other officers / officials from HSPCB, Revenue & Mines & Geology Department. Same area was again demarcated/ surveyed jointly by Surveyor of this department and officers/ officials from Revenue, HSPCB & this department. Said survey /demarcation report is received in this office on dated 23.08.2023 Same report is forwarded to you for information & further necessary action please.

Enclosed: As Above.

Mines & Geology Department,

Sonipat.

Endst No. Mining/Snp/ Ultimate/ NGT/Munish/3224-25 dated 24.08.2023.

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and further necessary action please :-

1. The Director, Mines and Geology Department, Haryana, Panchkula.

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat.

Mining Officer, Mines & Geology Department, Sonipat.



Office of the Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Ganaur

कार्यालय उपमण्डल अधिकारी (ना०), गन्नौर।

Railway Road Ganaur, Haryana-131101, Email:- Sdmgnr@gmail.com

Telephone:- 0130-2460810 Fight Against COVID-19

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उपायुक्त महोदय, सोनीपत।

क्रमांक ७५७ /स्टैनो, दिनांक 12/1/23

विषय :- Regarding demarcation of area illegally excavated by M/s Ultimate Group from Village Gyaspur and adjoining village's land.

उपरोक्त विषय के सन्दर्भ में।

विषयाधीन मामले में तहसीलदार गन्नौर, के कार्यालय के पत्र क्रमांक 636/ओ०के०, दिनांक 11.07.2023 द्वारा रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई, जो मूलरूप में साथ सलंग्न करके आपकी सेवा में आगामी आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतू प्रेषित है।

संलग्न : उक्त ।

कृते: प्राप्टर्स अधिकारी (ना०), गन्नौर। १५

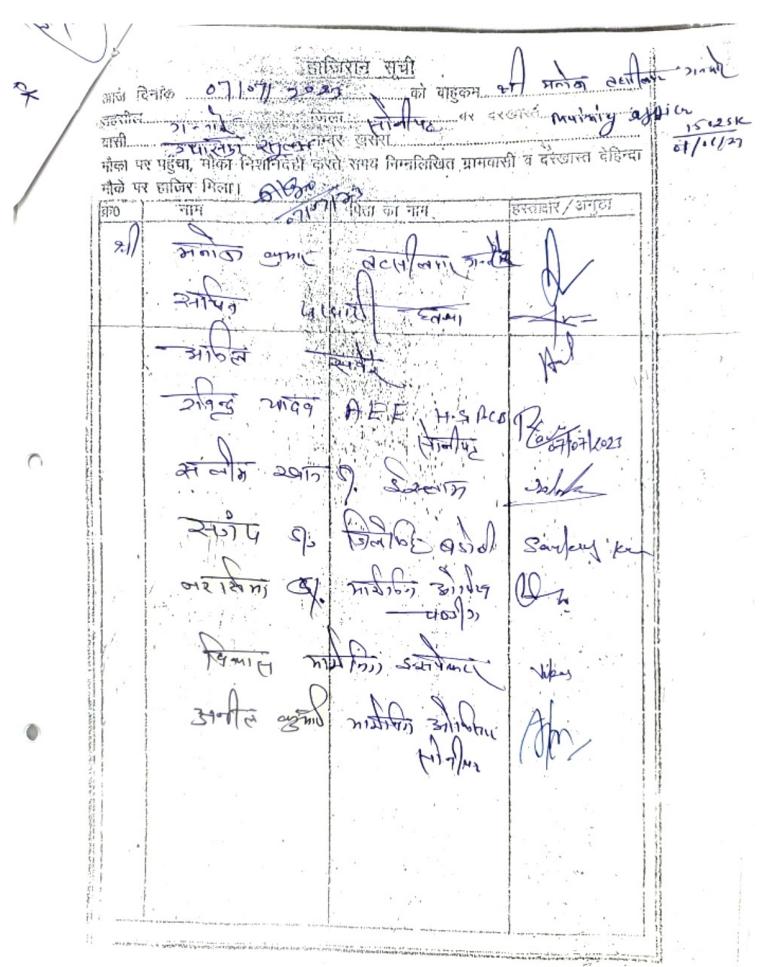
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SONIPAT.

