



SINDH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

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SUBJECT: DECISION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

1. **Name & Address of Proponent:** Mr. Tim Cribb, Project Director
M/s Reko Diq Mining Company (Private) Limited.
2. **Description of Project:** Construction of export storage and loading facilities for storage and export of copper – gold concentrate.
3. **Location of Project:** Pakistan International Bulk Terminal (PIBT), Port Qasim, Sindh, Pakistan
4. **Date of Filing of EIA:** 18-10-2024
5. After careful review and analysis of the Environmental Impact Assessment report, Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) accords its approval subject to the following conditions:
 - i) that, all mitigation measures recommended in EIA report will be complied with, for achieving negligible impacts on physical, biological, environmental and socio-economic resources near the export storage terminal. Sindh Environmental Quality Standards (SEQS) for ambient air quality, noise, drinking water and wastewater will be complied in letter and spirit.
 - ii) that, continuous monitoring of environmental and social parameters will be done as per EMP which should comply with Sindh Environmental Quality Standards (SEQS). Proponent will ensure that the activities at project site is undertaken in environment friendly manner and the mitigation measures are implemented as per the recommendations of EIA. Proponent will submit monthly monitoring reports to EPA Sindh.
 - iii) that the storage area must adhere to an international standard and undergo third party inspection to detect any leakages or damages, when it comes to engineering design, strict adherence to NFPA (National Fire Protection Authority) codes is mandatory.

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- iv) that, a complete code of Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) will be developed which should include efficient parameter at specific work place. For this purpose, HSE setup must be established and supervised by a designated HSE Officer at the senior level with sufficient administrative and technical authority to perform the designated functions. Proponent will make sure that the operating instructions and emergency action plans are made available to every worker/ labor/visitors at the site.
- v) that all type of solid waste including non-hazardous and hazardous will be segregated and temporarily stored on site and handed over to SEPA certified waste contractor who will properly dispose or recycle the waste in an environment friendly manner.
- vi) that a contingency plan will be developed to immediately encounter any mishap, fire etc. and should be in place 24 hours a day to handle any type of emergency, all environment and safety instructions will be displayed in bold, at a number of places of the operating sites. Warning boards will be erected at appropriate places.
- vii) that all storage areas would have a concrete pad underneath to prevent soil contamination in case of leaks or spills. The storage areas would have secondary containment in the form of concrete or brick masonry bunds.
- viii) that, the proponent will install pollution control equipment / device / mechanism for treatment of air pollutant, control of noise for the purpose of compliance of Sindh Environmental Quality Standards (SEQS).
- ix) That transport safety measures must be implemented to mitigate the impact of increased vehicular movement and safety of vehicles and raw material.
- x) A strict emergency response plan must be prepared, including measures for chemical spills and fire hazards.
- xi) that, Proponent will redress the objection/concerns of neighboring communities/stakeholder on priority basis. Proponent will develop a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) to ensure resolution of complaints from communities;
- xii) that, the proponent will ensure that no unfortunate incident(s) are caused due to construction of project. The cost of damage to the environment, property and life of the people/workers will lie on the proponent.
- xiii) that any incidents of environmental non-compliance must be reported immediately with corrective actions.
- xiv) that, test/lab analysis would be conducted to analysis the concentrate of any radioactive material prior to exporting the concentrate.
- xv) that, the proponent will facilitate EPA Officer(s)/Official(s) as and when required for inspection of compliance status against the provisions of Sindh

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Environmental Protection Act, 2014, rules and regulations framed there under and the conditions laid down in this approval. That, any expert or team of experts deputed by SEPA to monitor the project will be entertained by the proponent without fail.

6. This approval will be treated as null and void if the conditions mentioned in this approval are not complied with or any violation of SEP Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and instructions there under is committed by the proponent or his/her agent or employee.
7. The proponent will be liable for compliance of Section 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19 of Environmental Assessment Regulation 2021, which direct for condition for approval, confirmation of compliance, entry inspection and monitoring.
8. This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or consent that may be required under any law in force.
9. IMC Report must cover all the mitigation measures and EMP laid down in the EIA report will be submitted to this office on monthly basis. No violation of any regulations, rules, instruction and provision of SEP Act, 2014 will be made and in case of any such violation of the rules / laws in the approval will stand cancelled without any further notice.
10. That, this approval is not valid for any Court matter / land dispute.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority, i.e., Director General, Sindh EPA.


Deputy Director (Tech)
for Director General EPA Sindh

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