



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

CONSTRUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORY BY M/S BIO GROW PHARMACEUTICALS PRIVATE LIMITED, PLOT NO. 35-C QABP (SEZ) SHEIKHUPURA



Project Name/Location	Construction of Pharmaceutical Factory by M/S Bio Grow Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, Plot No. 35-C QABP (SEZ) Sheikhpura
Project Proponent:	Mr. Tariq Siddique
Environment Consultant:	Friends of Environment and Economic Development (FEED), Garden Tower Plaza, Barkat Market, Lahore

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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

CO₂	Carbon Dioxide
°C	Degree Celsius
dB(A)	Decibel (Unit of Noise)
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
EMMP	Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EP&CC	Environmental Protection and Climate Change Department
HSE	Health, Safety & Environment
m³/h	Cubic meter per hour
NOC	No Objection Certificate
No_x	Oxides of Nitrogen
PM	Particulate Matter
PPEs	Personal Protective Equipment
PEPA 1997	Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures
So_x	Oxides of Sulfur



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The name of project is “**Construction of Pharmaceutical Factory by M/S Bio Grow Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, Plot No. 35-C Quaid -i-Azam Business Park (SEZ) Sheikhpura.**” The project site is a vacant area and management of the project has planned construction of **Pharmaceutical Factory** after obtaining environmental approval from EPA under section 12 of PEPA 1997. The salient features of the project are as under:

Sr. No	Salient Features of Project	
i.	Title of Project	Construction of Pharmaceutical Factory by M/S Bio Grow Pharmaceuticals Private Limited
ii.	Project Location	Plot No. 35-C, Quaid -i-Azam Business Park (SEZ), Sheikhpura
iii.	Project Proponent	Mr. Tariq Saddique
iv.	Project Area	1.3 Acres
v.	Purpose of Project	Pharmaceutical Products Manufacturing
vi.	Cost of Project	150.00 million
	Capacity	Tablets..... 1,00,000/day Capsules..... 2,00,000/day Ampoule..... 50,000/day Dry injection70,000/day
Environmental Aspects of Project		
i.	Arrangements for Wastewater Treatment and final disposal	Most of the processes of the factory are dry processes. The project is hence likely to generate very small quantity of wastewater.
ii.	Arrangements for the	The applicant plans to install state of the art Pharmaceutical



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	mitigation and control of gaseous emissions	Products Manufacturing Factory, having high quality Boiler equipped with necessary Air Pollution Control System. The factory management is confident that Air Pollution Control system will keep level of gaseous emissions within Punjab Environmental Quality Standard (PEQS).
iii.	Environmental Impacts anticipated during Construction Phase of Project	The anticipated impacts during construction phase may include dust, noise, vehicle emissions, workers' safety and employment issues. The EIA Report describes all possible environmental impacts and mitigation measures.
iv.	Environmental Impacts anticipated during Operation Phase of the Project	The project is not likely to generate adverse environmental impacts during its operational phase. Small quantity of wastewater is anticipated and the same will either undergo a Wastewater Treatment Plant to bring the level of pollution within Punjab Environmental Quality Standards PEQS OR the waste water will be disposed of through an EPA certified Vendor.
v.	Mitigation Measures for construction and operational phase of Project	Environmental impacts during the construction phase may include noise, dust, solid waste and workers' safety. Mitigation measures have been included in the EIA report. Construction-related noise will be mitigated by regular servicing and tuning of the machinery and vehicles. Dust (the only significant air emission) will be controlled by water sprinkling and covering the construction material. The use of adequate PPEs and adherence to the SOPs will ensure the safety of the workers. The contractor will hire local labor for construction work to avoid employment conflicts. The mitigation measures for the operational phase of Project have been illustrated in the EIA Report.
vi.	Proposed Environmental Monitoring Plan	The Environmental Monitoring Plan has been prepared and made part of EIA Report.



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CHAPTER .1

INTRODUCTION

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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

The Project Proponent has planned a Project “**Construction of Pharmaceutical Factory at Plot No. 35-C, Quaid- I- Azam Business Park (SEZ) Sheikhupura**”. and this document is the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) of said Project. The main objective of the study is to keep the project in compliance with prevailing Environmental Laws, Rules, and Regulations. The report indicates potential environmental impacts of the project and suggests mitigation measures to enhance the environmental performance of the proposed project. The report is comprehensive and presents the Environmental Impacts of the project during its construction and operational phase along with a monitoring framework to keep the project in compliance with Environmental Laws and Punjab Environmental Quality Standard (PEQS).

1. Objectives of EIA

The main purpose of this report is to meet legal requirements prescribed in Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997. Section 12 of Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 states as under:

"No proponent of a project shall commence construction or operation unless he has filed with the Provincial Agency an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and, where the project is likely to cause an adverse environmental effect, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and has obtained approval from the Provincial Agency in respect thereof"

The Punjab Environmental Protection Agency (Review of IEE and EIA Regulations, 2000) provides the details regarding categories of Projects. The project of **Construction of Pharmaceutical Factory by M/S Bio Grow Pharmaceutical Private Limited**, falls in schedule II of IEE/EIA Regulations 2022, hence this EIA report has been prepared.

The following are the main objectives of EIA Report: -

- i. To determine and document the state of the environment of the project area to establish an environment baseline for assessing the suitability of the Project site.
- ii. To identify construction and operational activities of project and assess their impacts on the environment.



- iii. To assist the proponent in planning, designing, and implementing the project in a way that eliminates or minimizes the negative impacts on the biophysical and socio- economic environment and maximizes the benefits for all parties/stakeholders.
- iv. To present an Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan to smoothly implement the mitigation measures and supervise their efficiency and effectiveness.
- v. To present a Mitigation and Monitoring Plan to smoothly implement the suggested mitigation measures and supervise their efficiency and effectiveness.
- vi. To provide an opportunity for the public to understand the project and its impacts on the community and their environment in the context of sustainable development.