Endst. 6391 /M.B. Date: 23/08/2022

Forwarded in Original to the Mining officer, Somitate for information 4 necessary action Pl.

For Deputy Commissioner Sonipat

कोरोना वैक्सिन लगवाये, आओ हम सब मिलकर लड़े कोरोना से 1. मास्क अवश्य पहनें। 2. दो गज की दूरी रखें। 3. हाथों को सेनिटाईज करें। (सरकार द्वारा जारी हिदायतों की पालना करें।)

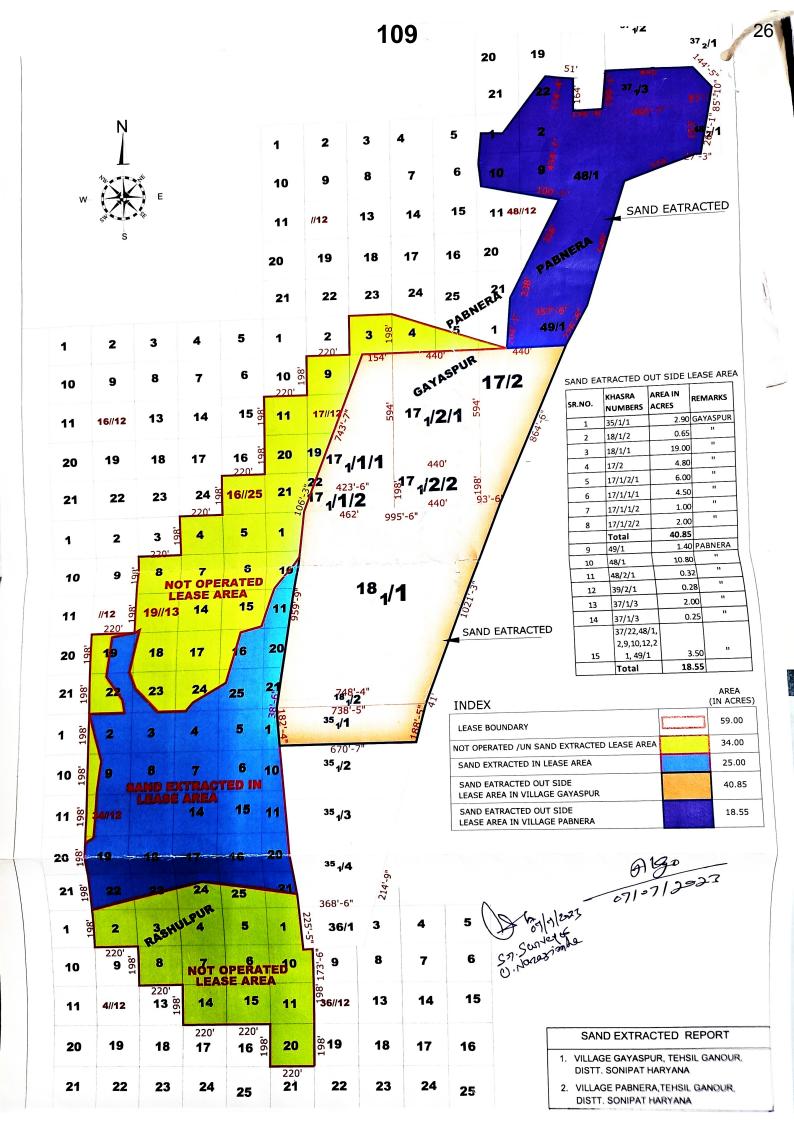


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From

Mining Officer, Mines & Geology Department, Sonipat.

