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1. **Name & Address of Proponent** **Mr. Sardar Muhammad Farooq Khan Managing Director Sim Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd.**
2. **Description of Project** **Extraction of Granite.**
3. **Location of Project** **Kel Seri District, Neelum.**
4. **Date of filling of Application** **18-02-2016.**

CONDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

(Under Section-11 of AJK-Environmental Protection Act, 2000 read with IEE/EIA Regulations, 2009)

WHEREAS the *Sim Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd.*—the Proponent of Granite Extraction Project at Kel Seri, District Neelum; hereinafter referred to as 'Proponent' has filed Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) to the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Environmental Protection Agency; hereinafter referred to as 'the Agency', under Section 11 (1) of the AJ&K Environmental Protection Act, 2000; hereinafter referred to as 'the Act' read-with regulation 8 of the AJ&K Review of IEE & EIA Regulations, 2009; hereinafter referred to as 'the Regulations';

2. AND WHEREAS, the Agency, in consultation with concerned line departments, has carefully reviewed the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) based on quantitative and qualitative assessment of the documents and data furnished by the proponent, comments from the concerned line departments received under Regulation 10 of the Regulations and while undertaking onsite visits of the concerned area;

3. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred by Section-11 of the Act, after review of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report submitted on February 02, 2016; this is to accord Environmental Approval in favor of **Sim Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd.** (the proponent) for the **Extraction of Granite**; subject to the fulfillment of following conditions.-

- I. Proponent shall ensure compliance to National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQSS) during the implementation of said project;
- II. Mitigation measures suggested in IEE Report and Environmental & Social Management Plan (EMSP) and imposed hereunder this approval shall be strictly adhered to ensure not to cause any negative impact on soil, ground water, ambient air quality, noise level, natural drainage, flooding, hill torrents and biological resources of the project area;
- III. Institutional arrangements for implementation of **Environmental & Social Management Plan** may be finalized well before the commencement of extraction activities so that proposed mechanism for environmental protection & management should be operated on time;
- IV. Proponent shall constitute Environmental Management Unit (EMU) or Environment Management & Implementation (EM&I) Committee having the representatives of all concerned stakeholders. The reporting mechanism and ToRs of the committee shall be finalized in consultation with AJK-EPA;