1.2 Brief Introduction to Environment Consultant

The project proponent has hired the services of Environmental Consultant i.e. ***Friends of Environment and Economic Development (FEED)***. A team consisting of professionals having qualifications in the field of Environmental Sciences has worked for the collection of requisite data/ information and preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The Environment Consultant; ***Friends of Environment and Economic Development (FEED)*** consists of well-trained professionals who provide the following services as per Guidelines, Rules and Regulations notified by EPA Punjab:

- i. Initial Environmental Examination
- ii. Environmental Impacts Assessment
- iii. Socio-Environmental Impacts Assessment
- iv. EPA NOC for the Construction Phase of Existing Industrial Units and new Industrial Units
- v. EPA NOC for the Operational Phase of Industrial Units
- vi. Renewal of EPA NOC after every 3-years as per requirements of EPA Punjab



1.3 Contact Details of Focal Person of Environment Consultant

The contact details of the Focal Person of Environment Consultant (FEED) are in the following Table 1.

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i.	Name of Environment Consulting Firm	<i>Friends of Environment and Economic Development (FEED)</i>
ii.	Contact Details of Focal Person	Ms. Aqsa Tabbasam, Assistant Manager (Environment) (03237843076)
iii.	Address	Garden Tower Plaza, Barkat Market, Lahore

1.4 Details of Project Team of Environment Consultant

The following Team of qualified professionals has conducted environmental assessment and contributed for preparation of the IEE / EIA report.

Table 1.2 Details of Project Team of Environment Consultant

Sr.#	Name	Qualification	Roles
i.	Mr. Muhammad Tahir	MSc. Environmental Sciences MSc. Agricultural Engineering	Team Head
ii.	Ms. Aqsa Tabbasam	BS Environmental Sciences MS Textile Engineering	- Data Collection - Report Writing
iii.	Ms. Amina Ramzan	BS Environmental Sciences	- Social Survey - Report Writing
iv.	Ms. Emaan Tahir	LLB, Punjab University	Legal Matters



1.5 Screening and Scoping

In an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening is the initial step to determine if a project is likely to have significant environmental impacts, thus requiring a full EIA, while scoping is the subsequent process that identifies and defines the key environmental issues, alternatives, and the baseline data needed for that EIA. Screening uses criteria or project lists to decide if an EIA is mandatory, leading to outcomes ranging from no further assessment to a full EIA. Scoping then sets the boundaries and terms of reference for the EIA, involving public consultation and stakeholder input to focus the assessment on relevant concerns and ensuring an efficient and comprehensive evaluation.

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Activities: Key activities include identifying potential alternatives, establishing the environmental baseline, setting the terms of reference for the assessment, and defining the range of issues to be studied.

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During this phase, all necessary information on the project has been collected and reviewed. A list of potential environmental impacts as well as social issues has been prepared. Relevant data has been collected and compiled, to develop a baseline of the project area's physical, biological, and



human environment. Field visits to the site have been also carried out. The secondary resources included reports of the studies carried out earlier, published books and data, and relevant websites have been utilized. With the help of these resources, a generic profile of the project area has been developed. During these field visits, information on environmental and social parameters has been collected. The environmental and social hot spots falling at or near the project site have been identified, and most importantly, the project's environmental effects have been ascertained.

1.6 Environmental Impacts of Project

The Team determined the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project during the study. Subsequently, the potential environmental impacts have been characterized to determine their significance. Mitigation measures have been identified to minimize the significant environmental effects. A management framework has also been developed in the form of an EMP for the implementation of the mitigation measures identified during the study.

1.7 Structure of Report

This EIA reviews information on existing environmental attributes of the project Area. All-important ecological features, air quality, noise, water quality, social and economic aspects are included. The report predicts the probable impacts on the environment due to the said project. This Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) also proposes various environmental management measures. Details of all background environmental quality, environmental impacts/pollutant generating activities, pollution sources, predicted environmental quality and related aspects have been provided in this report.

The structure of this assessment report is as follows:

- i. Introduction
- ii. Legislative Framework
- iii. Screening and Scoping
- iv. Description of the Project
- v. Description of Environment
- vi. Screening of Potential Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures
- vii. Stakeholders Consultations



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Chapter 2: LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

Pakistan is a signatory to Multilateral Environmental Agreements and different international treaties. Pakistan has a comprehensive set of environmental legislation covering multiple environmental issues facing Pakistan like pollution of freshwater bodies, gaseous emissions from Industrial Units degradation of ambient air quality, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, lack of proper waste management, and adverse impacts of climate change. The basic policy and legislative framework along with detailed rules, regulations, and guidelines required for implementing the policies and enforcement of legislation for the protection of the environment and biodiversity are in place, in Pakistan.

In Punjab, prime and the most important legal instruments to deal with the environmental matters and challenges, are Punjab Environment Protection Act 1997 and Punjab Environment Quality Standards PEQS. This act is a very comprehensive law and covers all the important aspects as explained below. Similarly, Punjab Environmental Quality Standards are also added in this chapter for ready reference.

2.1 Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997

After the 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan, the Federal Ministry of Environment has been dissolved and the subject of Environment and Ecology have been devolved to provinces of Pakistan. The province of Punjab has made its own Environment Act titled Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997. The Punjab Environmental Protection Act (PEPA), 1997 covers the following important topics /subjects.

- i. Establishment of the Punjab Environmental Protection Council.
- ii. Functions and Powers of the Council.
- iii. Establishment of the Provincial Environmental Protection Agency.
- iv. Functions of the Provincial Agency.
- v. Powers of the Provincial Agency.
- vi. Establishment of the Provincial Sustainable Development Fund.
- vii. Management of the Provincial Sustainable Development Fund.
- viii. Prohibition of certain discharges or emissions.
- ix. Initial environmental examination and environmental impact assessment



- x. Offences by Government Agencies, local authorities or local councils.
- xi. Establishment of Environmental Tribunals.
- xii. Jurisdiction and powers of Environmental Tribunals.
- xiii. Appeals to the Environmental Tribunal.
- xiv. Jurisdiction of Environmental Magistrates.

