



Subject: - **CONDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL (NOC) FOR MINING MARBLE & MICA IN DISTRICT SHIGAR**

I am directed to refer to the Chief Conservator Forest, Parks & Wildlife Gilgit-Baltistan Gilgit letter No.CCF-5(20)/2023/378-80 dated 30th January, 2024 on the above subject and to say that the Secretary Forest, Wildlife & Environment Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit has been pleased to grant No Objection Certificate (NOC) for exploration of mining lease of Marble & Mica in District Shigar in favour of “**M/S Sheikh Lal Muhammad & sons**” in accordance with Gilgit-Baltistan Forest Act 2019 and Wildlife Preservation Act, 1975 with following terms & conditions during exploration of mining:-

Specific Conditions:

1. The company concerned will follow the relevant sections of Wildlife Preservation Act, 1975 & Forest Act, 2019 during Execution.
2. The company will not undertake the mining activities during the hunting season and bound to control blasting as the area falls under CCHAs/Game Reserve. Also the company is bound to coordinate with the concerned members of the concern CCHAs and the company will follow guidelines issued by the RFO Wildlife Shigar before excavation of work.
 1. The company will make ensure not to involve their workers in illegal activities i.e. hunting, poaching, trapping of Wildlife & collecting of medicinal plants etc.
 2. If the company workers and other representatives involved in illegal activities & violation of rules are done, the department has reserve the right to cancel the NOC and process the case against the company on legal way.
 3. The local conservation committee will be taken onboard during the mining and exploration process.
 4. The company will not construct any access road in the wilderness area to disturb the natural vegetation and wildlife.
 5. NOC will be valid for one year from date of its issue.
 6. The proponent shall strictly follow guidelines for sensitive and critical area falls adjacent of Forest, Natural vegetation Wildlife Areas and Rangelands notified by the Government of Pakistan.
 7. The firm shall use control blasting techniques for mining activities and should not produce huge blast and sound that may harm/disturb the Wildlife resources.
 8. The firm shall develop procedures for safe handling and use of chemicals.
 9. The firm shall develop procedures/protocols for traffic management.
 10. The proponent shall make ensure that there is no Environmental and social conflict between the locals and proponent against the project and activities.
 11. The firm is bound to comply with the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) notified by the Government of Pakistan.

13. The contractor shall not use high explosive materials in the exploration area.
14. The map also shows that the glaciers are also included in the exploration license area which may need to exclude. For this purposes the Mines & Minerals Department may need to re-demarcate the mining area accordingly.
15. The contractor shall plant (10) tree against each damaged tree in the exploration area.
16. The contractor shall bound top deposit lump sum amount to the fixed by the Department as contractor contribution fund which shall be utilized for planting up the leased area after completion. This condition is subject to framing of rules under relevant sections of GB Forest Act, 2019.
17. The contractor shall not be allowed to work in the lease area for unlimited period without re-examined the physical parameters of the site.
18. The contractor shall be bound to submit report on annual basis to this department through DFO Shigar and DFO Parks & Wildlife Baltistan.
19. The proponent shall strictly adhere to implement all mitigation measure to minimize any negative impact on soil, groundwater, ambient air quality, noise, natural drainage, landscape, hill torrents and biological resources during mining.
20. The proponent shall not carry any kind of mining activities on steep slopes that may trigger to land slide.
21. The proponent will have to seek fresh clearance from GB-EPA for any future extension/addition of activities.
22. After completion of the project, the project are (campsites, workshops and quarry sites) will be restored to its original condition.
23. It is the responsibility of the proponent to report Archaeology and Museums Department in case of discovery of any antique/Archaeological site.

Regulatory Obligation:

1. This NOC issued under legal requirements, cannot be produced in Court of Law for obtaining any license, which is the subject of any other Government Entity or Authority. This NOC is purely meant for technical grounds.
2. The approval shall be revoked if the condition provided above is not complied with.
3. The proponent is liable to comply with EIA Regulations as well, related to conditions for approval, confirmation of compliance entry, inspection and monitoring of the project.
4. This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance may be required under any law in force.