To

M/s Ulimate Group, SCO 2 & 3 Service Road, Near Ranvir Hooda Park, Mughal Canal, Karnal.

Memo No. Mining/Snp/Ultimate/illegal/3231 dated 25.08.2023.

Sub:-

Show cause & demand notice against the recovery of price, royalty & fine of Minor Mineral (sand) unlawfully raised from village Gyaspur & Pabnera.

On the above noted subject.

In this regard it is intimated that you/your firm have taken a mining contract for excavation of sand from 35 hact. land (23.60 Hect. in Yamuna river bed and 11.40 hect. outside river bed) of village Gyaspur-Rasulpur district Sonipat, in the auction held on 16.04.2015. You had obtained environment clearance (E.C) from SEIAA Haryana on dated 27.06.2016. Thereafter you started mining operation on 06.07.2016, after obtaining consent to operate (C.T.O) from HSPCB Sonipat. Said CTO was renewed/ valid upto 30.09.2022. You were/are also aware about the specific land (kila khasra nos.) provided for mining as the Killa/Khasra Nos. of land allotted for mining were already granted/provided to you vide auction notice and contract agreement.

Your mining work is closed from 17.03.2023 as per closer order passed by Chairman HSPCB. Thereafter, a court case/ O.A No. 269/2023 title as Munish Vs State, was filed in Hon'ble NGT against your firm in concern of mining done by your firm even after expiry of CTO. In concern of said court case, your contract area was inspected on 15.05.2023 by the committee comprising following members: Deputy Commissioner, Member Secretary SEIAA, Member Secretary HSPCB, State Geologist & other officials, who found excavation of mineral from outside contract area during their inspection, also no boundary pillars were found.

The allotted contract area in river bed and adjoining area was demarcated by the revenue officials, Surveyor from H.Q in presence of officials of this Department & HSPCB. Total 59.40 Acre land (40.85 Acre of village Gyaspur and 18.55 Acre of village Pabnera) outside the allotted contract area was found excavated up to depth of 09 feet by your firm. You have done illegal mining from adjoining land of Haryana alongwith allotted contract area/mine in grab of sand mining contract.

As per rule of 5 (I) of "The Haryana Minor Mineral Concession, Stocking, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rule 2012" read with section 4(1) of Mines & Mineral (R & D) Act 1957, no person can raise any mineral from the above said quarries expect under the authority of State Govt. You have raised minor mineral without any lawful authority.

Without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against you for unlawfully raising of 11,64,359 M.T minor mineral, the State Govt. has right to recover from you/your firm the price of mineral, royalty and fine under rule 104 (i) of "The Haryana Minor Mineral Concession, Stocking, Transportation of minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rule 2012". The detail of Royalty, Price of Mineral & Fine amount is as under:-

- 1. Royalty of mineral (11,64,359 MT sand) @ 40 per M.T Rs. 4,65,74,360/-
- 2. Price of mineral (11,64,359 MT sand) @ 160 per M.T Rs. 18,62,97,440/-
- 3. Fine @ 5 lakh per hectare. -

Rs. 1,20,00,000/-

Total Recoverable Amount -

Rs. 24,48,71,800/-

You are hereby directed to deposit above mentioned amount in government treasury within one month with intimation to this office. Further you are also directed to explain your position within 15 days, why not the case be forwarded to the Director, Mines & Geology Haryana for termination of your mining contract prematurely.

Mines & Geology Department,

olc Sonipat. &

Endst No. Mining/Snp/ Ultimate/ illegal/3232-34 dated 25.08.2023

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please:-

- 1. The Director, Mines and Geology Department, Haryana, Panchkula.
- 2. The Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat.
- 3. R.O. Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Sonipat for assessment & recovery of environment damage compensation amount.

Mines & Geology Department,

C Sonipat.