2.1 Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS)

The Govt. of Punjab has notified Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for different kinds of pollutants, as described in the following tables: -

Table 2.1 Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Ambient Air

Sr. No	Pollutant	Time-Weighted Average	Concentration in Ambient Air	Method of Measurement
1.	Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Annual Average	80 µg/m ³	Ultraviolet Fluorescence Method
		24 hours	120 µg/m ³	
2.	Oxides of Nitrogen as (NO)	Annual Average	40 µg/m ³	Gas phase chemiluminescence
		24 hours	40 µg/m ³	
3.	Oxides of Nitrogen as (NO)	Annual Average	40 µg/m ³	Gas phase chemiluminescence
		24 hours	80 µg/m ³	
4.	Ozone (O ₃)	1 hour	130 µg/m ³	Non-Dispersive UV Absorption Method
5.	Suspended particulate matter (SPM)	Annual Average	360 µg/m ³	High volume sampling (average flow rate not less than 1.1 m ³ /min)
		24 hours	500 µg/m ³	
6.	Respirable Particulate Matter PM ₁₀	Annual Average	120 µg/m ³	Preferably β-Ray absorption method
		24 hours	150 µg/m ³	
7.	Respirable Particulate Matter PM _{2.5}	Annual Average	15 µg/m ³	Preferably β-Ray absorption method
		24 hours	35 µg/m ³	



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2.2 Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Drinking Water

Sr. No.	Properties /Parameters	Standard Values	WHO Standards	Remarks
1.	All water intended for drinking (E. Coil or Thermo-tolerant Coliform bacteria)	Must not be detectable in any 100 ml sample	Must not be detectable in any 100 ml sample	Most Asian countries also follow WHO standards.
2.	Treated water entering the distribution system (E. Coil or thermo-tolerant coliform and total coliform bacteria)	Must not be detectable in any 100 ml sample	Must not be detectable in any 100 ml sample	Most Asian countries also follow WHO standards.
3.	Treated water in the distribution system (E. Coil or thermo-tolerant coliform and total coliform bacteria)	Must not be detectable in any 100 ml sample in the case of large supplies, where sufficient samples are examined, must not be present in 95 % of the sample taken throughout any 12-month period.	Must not be detectable in any 100 ml sample In the case of large supplies, where sufficient samples are examined, must not be present in 95 % of the sample taken throughout any 12-month period.	Most Asian countries also follow WHO standards
4.	Color	≤15 TCU	≤15 TCU	
5.	Taste	Non objectionable/ acceptable	Non objectionable/ acceptable	
6.	Odour	Non objectionable/ acceptable	Non objectionable/ acceptable	
7.	Turbidity	<5 NTU	<5 NTU	
8.	Total hardness as CaCO ₃	< 500 mg/l	–	
9.	TDS	< 1000	< 1000	
10.	Ph	6.5 – 8.5	6.5 – 8.5	
11.	Essential Inorganic	mg/Liter	mg/Liter	
12.	Aluminum (Al) mg/l	≤0.2	0.2	
13.	Antimony (Sb)	≤0.005 (P)	0.02	
14.	Barium (Ba)	0.7	0.7	
15.	Arsenic	≤0.05 (P)	0.01	Standard for Pakistan similar to most Asian developing countries
16.	Boron (B)	0.3	0.3	



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17.	Cadmium (Cd)	0.01	0.003	Standard for Pakistan similar to most Asian developing countries
18.	Chloride (Cl)	<250	250	
19.	Chromium (Cr)	≤0.05	0.05	
20.	Copper (Cu)	2	2	
21.	Toxic Inorganic	mg/l	mg/l	
22.	Cyanide (CN)	≤0.05	0.07	Standard for Pakistan similar to most Asian developing countries
23.	Fluoride (F)*	≤1.5	1.5	
24.	Lead (Pb)	≤0.05	0.01	Standard for Pakistan similar to most Asian developing countries
25.	Manganese (Mn)	≤0.5	0.5	
26.	Mercury (Hg)	≤0.001	0.001	
27.	Nickel (Ni)	≤0.02	0.02	
28.	Nitrate (NO ₃)	≤50	50	
29.	Nitrite (NO ₃)	≤3 (P)	3	
30.	Selenium (Se)	0.01 (P)	0.01	
31.	Residual chlorine	0.2-0.5 at consumer end 0.5-1.5 at source		
32.	Zinc (Zn)	5.0	3	The standard for Pakistan similar to most Asian developing countries
33.	Organic			
34.	Pesticides mg/l			PSQCA No. 4639 – 2004, page No. 4 Table No. 3 Serial No. 20 – 58 may be consulted
35.	Phenolic compound (as Phenols) mg/l			
36.	Poly-nuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (as PAHs) g/l		0.01 (By GC/MS method)	



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37.	Alpha Emitters bq/L	0.1	0.1	
38.	Beta emitters	1	1	

Table 2.3 Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Municipal and Liquid Industrial Effluents

Sr. No	Parameters	Into Inland Waters	Into Sewage Treatment
1	Temperature or Temperature Increase	$\leq 3^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\leq 3^{\circ}\text{C}$
2	pH value (H^+)	6-9	6-9
3	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) at 20°C	80	250
4	Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)"	150	250
5	Total suspended solids (TSS)	200	400
6	Total dissolved solids (TDS)	3500	3500
7	Grease and Oil	10	10
8	Phenolic compounds (as phenol)	0.1	0.3
9	Chloride (as Cl^-).	1000	1000
10	Cyanide (as CN)	1.0	1.0
11	An-ionic detergents (as MBAs) (2	20	20
12	Sulfate (SO_4)	600	1000
13	Fluoride (as F)	10	10
14	Sulfide (S^{2-})	1.0	1.0
15	Ammonia (NH_3)	40	40
16	Pesticides ⁽³⁾	0.15	0.15
17	Cadmium (Cd) ⁽⁴⁾	0.1	0.1
18	Chromium (trivalent and hexavalent)	1.0	1.0
19	Copper (Cu) ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	1.0
20	Lead (Pb) ⁽⁴⁾	0.5	0.5
21	Mercury (Hg) ⁽⁴⁾	0.01	0.01
22	Selenium (Se) ⁽⁴⁾	0.5	0.5



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23	Nickel (Ni) ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	1.0
24	Silver (Ag) ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	1.0
25	Total Toxic metals	2.0	2.0
26	Zinc (Zn)	5.0	5.0
27	Arsenic (As) ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	10
28	Barium (Ba) ⁽⁴⁾	1.5	15
29	Iron (Fe)	8.0	8.0
30	Manganese (Mn)	1.5	1.5
31	Boron (Ba) ⁽⁴⁾	6.0	6.0
32	Chlorine (Cl ₂)	1.0	1:0

Explanation:

1. Assuming minimum dilution 1:10 on discharge, lower ratio would attract progressively stringent standards to be determined by the Provincial Environmental Protection Agency. By 1:50 dilution means, for example that for each one cubic meter of treated effluent, the recipient water body should have 10 cubic meters of water for dilution of this effluent.
2. Methylene Blue Active Substances; assuming surfactant as biodegradable.
3. Pesticides include herbicides, fungicides and insecticides.
4. Subject to total toxic metals, discharge should not exceed level given at S.N. 25.
5. Applicable only when and where sewage treatment is operational and BOD₅-80 mg/l is achieved by the sewage treatment system.
6. The effluent should not result in temperature increase of more than 30°C at the edge of the zone where initial mixing and dilution take place in the receiving body. In case zone is not defined, use 100 meters from the point of discharge.

