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File No.: 11854
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
TAMIL NADU)



Dated 26/08/2025



To,

Managing Director
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Subject: Extension in validity of prior Environmental Clearance (EC) dated granted to the project under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006 and as amended thereof regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: SEIAA-TN – Validity Extension of Environmental Clearance for the Existing Limestone mine lease over an extent of 9.94.5 Ha at S.F.No. 292 4,5,6, 301(P), 304/1, 305/1, and 306(P) of Periyaganalur Village, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu by M.s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited- under Category “B1” of Item 1(a) “Mining of Mineral Projects” of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended – Validity Extension of Environmental Clearance – Issued – Regarding.
Ref:

1. Earlier EC issued vide Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.2894 ALR 1(a)/E.C. No:4475/200 dated.12.01.2021
2. Online proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/514959/2024 Dated 20.12.2024
3. Proponent’s request for EC Amendment vide dated: 17.02.2025
4. Minutes of the 545th meeting of SEAC held on 02.04.2025
5. Minutes of the 824th SEIAA meeting held on 19.05.2025
6. Proponent reply dated: 09.07.2025
7. Minutes of the 598th Meeting of SEAC-I held on 28.07.2025
8. Minutes of the 871st SEIAA meeting held on 13.08.2025

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) Validity Extension Identification No.	
(ii) File No.	11854
(iii) Clearance Type	Application for Validity Extension of EC- Form-6
(iv) Category	B1
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vii) Name of Project	Periyaganalur Limestone Mine
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	Ariyalur, TAMIL NADU
(ix) Issuing Authority	SEIAA

(x) EC date

(xi) Status of implementation of the project

Project is operational for partial components/units envisaged in the EC

(xii) Whether any amendment to the earlier EC has been sought?

No

The Environmental Clearance was issued vide Lr. No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.2894/ALR/1(a)/E.C. No:4475/200 dated.12.01.2021 to M/s. **Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited** for the Existing Limestone mine lease over an extent of 9.94.5 Ha at S.F.No. 292/4,5,6, 301(P), 304/1, 305/1, and 306(P) of Periyagalur Village, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu under "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Mineral Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended.

Now, the proponent has submitted an application vide Online proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/514959/2024 Dated 20.12.2024 seeking Validity Extension of Environmental Clearance dated 12.01.2021.

Discussion of SEAC:

Existing Limestone mine lease over an extent of 9.94.5 Ha at S.F.No. 292/4,5,6, 301(P), 304/1, 305/1, and 306(P) of Periyagalur Village, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu by M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited - For Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance (SIA/TN/MIN/514959/2024 Dated 20.12.2024)

The proposal was placed in this 598th meeting of SEAC-I held on 28.07.2025. The details of the project furnished by the proponent are available on the PARIVESH web portal (parivesh.nic.in).

The SEAC noted the following:

1. The project proponent, **M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited** has obtained Environmental Clearance under violation for the Existing Limestone mine lease over an extent of 9.94.5 Ha at S.F.No. 292/4,5,6, 301(P), 304/1, 305/1, and 306(P) of Periyagalur Village, Ariyalur Taluk, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu.
2. The proposed quarry/activity is covered under Category "B1" of Item 1(a) "Mining of Mineral Projects" of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended.
3. M/s.TAMIN has applied seeking Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance (EC) vide Form – 6 through PARIVESH 2.0 Online Portal, for the subject area.
4. In view of the above, the proposal was placed in the 800th meeting of SEIAA held on 04.03.2025. The Authority forwarded the proposal to SEAC for further course of action.
5. Subsequently, the proposal was placed in this 545th meeting of SEAC held on 02.04.2025. Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the project proponent, SEAC decided to call for the **Certified Compliance Report (CCR)** obtained from the RO, MoEF&CC. On receipt of the same, further deliberations shall be done.
6. The PP has furnished the above said additional details to SEIAA on 09.07.2025 through mail and the proposal was placed in the 598th Meeting of SEAC-I held on 28.07.2025. The reply are as follows;

Sl.No	ADS by SEAC	Reply submitted by PP
1	SEAC decided to call for the Certified Compliance Report (CCR) obtained from the RO, MoEF&CC.	TAMIN obtained CCR from Regional Office (RO), MoEF & CC, Chennai Letter No. EP/12.1/2024-25/SEIAA/150/TN/904. TAMIN has submitted the Action Taken Report for the minor non-compliances as directed in the CCR vide letter Rc.No.1266/ME1/2023, Dated: 09.07.2025.