Whereas, M/s Ultimate Group, S.C.O 2&3, Service Road, Near Ranvir Hooda Park, Mugal Canal, Karnal -132001 participated in the auction held on 16.04.2015 and offered the highest bid of Rs. 6,13,25,000/- PA against the reserve price of Rs. 06.08 Cr. for obtaining the mining contract of "Gyaspur-Rasulpur" over an area of 35.00 hectare(23.60 ha in riverbed area + 11.40 ha outside river bed) of land situated in villages Gyaspur and Rasulpur of district Sonipat for extraction of Sand for a period of 08 years. A contract agreement was executed on **04.08.2015** with the State Government.

- 2. Whereas, as per terms & conditions of grant and the auction notice dated 19.03.2015, the actual mining operations were to be commenced only after obtaining of Environmental Clearance from the Competent Authority as per EIA notification dated 14.09.2006 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India and other requisite permissions from concerned authorities. The contractor obtained Environmental Clearance (EC) for annual production of 12,67,200 MT from the SEIAA on 27.06.2016 after expiry of 12 months from the date of issuance of LoI dated 21.04.2015 and also obtained Consent to Operate (CTO) from Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) on 06.07.2016 and commenced mining operation on 06.07.2016.
- 3. Whereas, the Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 476 of 2016 filed by Sh. Suraj Mal, vide order dated 05.09.2016 restrained the contractor firm from carrying on any mining activity at the site in question. The contractor firm stopped the mining operations outside riverbed area and started manual riverbed mining after rainy season. In the meantime, Sh. Suraj Mal filed MA No. 1039 of 2016 and 1056 of 2016 for violation of order dated 05.09.2016 of the Hon'ble NGT i.e. continuation of mining in riverbed. The Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 28.11.2016 restrained carrying out any mining i.e manual or mechanical in the entire site. However, on filing application by the contractor firm, the Hon'ble



NGT vide order dated 17.05.2017 modified its order dated 05.09.2016 and directed that no mechanized or manual mining in riverbed be carried out till further orders. However, permitted semi mechanized mining in outside riverbed area but upto depth of 03 meters. In view of withdrawal application by Sh. Suraj Mal, the Hon'ble NGT disposed of all the related MA and OA no. 476 of 2016 vide order dated 26.02.2018.

- 4. Whereas, the contractor firm was not paying the Government dues since November 2016, so the Mining Officer, Sonipat suspended the mining operation w.e.f. 17.06.2017. The contractor firm deposited an amount of Rs. 1,80,00,000/-(50% of the outstanding dues as per suspension notice dated 17.06.2017) on 14.12.2017 and sought revocation of suspension order. The then DMG vide order dated 15.12.2017 revoked the suspension order subject to condition that they will deposit the remaining amount along with concurrent installments along with interest within a period of 03 months.
- 5. Whereas, the contractor firm filed a CWP No. 5886 of 2018 before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the order dated 15.12.2017 passed by the DMG. They also sought stay on the operation of said order till pendency of the said petition which was clubbed with CWP No. 13951 of 2018 M/s Barwala Royalty Co. V/s State. The Hon'ble Court vide its order dated 12.01.2023 disposed of the above said writ petition as infructuous.
- 6. Whereas, on 31.08.2018, one Sh. Ishwar Sharma filed a representation stating that Sand is available at a depth of 15 to 20 feet in outside riverbed area and sought proportionate reduction in annual contract money as it was not viable to extract sand in the burden of 15-20 feet. The said representation was under consideration meanwhile Sh. Ishwar Sharma filed a CWP No. 28203 of 2018 in Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking direction to the state to allow surrender of 11.40 ha. outside riverbed area and proportionate reduction in annual contract money accordingly.