Note:

1. Dilution of liquid effluents to meet to the PEQS limiting value is not permissible through fresh water mixing with the effluent before discharging into the environment
2. The concentration of pollutants in water being used will be subtracted from the effluent for calculating the PEQS limits.



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Table 2.4 Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Industrial Gaseous Emissions (Mg/Nm³)

Sr. No.	Parameter	Source of Emissions	Stander
1	Smoke	Smoke opacity not exceed	40% or 2 Ringelmann Scale or equivalent Smoke number
2	Particulate matter	Boilers and furnaces	
		Oil fired	300
		Coal-fired	500
		Cement Kilns	300
		Grinding, crushing, clinkers coolers and related processes, metallurgical processes, converters, blast furnaces and cupolas	500
3	Hydrogen chloride (HCL)	Any	400
4	Chlorine	Any	150
5	Hydrogen fluoride	Any	150
6	Hydrogen Sulphide	Any	10
7	Sulphur Oxides	Sulfuric acid/Sulfonic acid plants	5000
		Other plants expect power plant operating on oil and coal	1700
8	Carbon Monoxide Parameter	Any Source of Emission	800 Stander
9	Lead (PB)	Any	50
10	Mercury (Hg)	Any	10
11	Cadmium (Cd)	Any	20
12	Arsenic (Ar)	Any	20
13	Copper (Cu)	Any	50
14	Antimony (Sb)	Any	20
15	Zinc (Zn)	Any	200
16	Oxides of Nitrogen	Nitric acid manufacturing unit	3000
		Other plants expect power operating on oil or coal	
		Gas fired	400



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Table 2.5 Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Noise

Sr. No	Category of Area Zone	Effective from 1" July, 2010		Effective from I" July, 2013	
		Limits in Db(A) Leq*			
		Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time
1	Residential Area (A)	65	50	55	45
2	Commercial Area (B)	70	60	65	55
3	Industrial Area (C)	80	70	75	65
4	Silence Zone (D)	55	45	50	45

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SCREENING AND SCOPING



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3.1 General information of screening and scoping

Screening

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Activities: Key activities include identifying potential alternatives, establishing the environmental baseline, setting the terms of reference for the assessment, and defining the range of issues to be studied.

Output: The outcome is a scoping opinion or a similar document that guides the developer on the information that must be included in the EIA.

This section of the study focuses on the details of project screening, scoping, and the selection of alternatives. According to Section 12 of Punjab Environment Protection Act, 1997. "No proponent of a project shall commence construction or operation unless he has filed with the Provisional Agency an initial environmental examination or where the project is likely to cause an adverse environmental effect, an environmental impact assessment (EIA) and has obtained from the Provisional Agency approval in respect thereof.

The IEE/EIA Regulation 2022, classifies the projects under two schedules called Schedule-I and Schedule-II. The Regulations read that a proponent of a project falling in any category specified in Schedule II shall file an EIA with the Provincial Agency and the provisions of section 12 shall apply to such project. According to the said regulations, the proposed project falls under Schedule II.

Scoping

The scoping exercise helps identify key environmental issues that should be highlighted and further investigated in the EIA. Effective scoping is essential in terms of the following: -

- i. Defining the spatial and temporal boundaries.
- ii. Consulting with stakeholders to identify a full range of concerns.
- iii. Focusing on key issues that have been characteristic of the existing environment in the baseline study.
- iv. Reviewing the types of alternatives to be considered.
- v. Making logical decisions that have been more significant and need to be prioritized in the EIA



3.2 Alternatives

3.2.1 Environmental alternatives

The surrounding environmental conditions are congenial for the project. Both the construction as well as operation phases will not adversely affect the environment. All of the aspects will be kept strictly within the limits defined under Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS) and the project shall comply with requirements prescribed in Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997.

3.3 Salient features of Project Location / Quaid-e-Azam Business Park (QABP), Sheikhupura

The Quaid-e-Azam Business Park Sheikhupura is one of Pakistan's major industrial development projects established to promote industrialization, investment, exports, and employment generation. It is located near Sheikhupura on the Lahore–Islamabad Motorway (M-2) and has been developed by Punjab Industrial Estates Development and Management Company (PIEDMC).

The project was initially launched as the “Quaid-e-Azam Apparel Park,” primarily focused on the textile sector. Later, in 2019, it was transformed into a multi-sector industrial estate and renamed Quaid-e-Azam Business Park (QABP).

Important nearby facilities :

- Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore – about 55 km
- NLC Dry Port Lahore – about 42 km
- Sheikhupura Railway Station – about 6 km away
- Direct motorway access for cargo transportation
- Connectivity with Lahore, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, and Sialkot industrial belts
- Access to national highways, dry ports, and seaports
- Availability of skilled and unskilled labor from nearby urban centers
- Strong potential for local and foreign direct investment (FDI)
- Its strategic positioning makes it an important industrial hub under Pakistan's broader



industrialization and SEZ development framework.

2. Area and Layout

The business park covers approximately: 1,536 acres according to official and early project sources

Some recent reports mention expansion up to around 1,860 acres

Major Components

The park includes the followings:

- Industrial zones
- Warehousing and logistics areas
- Commercial facilities
- Business centers
- Roads and infrastructure
- Labour colony
- Utility corridors
- Green belts

A dedicated labour colony of approximately 200 acres is planned to accommodate nearly 30,000 workers.

3. Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Status

QABP has been designated as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) under Pakistan's SEZ framework.

Incentives Offered

- 10-year income tax exemption
- One-time duty-free import of machinery and capital goods
- Simplified business approvals
- One-window facilitation services

These incentives are intended to attract:

Local investors

Overseas Pakistanis

Multinational companies

Export-oriented industries



4. Objectives of QABP

- The major objectives of the project are:
- Industrialization
- To accelerate industrial growth in Punjab and Pakistan.
- Employment Generation
- The project is expected to create approximately:
- 250,000 to 500,000 jobs according to different official projections.
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- To attract domestic and international investors.
- Export Promotion
- To encourage export-oriented industries and increase Pakistan's exports.
- Regional Development
- To promote balanced economic growth in Sheikhpura and surrounding areas.
- Technology Transfer
- To introduce modern industrial technologies and management systems.

5. Industries Planned in QABP

Industries proposed include:

- Textile and garments
- Pharmaceuticals
- Auto parts manufacturing
- Food and beverages
- Plastics
- Chemicals
- Light engineering
- Electronics



- Information technology
- Mobile manufacturing
- Warehousing and logistics
- Manufacturing services
- This diversified industrial model reduces dependence on a single sector and improves economic sustainability.

6. Infrastructure and Facilities

Infrastructure Features are as under;

- Road Network
- Wide roads and boulevards
- Dedicated motorway interchange
- Electricity Supply
- Dedicated 220 kV Grid Station
- Reliable industrial power supply
- The grid station became operational in 2026 to support industrial demand.
- Utilities
- Water supply system
- Gas pipelines
- Underground utilities
- Sewerage and drainage systems
- Environmental Infrastructure
- Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)
- Green areas and landscaping
- Business Services
- One-window operation center
- Administrative support



- Commercial and exhibition facilities

9. Environmental Considerations

As a modern industrial estate, environmental management is important for QABP.

- Key Environmental Measures
- Planned Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)
- Wastewater management systems
- Green belts and landscaping
- Regulated industrial zoning
- Environmental compliance mechanisms
- Industries operating in the park are expected to comply with environmental regulations and obtain approvals from relevant authorities such as the Environmental Protection Agency

The Quaid-e-Azam Business Park Sheikhupura is a landmark industrial development project aimed at transforming Pakistan's industrial and economic landscape. Its strategic location, SEZ incentives, modern infrastructure, and multi-sector industrial approach make it a significant initiative for investment, employment generation, and export growth. If properly managed and environmentally regulated, QABP can play a major role in strengthening Pakistan's industrial economy and attracting both local and international investment in the coming years.



CHAPTER .4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Chapter 4: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This section of the study concentrates on details of the project and its salient features, such as location, Site layout, objectives, selection of alternatives, and magnitude of the operations. Inputs and discharges relevant to different phases of the project, such as electricity, vehicles & materials, etc. have been examined to ascertain the potential environmental impacts and to suggest necessary corrective measures required during the construction and operational phase of project to safeguard the environment.

4.1 Project Objectives

The objective of this project is Construction of Pharmaceutical Products Manufacturing Factory.

4.3 Location of the Project

The Project site is planned at Plot No. 35-C, Quaid-i-Azam Business Park (SEZ), Sheikhpura.

4.4 Vegetation Features of the Site

Land is clear and no significant plants or vegetation of ecological importance are present at the site. The Project Proponent will develop greenery at the project site after construction work and this greenery will serve as a useful buffer zone to lessen the effects of pollution from different sources. So, the project will not cause any harm to vegetation and environment of the area.

4.5 Relocation and Rehabilitation Plans

No any kind of structural settlement exists at the site to be relocated or dismantled. The land is a vacant plot and hence, no relocation and rehabilitation are required.



4.6 Salient Features of Project

The salient features of Project are as under in Table 3.1

Table 3.1 Salient Features of Project

Sr. No	Description	Remarks
1.	Title of Project	Construction of Pharmaceutical Factory by M/S Bio- Grow Pharmaceuticals Private Limited
2.	Project Location	Plot No. 35-C, Quaid-i- Azam Business Park (SEZ) Sheikhpura
3.	Project Proponent	Mr. Tariq Saddique
4.	Project Area	1.3 Acres
5.	Purpose of Project	Manufacturing of Pharmaceutical Products
6.	Cost of Project	150.00 million
7.	Capacity of Project	Tablets..... 1,00,000/day Capsules..... 2,00,000/day Ampoule..... 50,000/day Dry injection70,000/day

4.7 Manufacturing Processes in a Pharmaceutical Department

The processes depend on dosage form (solid, liquid, semi-solid, sterile). Below is a general sequence for solid oral dosage forms (tablets/capsules):

Step-by-Step Process

i. Raw Material Sourcing & Receipt

- All materials received, labeled, quarantined.
- Quality Control (QC) sampling and testing.

ii. Weighing & Dispensing

Measured according to Batch Manufacturing Record (BMR).

Done in controlled, dust-free rooms.

iii. Granulation (if required)



- Dry granulation (slugging or roller compaction) or
- Wet granulation (binder solution mixed, dried, milled).
- Improves flow and compressibility.

iv. **Blending/Mixing**

APIs mixed with excipients for uniform distribution.

v. **Compression or Encapsulation**

Tablets: Compressed in tablet press.

Capsules: Filled using capsule filling machines.

vi. **Coating (if required)**

Film coating or sugar coating for taste masking, stability, or controlled release.

vii. **In-process Quality Control**

Hardness, weight variation, friability, disintegration, dissolution.

viii. **Packaging**

Tablets/capsules packed in blisters, bottles, or strips.

