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**Azad Jammu & Kashmir
Environmental Protection Agency**

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Name & Address of the Proponent:	Mr. Imtiaz Hussain resident of khundi Piran P.O. Patika, Tahsil Naseer Abad, District Muzaffarabad.
Description of the Project:	Exploration of "Limestone"
Location of the Project:	Near Authmuqam, District Neelum
Date of filing of Application:	February 21, 2017.

PRELIMINARY CLEARANCE FOR EXPLORATION

In exercise of powers conferred under Azad Jammu & Kashmir Environmental Protection Act, 2000, this is to accord Preliminary Environmental Clearance, with the approval of the Director General EPA, for the exploration of 'Limestone' in favor of aforementioned Proponent subject to the fulfillment of following conditions.-

- i. This approval shall be valid exclusively for EXPLORATION PURPOSE, No any EXTRACTION or PROCESSING or Installation of Crush Plant shall be allowed under this approval;
 - ii. The duration of the approval is fixed for 12-months, further extension may be granted on request of proponent in view of merit of the case;
 - iii. Proponent shall be liable to submit the progress reports of exploration activities to the Agency on quarterly basis;
 - iv. This approval shall not be used for any exploration activity, other than site verification;
 - v. Prospecting shall not cause damage to any hill slope, flora & fauna, community infrastructure cultural site, monument, and inconvenience to general public;
 - vi. Proponent shall ensure all occupational health and safety measures in placed during exploration process;
 - vii. The proponent shall not start the Exploitation/Extraction of minerals unless the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) report is filed with the Agency and approved, which is obligatory under the section-11 of AJ&K Environmental Protection Act, 2000 for the grant of Environmental Approval;
 - viii. This approval shall stand null and void if any of the conditions, mentioned herein before, is not fully complied with;
 - ix. The AJK-EPA reserves the right to withdraw this approval at any time without assigning any reason thereof;
 - x. Proponent shall submit exploration report to EPA-AJK for examination and further action.
2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Copy to:

1. The Director, Department of Mineral Resources GoAJK, Muzaffarabad, for information and with the request to share the exploration report with EPA-AJK for examining at our end.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, District Neelum, GoAJK.
3. Master file.

Sardar Arshad Iqbal
Assistant Director


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