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- 7. Whereas, on 20.02.2018, the contractor firm informed that an unauthorized person has taken over the possession of their mine. As per report of MO, Sonipat dated 20.06.2018 Sh. Ishwar Sharma filed a Civil Suit in the Court of ACJ (Sr. Division), Gannaur (Sonipat) claiming that he has purchased 75% share of the mine from authorized signatory for a sum of Rs. 3,00,00,000/-. The Hon'ble Court vide order dated 26.03.2018 directed the contractor firm not to interfere into operation of the mine run by Sh. Ishwar Sharma. On coming to notice this fact a show cause notice dated 27.07.2017 was issued to the contractor for violation of Rule 16 of the State Rules, 2012.
- 8. Whereas, the contractor firm filed a writ petition No. 28203 of 2018 before the Hon'ble Court with request to allow them to surrender the area outside riverbed i.e. 11.40 hectares. The Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 01.11.2018 directed that, "Let the petitioner make the said amount (Rs. 34,45,953/- per month as against Rs. 51,10,417/-) and in that eventuality no adverse orders will be passed suspending or cancelling the license of the petitioner". However, due to non-responding to show cause notice 27.07.2018, the contract was suspended by Director, Mines and Geology (DMG) vide order dated 25.01.2019.
- 9. Whereas, the contractor firm filed another CWP No. 6040 of 2019 before the Hon'ble High Court seeking quashing of suspension order dated 25.01.2019. While disposing of the said CWP on 11.03.2019, the Hon'ble High Court issued the following direction:

"However to tide over any such objection we permit the petitioner to file an application in this regard within a period of one week from today and in case it is so done, the respondents shall pass a final order from this issue within a period of one week thereafter. Needless to say, if any order adverse to the petitioner is passed, it would be it liberty to take recourse to the remedies available to him in accordance with law. Accordingly, the petitioner stands disposed of".

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- 10. Whereas, on submission of application by the contractor on 19.03.2019, the then DMG withdrew the order dated 25.01.2019 till a final decision was to be taken on their application subject to fulfillment of terms and condition of State Rules.
- 11. Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court vide its order dated 04.04.2019 disposed of the CWP No. 28203 of 2018 in accordance with detailed orders passed in CWP No. 24495 of 2018 M/s Anand Singh & Co. V/s State of Haryana and Ors. wherein, they sought reduction in annual contract money on the ground that Environment Clearance was not granted for outside riverbed area and the Hon'ble NGT prohibited mechanical mining in riverbed area. The State filed SLP (Diary No. 10654 of 2020) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against orders dated 04.04.2019 passed by the Hon'ble High Court.
- 12. Whereas, the contractor firm failed to pay instalments as per directions of the Hon'ble High Court as they paid only Rs. 83,00,000/- instead of Rs. 3,44,59,530/- (as per orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 01.11.2018 i.e. @ 34,45,953/-) from 01.11.2018 to 31.08.2019.
- 13. Whereas, the firm transferred 75% share in favour of Sh. Ishwar Sharma and requested for allowing transfer of share accordingly. The then DGMG rejected their request for transfer of share on the ground of non-payment of government dues. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice was issued on 07.11.2019 to show as to why they had sold their share without prior approval of Government and also directed them to clear the outstanding Government dues.
- 14. Whereas, in response to show cause notice, they submitted a representation/reply on 09.12.2019 contending that while deciding CWP No. 28203 of 2018, the Hon'ble High Court had reduced the monthly instalment from Rs. 51,10,416 /- to Rs. 34,45,953 /-. They also contended that as per orders of the Hon'ble High Court the payable amount worked out Rs. 7,44,52,113/-, whereas they claimed to have paid an amount of Rs. 6,41,25,500/- and the only

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amount payable was Rs. 1,03,26,613/-. The DGMG vide orders dated 30.10.2019 rejected their request for transfer of contract and suspended their contract on 08.01.2020 on the ground that partners had transferred/sold their share without prior permission of the Government.