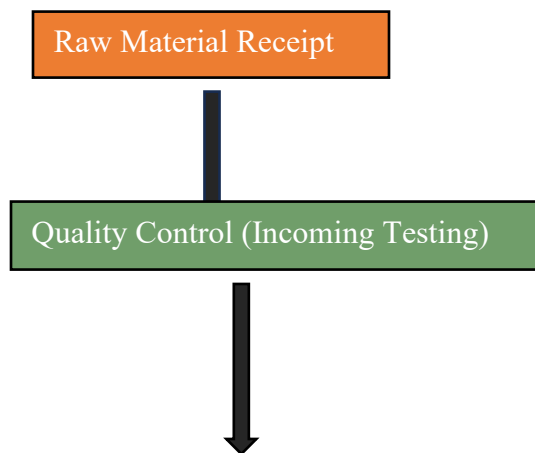
ix. **Finished Product Testing**

QC checks for potency, purity, microbial limits.

x. **Release & Distribution**

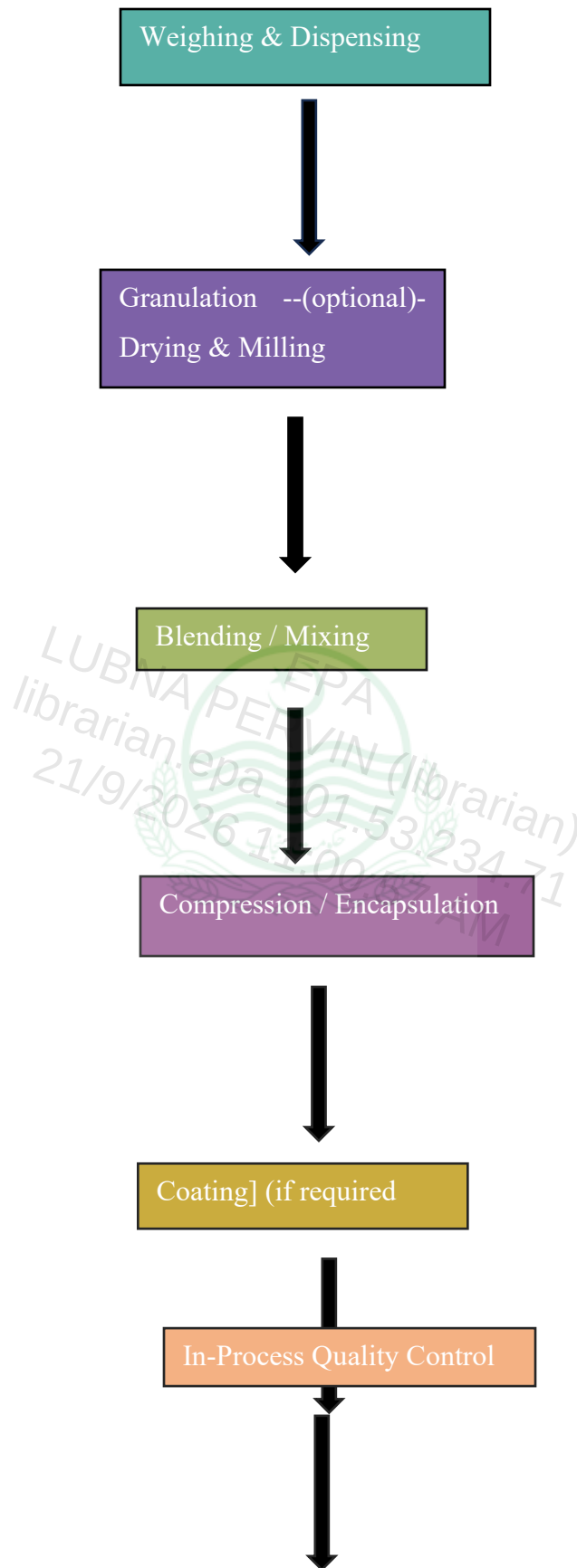
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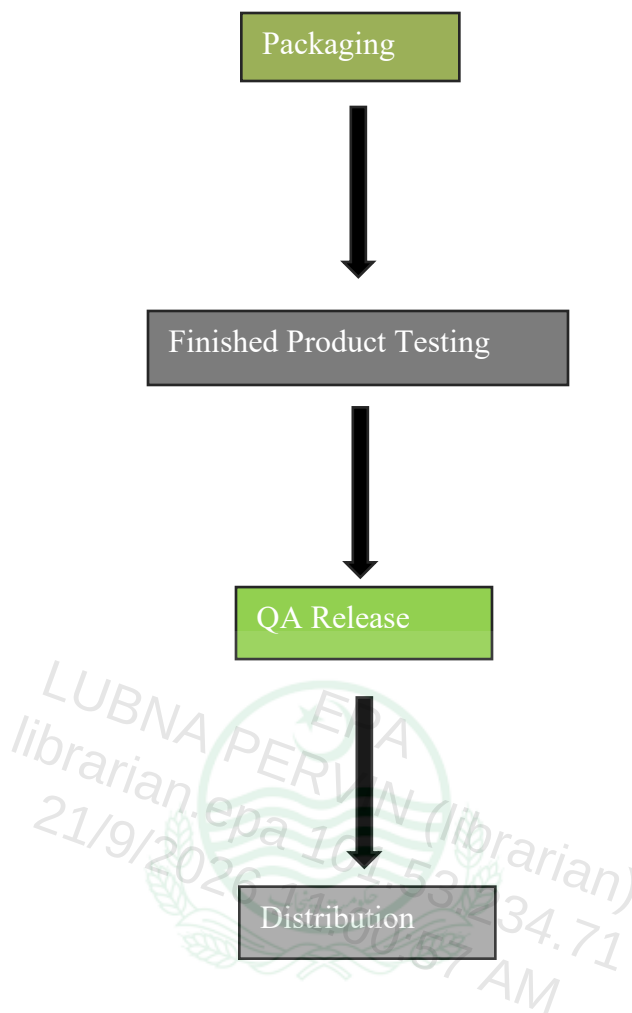
4.8 Flow Chart Diagram – Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Process (Solid Dosage)





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4.9 Schedule of Implementation

The project construction work will almost 6 months, because this type pf projects do not involve civil work, only installation of machinery is required. The schedule of Construction/ Installation of machinery/ Project implementations is as under in Table 4.3

Table 4.3 Schedule of Implementation

Sr. No	Activities	First 4 Months	Second 4 Months	Third 4 Months
1.	Construction of Building			



2.	Installation of Machinery			
3.	Trial operation			

4.10 Water and Wastewater Details

i. Sources of water

Water requirement will be met from groundwater through installation of pumps during construction phase as well as during operation phase. There is very little requirement of water during construction as well as operational phase of the project.

ii. Solid Waste

There is no likelihood of solid waste from the operations of the proposed Project except empty drums, cartons which are recyclable materials. EPA approved Vendors are readily available to buy such kind of recyclable waste materials.

iii. Restoration and Rehabilitation Plan

After completion of the construction work, all the disturbed sites will be changed into conditions as they were prior to the commencement of the project or even far better than that. For improving the environmental and aesthetic value or visual quality of the site, the proponent will carry out landscaping and tree planting within premises of factory.



