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File No.: 12696
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA),
TAMIL NADU)



Dated 10/11/2025



To,

The 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, Tamil Nadu – Application Seeking Extension of Validity in Environmental Clearance for the Existing Silica Sand Quarry over an Extent 2.77.0 Ha in S.F. Nos. 319/1 & 319/5 of Mudaliyarkuppam Village, Cheyyur Taluk, Chengalpattu District (erstwhile Kancheepuram District), Tamil Nadu by M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals limited – issue of Extension of validity in Environmental Clearance – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Earlier, EC has been issued vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.7541/1(a)/EC.No.4403/2020 Dated 08.10.2020.
2. Online Proposal No. SIA/TN/MIN/550256/2025 Dated 03.09.2025.
3. Your Application for Environmental Clearance dated:08.09.2025.
4. Minutes of the 623rd meeting of SEAC held on 23.09.2025.
5. Minutes of the 906th meeting of SEIAA held on 17.10.2025.
6. Minutes of the 911th meeting of SEIAA held on 04.11.2025.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below :

(i) Validity Extension Identification No.	EC25C0108TN5858703N
(ii) File No.	12696
(iii) Clearance Type	Application for Validity Extension of EC- Form-6
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Schedule No./ Project Activity	1(a) Mining of minerals
(vii) Name of Project	Mudaliyarkuppam 2.77.0HA Silica Sand Mine
(viii) Location of Project (District, State)	CHENGALPATTU, 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

In the reference 1st cited above, the Environmental Clearance was accorded to M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals limited for the Existing Silica Sand Quarry over an Extent 2.77.0 Ha in S.F. Nos. 319/1 & 319/5 of Mudaliyarkuppam Village, Cheyyur Taluk, Chengalpattu district (erstwhile Kancheepuram District), Tamil Nadu.

Now the project proponent has submitted form-6 (Application for extension of validity of Environmental Clearance) seeking EC Extension through online and offline vide reference 2nd & 3rd cited.

SEAC-1 Remarks:

The SEAC-1 noted the following:

1. The project proponent, **M/s. Tamil Nadu Minerals limited** has applied for Extension of validity in Environmental Clearance for the Existing Silica Sand Quarry over an extent 2.77.0 Ha in S.F. Nos. 319/1 & 319/5 of Mudaliyarkuppam Village, Cheyyur Taluk, Chengalpattu district (erstwhile Kancheepuram District), Tamil Nadu.

2. The project/activity is covered under Category “B1” of Item 1(a) “Mining of Minerals Projects” of the Schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended.

3. Earlier, EC has been issued vide Lr.No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.7541/1(a)/EC.No.4403/2020 Dated 08.10.2020 for the production quantity of 5,532 Tonnes/Annum of Silica Sand up to the depth of 7.5 – 11 m as per the approved mining plan.

Now, PP has applied for Extension of validity of EC vide Form-6 and the proposal was placed in this **623rd meeting of SEAC-1 held on 23.09.2025**. The PP presented for validity extension as follows:

Production Quantity as per EC	Extension of EC Sought
Production: 5532 Tonnes/Annum EC Period: 5 years as per Mining Plan	Production: 5063.10 Tonnes/Annum EC Period: life of mine Life of the mine: 5 Years [Lease Period expires on 30.11.2030]

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

i. The PP had obtained G.O.(2D) No.13, Industries (MMC.2) Department, dated 09.11.2020, approved by the Secretary to Government, Industries (MMC.2) Department for a period of 10 years.

ii. The PP had obtained Mining Plan approved vide letter dated 18.03.2020 by Joint Director of Geology & Mining for a period of 2020-21 to 2024-25 i.e., up to 30.11.2025 for an annual peak of RoM – 13,830 m³ and production peak 5,532 m³ of Silica sand.

iii. The lease deed was executed on 01.12.2020 with validity up to 30.11.2030.

iv. Subsequently, EC has been issued vide Letter No. SEIAA-TN/F.No.7541/1(a)/EC.No.4403/2020 dated 08.10.2020 with validity up to approved mine plan period i.e., up to 30.11.2025.

v. Now, PP has obtained Scheme of Mining – I approved vide Rc.No.5398/MM7/2025 dated 22.08.2025 by Joint Director of Geology & Mining for the period of 2025-26 to 2029-30.

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. Earlier, the proponent had obtained Environmental Clearance for the quantity of 5,532 Tonnes/annum up to the depth of 7.5 - 11m as per the approved Mining plan.

ii. The Project Proponent has now submitted a Scheme of Mining - I, which was approved by the Joint Director of Geology & Mining for the period 2025-2026 to 2029-2030 vide Rc.No.5398/MM7/2025 dated 22.08.2025 for the annual peak production of 7,233 Tonnes of ROM with the annual peak production of 5,063 Tonnes (70% recovery).

Further, the proposal is eligible for automatic extension of validity of EC as per OM dated: 13.12.2022, since the validity of earlier issued EC had not expired as on 12.04.2022.

Committee’s Recommendation:

Based on the above facts and provisions contained in EIA Notification, 2006 as amended, the SEAC-I Committee has 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:

1. The PP shall ensure that the annual peak production as approved in the mining 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 subject was placed in **911th meeting of SEIAA held on 04.11.2025**. Earlier, the subject was placed in this 906th meeting of SEIAA held on 17.10.2025. The Authority noted that the subject was placed in the 623rd meeting of SEAC-I held on 23.09.2025. The SEAC-I has furnished its recommendations for extension of validity in the EC subject to the conditions stated therein.

After detailed discussions, the Authority, taking into account the recommendations of SEAC-I, decided to extend the validity of the EC dated.08.10.2020 up to the lease period, i.e., **30.11.2030** subject to the condition that all other conditions and details mentioned in the EC dated 08.10.2020 shall remain unchanged and unaltered.