- 15. Whereas, the contractor firm filed an appeal before the Appellate Authority challenging order dated 30.10.2019 and 08.01.2020 passed by the then DGMG. The Appellate Authority vide order dated 04.01.2021 rejected the appeal of the appellant. Further, the DGMG vide order dated 28.01.2021 terminated their mining contract with adjustment of the security amount of Rs. 1,53,31,250 /- against outstanding dues.
- 16. Whereas, they filed CWP No. 21368 of 2021 before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the order dated 04.01.2021 and 28.01.2021. The Hon'ble High Court vide its order dated 09.11.2021 allowed the writ petition and the orders dated 28.01.2021 passed by the then DGMG and the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by the Appellate Authority, suspension order dated 08.01.2020 and order dated 30.10.2019 of DGMG were set aside subject to condition that the petitioner will deposit Rs. 1,03,26,613/- within two weeks from 09.11.2021 and the matter remitted back to DGMG to decide the quantum of liability of the petitioner with regard to the Government dues allegedly payable by him to the respondents and also to consider the issue of transfer of share in the petitioner firm of Sh. Ishwar Sharma at least with regard to un disputed 88% of the share holding the said firm in the light of admission made before the Hon'ble Court in the order dated 11.03.2019 passed in CWP no. 6040 of 2019.
- 17. Whereas, in compliance with the order dated 09.11.2021 passed by the Hon'ble Court, Sh. Ishwar Sharma was afforded an opportunity of personal hearing on 14.12.2021. After hearing, it was examined that the case of transfer of 88% shares of M/s Ultimate Group may be permissible subject to condition to clearance of Government dues by the petitioner (M/s Ultimate Group).

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- 31. Whereas, incompliance with the order dated 09.11.2021 of the Hon'ble High Court, the contractor deposited an amount of Rs. 1,03,26,613/- in Government Account and accordingly, the e-Rawaana portal of M/s Ultimate Group was resumed on 14.02.2022.
- 32. Whereas, the State Government, having noted various difficulties raised by the stake holders in the mining sector and pending litigations, vide orders dated 03.11.2021 notified "One Time Settlement Scheme" to resolve issues pertaining to Mining sector in the State under its flagship policy of the State 'Vivado Ka Samadhan'. The contractor firm vide order dated 30.03.2022, offered to seek relief under OTS, subject to conditions as per OTS-1 and was advised to deposit an amount of Rs. 36,79,500/-, so on deposit of the same, the amount of Rs. 02,73,58,651/- (Rs. 01,27,76,042/- as contract money and Rs. 01,45,82,609/- as interest calculated up to 28.02.2022) for the un-commenced period from 21.04.2016 to 05.07.2016 could be settled.
- 33. Whereas, the contractor firm deposited an amount of Rs. 36,79,500/- into Government account, so the dues for the un-commenced period i.e. from 21.04.2016 to 05.07.2016 were got settled under OTS-1 Scheme. Further, the mining in the contracted area remained fully closed for the period from 05.09.2016 to 17.05.2017 due to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 05.09.2016, so the contract money and R& R Fund amounting to Rs. 4,73,04,880/- as per OTS-7 were waived off for the said period.
- 34. Whereas, M/s Ultimate Group filed an appeal on 06.09.2022 before the Appellate Authority against the order dated 03.08.2022 passed by the Director, Mines and Geology in pursuance to the order dated 30.03.2022 under the OTS Scheme and the Appellate Authority vide order dated 09th August, 2023 upheld the orders of the DMG.
- 35. Whereas, on 16.03.2023, the Mining Officer, Sonipat forwarded the closure order issued by the Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board,

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Panchkula and a copy of the order dated 17.03.2023 issued by the Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Sonipat wherein the RO, Sonipat has requested to the MO, Sonipat to stop the e-Rawaana portal and to ensure that no mining activities shall carry out by M/s Ultimate Group, the contractor of 'Gayaspur- Rasulpur Sand Unit, district Sonipat till issuance of suspension of closure orders.