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DESCRIPTION OF

ENVIRONMENT

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Chapter 5: DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

This chapter describes the baseline conditions, which cover the existing physical, ecological, and socio-economic environment of the Project Area. Information on these aspects has been derived from the desk study of available data, field visits to the project area as well as information obtained through visits to the Government departments and other relevant agencies.

5.1 Data Collection

The primary data was collected by surveying the project area and its nearby vicinity. The secondary data regarding physical parameters (topography, geology, seismology, hydrology, and climatology) was obtained by visiting relevant departments and their official websites. The biological parameters (flora and fauna) were also studied in the project area. The vegetation of the project area was studied by preparing a floristic list based on visual observation. The species were recorded in terms of their historical existence in the project area.

Information on wildlife/fauna species (mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, etc.) in the assessment area is based on opportunistic observation, gathering the existing information, and consultation with local experts, community members, government, and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

5.2 Physical Environment

This part examines the physical resources such as topography, soil, climate, surface and ground water resources and quality, ambient air quality and geology of not only the Project site but also the city as a whole to assess whether the project under assessment can or does have any impacts on any of these parameters. The description of physical environment of District Lahore and the project site is presented in the following sub sections.

5.3 Geography and Geology

Sheikhupura is located in the northeastern part of Punjab Province and lies near Lahore. The district mainly consists of flat alluvial plains formed by river and canal deposits over many years. The geology of the area is dominated by recent alluvial sediments containing sand, silt, and clay. These fertile soils support extensive agricultural activities throughout the district. The district also contains industrial and urban areas due to its strategic location near major transportation routes.



5.4 Topography

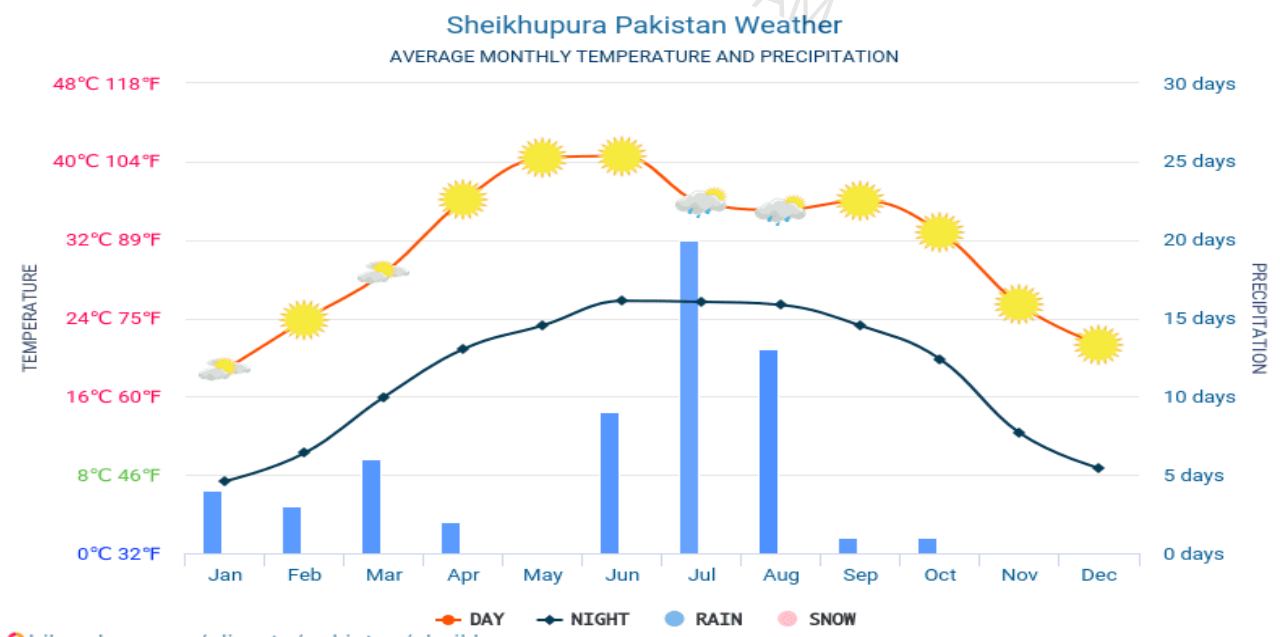
The topography of District Sheikhupura is generally plain and level with slight variations in elevation. Most parts of the district consist of agricultural lands, rural settlements, and industrial zones. There are no major mountains or rocky terrains in the district. The flat topography supports irrigation networks, transportation infrastructure, and agricultural development.

4.5 Hydrology

The hydrology of Sheikhupura is mainly supported by canal irrigation systems and groundwater resources. Various canals and distributaries provide irrigation water for agricultural lands. Groundwater is commonly extracted through tube wells for domestic, agricultural, and industrial purposes. Seasonal rainfall also contributes to groundwater recharge. In some areas, excessive groundwater extraction may affect water quality and water table levels.

5.6 Climate

District Sheikhupura has a semi-arid to subtropical climate with hot summers and cool winters. Summer temperatures may exceed 45°C during May and June, while winter temperatures may fall below 5°C during December and January. The district receives most of its rainfall during the monsoon season from July to September. Humidity levels increase during monsoon months, whereas dry weather conditions prevail during most of the year.



Average Monthly Temperature and Precipitation of District Sheikhupura



5.7 Biological Environment

The biological environment of Sheikhpura includes agricultural fields, roadside plantations, wetlands, canals, and scattered vegetation. Common tree species include neem, eucalyptus, kikar, shisham, and sukh chain. The district supports various bird species such as sparrows, pigeons, parrots, crows, and mynas. Livestock including cattle, buffaloes, goats, and sheep are also commonly found in rural areas. Wetland areas attract migratory birds during winter seasons.