Based on the presentation and documents furnished by the PP, SEAC-I further noted the following:

- i. The PP has been granted quarry lease for a period of 20 years vide G.O.Ms. No.1659 Industries Department, dated. 05.12.1981.
- ii. Earlier, the proponent had obtained Environmental Clearance under violation category dated:12.01.2021 for the extraction of limestone with 100% recovery, totalling 5,62,085 tonnes, as per the approved mine plan.
- iii. Further, the issued Environmental Clearance is valid up to 31.03.2025, as per the EC granted vide letter dated 12.09.2024, which approved the change of activities and extended the validity period by one year, up to 31.03.2025.
- iv. The Project Proponent has submitted the Review of Mining Plan, which was approved by the Regional Controller of Mines (RCOM), Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), vide Rc. No. TN/ALR/LST/ROMP-1775.MDS dated 05.12.2024. The approved plan allows for the production and dispatch of the balance quantity of 1,31,255.68 tonnes of limestone mineral for the period from 2025–2026 to 2029–2030. As per the plan, the peak annual production is projected at 1,02,071 tonnes during the first year (2025–2026).

v. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Notification dated 18.01.2021 amended the EIA Notification, 2006, to include the following provisions

“Notwithstanding anything contained in this notification, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid.”

vi. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Notification dated 12.04.2022 amended the EIA Notification, 2006, to include the following provisions

“The prior Environmental Clearance granted for mining projects shall be valid for the project life as laid down in the mining plan approved and renewed by competent authority, from time to time, subject to a maximum of thirty years, whichever is earlier”

vii. Further, the MoEF&CC issued an office Memorandum F.No. 1A3-22/28/2022-IA.III [E181584], dated 13.12.2022, outlining detailed guidelines for implementing the automatic extension of EC validity. As per sub para i of para 2,

“The validity of the Environmental Clearances, which had not expired as on the date of publication of Notification i.e. 12/04/2022, shall stand automatically extended to respective increased validity as mentioned at para no. 1 column (C)”

Observations of the committee:

i. It is noted from G.O. (Ms.) No. 61 dated 14.03.2023 that, subsequent to the grant of Environmental Clearance (EC), M/s TAMIN obtained the transport permit on 26.03.2021.

ii. Further, the validity of the issued EC expires on 25.03.2026, as per the EC granted vide letter dated 12.01.2021. Since the mining lease was executed on 26.03.2021, the COVID-19 extension granted by MoEF&CC vide notification dated 18.01.2021 is not applicable for this proposal.

iii. The Project Proponent has submitted the Review of Mining Plan, which was approved by the Regional Controller of Mines (RCOM), Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), vide Re. No. TN ALR.LST/ROMP-1775.MDS dated 05.12.2024. The approved plan permits the production and dispatch of the balance quantity of 1,31,255 tonnes of limestone mineral for the period 2025-2026 to 2029-2030. As per the plan, the peak annual production is projected at 1,02,071 tonnes during the first year (2025-2026). It is noted that the proposed annual peak Run-of-Mine (RoM) does not exceed the previously approved annual peak RoM of 6,07,362 tonnes.

iv. Further, the proposal is eligible for automatic extension of the validity of the EC as per Office Memorandum (OM) dated 13.12.2022, since the validity of the earlier issued EC had not expired as on 25.03.2026.

Committee's Decision:

Based on the above facts and provisions contained in EIA Notification, 2006 as amended, the SEAC-I Committee noted that the request for extension of Environmental Clearance made by the Project Proponent falls under the purview of the automatic extension provisions. Therefore, the PP may continue the project activities in accordance with the automatically extended validity, as per OM dated: 13.12.2022, subject to the following conditions:

The PP shall ensure that the annual peak production as approved in the mine plan shall not be exceeded at any point during the life of the project. If the PP intends to increase the annual peak, a fresh Environmental Clearance under the expansion category must be obtained.

Decision of SEIAA:

The proposal was placed in the 871st SEIAA meeting held on 13.08.2025. The Authority noted that the subject was placed in the 598th meeting of SEAC-I held on 28.07.2025. The SEAC-I has furnished its recommendations for granting Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance subject to the conditions stated therein.

The Authority, taking into account, the recommendations of SEAC-I and after detailed deliberations, decided to grant extension of validity to the proposal as per MoEF&CC O.M dated.13.12.2022. Hence, the validity of the EC is extended upto 31.12.2030, as per the approved mine plan.

The conditions mentioned in the EC dated: 12.01.2021 remains unchanged and unaltered.

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department, Tamil Nadu.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Natural Resources Department, Tamil Nadu.
4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (SZ), 34, HEPC Building, 1st& 2nd Floor, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 34.

5. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, PariveshBhawan, CBD-Cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-110 032.
6. The Chairperson, TNPC Board,76, Mount Salai,Guindy, Chennai-32
7. The District Collector, Ariyalur District.
8. The Commissioner of Geology and Mines, Guindy, Chennai-32
9. Assistant Director, Department of Geology & Mining, Ariyalur District.
10. EI Division, Ministry of Environment & Forests, ParyavaranBhawan, New Delhi.
11. File Copy.

Signature Not Verified

Digitally Signed by : A R/Rahul Nadh IAS
Member Secretary, SIAA

Date: 28/08/2025