- 36. Accordingly, e-Rawaana portal of M/s Ultimate Group, the contractor of 'Gayaspur- Rasulpur Sand Unit, district Sonipat was suspended on 22.03.2023 by the Director, Mines and Geology.
- Whereas, one Sh. Munish S/o Sh. Amar Singh filed an OA No. 269 of 2023 before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal at New Delhi with prayer to constitute a Committee and to initiate an inquiry against the respondent (M/s Ultimate Group) who are in collusion with each other and the miners who are causing the environmental damage and for restoration of the ecology.
- 38. Whereas, the Hon'ble NGT vide its order dated 17.04.2023 passed an order that "In view of above, a joint Committee of SEIAA Haryana, State PCB and District Magistrate, Sonipat may furnish a factual and action taken report within two months from today by e-mail at judicialngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF. The State PCB will be nodal agency for coordination and compliance. A copy of the report may also be furnished to the PP for its response, if any, before the next date. The report may specify the action taken in terms of stopping illegal activity, initiating prosecution and recovery of compensation on "Polluter Pays" principle. The OA filed by Sh. Munish is still pending before the Hon'ble NGT for adjudication and is fixed for 01.11.2023.
- 39. Whereas, the Mining Officer, Sonipat issued a show cause notice dated 16.06.2023 to M/s Ultimate Group for non-deposition of Government dues i.e. Rs. 15,75,61,782/- (interest calculated upto 16.06.2023). The contractor firm

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failed to remedy the breaches of show cause notice dated 16.06.2023, accordingly, the Mining Officer, Sonipat vide order dated 28.07.2023, suspended the Mining operations of the M/s Ultimate Group.

- 40. Whereas, the appeal of M/s Ultimate Group against the order dated 10.06.2022 passed by the DMG, was finally dismissed by the Appellate Authority vide order dated 09.08.2023 being devoid of merits.
- 41. Whereas, keeping in view that huge amount of Government dues is pending against the contractor firm and he is not coming forward to deposit the dues despite show cause notice and also not complying with the order dated 01.11.2018 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 28203 of 2018 for non-deposition of Rs. 34,45,953/- PM regularly , So the department is left with no other option but to take action under rule 56 (7)(vi) of the Haryana Minor Mineral Concession, Stocking, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2012. Hence, the contract granted in favour of M/s Ultimate Group, S.C.O 2&3, Service Road, Near Ranvir Hooda Park, Mugal Canal, Karnal -132001 for extraction of Sand minor mineral from "Gyaspur-Rasulpur Sand Unit district Sonipat is hereby terminated with immediate effect with adjustment of security amount of Rs. 1,53,31,250/- against outstanding dues. It is also directed that outstanding amount of contract money, R & R Fund, DMF and TCS till date of possession along with interest shall be paid failing which the same shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

Place : Panchkula.
Dated: __2023.

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(Dr. Narhari Bangar, IAS) Director, Mines and Geology, Haryana.



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Endst No. DMG/HY/Auction/SNP/ Gyaspur and Rasulpur /2015/5118 Dated: 06/09/23

A copy is forwarded to M/s Ultimate Group, S.C.O 2&3, Service Road, Near Ranvir Hooda Park, Mugal Canal, Karnal -132001 for information and necessary action. He is directed to handover the possession of mine immediately and pay outstanding Government dues at an earliest, failing which the same shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

State Mining Engineer, for Director Mines & Geology, Haryana.

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Endst No. DMG/HY/Auction/SNP/ Gyaspur and Rasulpur /2015/5119 Dated: 66/69/23

A copy is forwarded to Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat for information and necessary action.

State Mining Engineer, for Director Mines & Geology, Haryana.

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Endst No. DMG/HY/Auction/SNP/ Gyaspur and Rasulpur /2015/ 5/20 Dated: 06/09/23

A copy is forwarded to the Mining Officer, Department of Mines & Geology, Sonipat for information. He is directed to recover outstanding government dues from the contractor as per rule.

State Mining Engineer, for Director Mines & Geology, Haryana.

From

Mining Officer, Mines & Geology Department, Sonipat.

To

M/s Ulimate Group, SCO 2 & 3

Service Road, Near Ranvir Hooda Park,

Mughal Canal, Karnal.

Memo No. Mining/Snp/Ultimate/illegal/3974

Dated: 23-10-2023

Subject:-

Demand notice against the recovery of price, royalty & fine of Minor Mineral (sand) un lawfully raised from village Giyaspur & Pabnera.

Reference:

This office memo No. 3231 dated 25.08.2023.

On the above noted subject

In this regard it is again intimated that you/your firm have taken a mining contract for excavation of sand from 35 hact. land (23.60 Hect. in Yamuna river bed and 11.40 hect. outside river bed) of village Gyaspur-Rasulpur district Sonipat, in the auction held on 16.04.2015. You had obtained environment clearance (E.C) from SEIAA Haryana on dated 27.06.2016. Thereafter you started mining operation on 06.07.2016, after obtaining consent to operate (C.T.O) from HSPCB Sonipat. Said CTO was renewed/valid upto 30.09.2022. You were / are also aware about the specific land (kila khasra nos.) provided for mining as the Killa/Khasra Nos. of land allotted for mining were already granted/provided to you vide auction notice and contract agreement.

Your mining work is closed from 17.03.2023 as per closer order passed by Chairman HSPCB. Thereafter, a court case/ O.A No. 269/2023 title as Munish Vs State, was filed in Hon'ble NGT against your firm in concern of mining done by your firm even after expiry of CTO. In concern of said court case, your contract area was inspected on 15.05.2023 by the committee comprising following members: Deputy Commissioner, Member Secretary SEIAA, Member Secretary HSPCB, State Geologist & other officials, who found excavation of mineral from outside contract area during their inspection, also no boundary pillars were found.

The allotted contract area in river bed and adjoining area was demarcated by the revenue officials, Surveyor from H.Q in presence of officials of this Department & HSPCB. Total 59.40 Acre land (40.85 Acre of village Giyaspur and 18.55 Acre of village Pabnera) outside the allotted contract area was found excavated up to depth of 09 feet by your firm. You have done illegal mining from adjoining land of Haryana alongwith allotted contract area/mine in grab of sand mining contract.

As per rule of 5 (I) of "The Haryana Minor Mineral Concession, Stocking, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rule 2012" read with section 4(1) of Mines & Mineral (R & D) Act 1957, no person can raise any mineral from the above said quarries expect under the authority of State Govt. You have raised minor mineral without any lawful authority.

Without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against you for unlawfully raising of 11,64,359 M.T minor mineral, the State Govt. has right to recover from you/your firm the price of mineral, royalty and fine under rule 104 (i) of "The Haryana Minor Mineral Concession, Stocking, Transportation of minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rule 2012". The detail of Royalty, Price of Mineral & Fine amount is as under:-

- 1. Royalty of mineral (11,64,359 MT sand) @ 40 per M.T Rs. 4,65,74,360/-
- 2. Price of mineral (11,64,359 MT sand) @ 160 per M.T Rs. 18,62,97,440/-
- 3. Fine @ 5 lakh per hectare. -

Rs. 1,20,00,000/-

Total Recoverable Amount -

Rs. 24,48,71,800/-

You are hereby again directed to deposit above mentioned amount in government treasury within one month with intimation to this office, otherwise above mentioned amount will be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

Mining Officer,

Mines & Geology Department,

Sonipat. 🕗

Endst No. Mining/Snp/ Ultimate/ illegal/

Dated:

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please.

- 1. The Director General, Mines and Geology Department, Haryana, Panchkula, with request to give approval to recover the amount as arrears of land revenue.
- 2. The Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat.
- 3. R.O. Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Sonipat for assessment & recovery of environment damage compensation amount.

Mining Officer, Mines & Geology Department,

Sonipat.