5.7.1 Flora

Several types of floral species are present in district Sheikhpura. However, some of the principal species are in the following pics.



Figure 5.3 Species of Flora



5.7.2 Fauna in the Area

Common mammals found in the area are dogs, cats, house rats, and bats. Snakes such as cobra, kraits, etc. were once common in the tract, but now cases of snake bites are very rare, as these reptiles have been either killed by expanding urbanization or they have moved away. Lizards such as Spiny-tailed lizard (*Uromastix hardwickii*) and fringed-toed lizard (*Acanthodactylus cantoris*) are also reported by the residents of the area.

Amphibians frequently seen in and around the project area, especially during the rainy season, include the common Frog (*Rana tigrina*) and Indus Valley toad. House sparrow (*Passer domestics*), House crow (*Corvus splendens*), and Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*) are the most common sights in the area. There are no endangered species of flora and fauna in the Study Area.



Figure 5.4 Species of Fauna



5.8 Socio-Economic Resources

The economy of Sheikhpura is mainly based on agriculture and industrial activities. Important agricultural crops include wheat, rice, maize, and sugarcane. The district also contains rice mills, poultry farms, feed mills, textile units, steel industries, and chemical industries. Trade, transport, and small businesses also contribute significantly to the local economy and employment generation.

5.9 Demography

District Sheikhpura has a rapidly growing population consisting of both urban and rural communities. The population includes people engaged in agriculture, industrial labor, business activities, and government services. Urbanization has increased due to industrial development and improved infrastructure facilities near Lahore and adjoining industrial zones.

5.9 Literacy Rate

The literacy rate of District Sheikhpura has improved over the years due to the establishment of educational institutions in urban and rural areas. Both public and private sector schools, colleges, and universities are contributing to educational development. Male literacy is comparatively higher than female literacy; however, female education is gradually increasing in the district.

5.10 Industries

District Sheikhpura is considered one of the important industrial districts of Punjab. Major industries operating in the district include:

- Rice processing units
- Poultry farms
- Feed mills
- Textile industries
- Steel re-rolling mills
- Chemical industries
- Plastic and packaging industries



Industrial estates and factories provide employment opportunities to a large number of people in the district.

5.11 Amenities

Basic public amenities available in the district include:

- Electricity supply
- Natural gas facilities
- Road networks
- Public transportation
- Telephone and internet services
- Water supply systems
- Banking facilities
- Markets and commercial centres

The district is well connected with nearby cities through highways and railway networks.

5.12 Major Educational Institutions

Major educational institutions in District Sheikhpura include:

- Government College University Sheikhpura
- Punjab College Sheikhpura
- Superior College Sheikhpura
- Government Post Graduate College Sheikhpura
- Various public and private schools and technical institutes

These institutions provide educational facilities at primary, secondary, and higher education levels.

5.14 Major Hospitals

Major healthcare facilities in District Sheikhpura include:

- District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital Sheikhpura
- Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospitals
- Government and private clinics
- Rural Health Centers (RHCs)
- Basic Health Units (BHUs)

These healthcare facilities provide medical services to urban and rural populations of the district.

5.15 Major Parks



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Important recreational parks and public spaces in District Sheikhupura include:

- Jinnah Park Sheikhupura
- Hiran Minar Park
- Family parks and public gardens in urban areas

These parks provide recreational opportunities and contribute to the environmental and social well-being of the local population.

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CHAPTER .6

POTENTIAL

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS **AND MITIGATION MEASURES**



Chapter 6: POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS & MITIGATION MEASURES

Assessment of impacts depends on the nature and magnitude of the project/ activity being undertaken, as well as the type of environmental control measures that are envisaged as part of the project proposal. The potential impacts of the project have been identified and assessed based on the type and scale of the various activities associated with this project. This section discusses the project's potential environmental impacts on the area's geomorphology, soil, water resources, air, biological resources, and socioeconomic conditions and, where applicable, identifies mitigation measures that will reduce, the adverse impacts.

6.1 Identification of Potential Environmental Impacts

In the first step, potential environmental impacts of the project are identified by desktop work using checklists, professional judgment, and published literature on environmental impacts of similar projects, and standard environmental guidelines. Potential impacts are also identified through discussion with project proponent, and consultation with stakeholders and community to identify their concerns. The main aspects associated with potential environmental impacts are as follows: -

- i. Ambient Air Quality
- ii. Waste water and Solid waste
- iii. Noise pollution
- iv. Ecology of the area, including flora and fauna
- v. Soil Contamination and Erosion
- vi. Air Emissions (Dust and Particulate Matter)
- vii. Solid Waste Generation

6.2 Scoping Criteria for Impacts

The potential impacts of the Project/ (construction of Pharmaceutical Unit) are evaluated based on the following criteria:

The current baseline conditions and the anticipated changes in environmental parameters are likely to



be affected by Project. Whether any impact will violate applicable Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS).

6.3 Methodology for Impact Assessment

The impact assessment methodology defines three levels of consequences (or severity) and likelihood (chance of occurrence) i.e. Low, Moderate/Medium, or High. The significance of an impact is determined based on the level of consequence and likelihood of the impacts.

Table 6.1 Methodology for Impacts Assessment

Sr. No	Level	Severity of Impact (Results)	Likelihood
1.	High	Significant or catastrophic harm to the local and regional environment. A serious threat to the company's reputation, profitability, and overall ability to operate.	Measurable harm to the environment. Potential impact on reputation and costs. Decreased operational efficiency
2.	Moderate	Measurable damage to the environment Potential to affect reputation/cost Reduced efficiency	Moderate likelihood of occurrence throughout the operational lifetime. Periodic or occasional aspects of the operations.
3.	Low	Negligible damage to the environment No risk to business	Unlikely to occur during lifetime of operation.

6.4 Impacts Assessment

The impacts are classified based on their spatial distribution, i.e. local when impacting an area of approximately 1 km radius from the project area, moderate spread, when impacting an area of 1 to 2 km radius, and regional beyond 2 km.

The impacts are classified as short-term, moderate-term, and long-term in terms of their existence on a temporal scale. Impacts with less than 1 year of existence as short-term term, while those with 1 to 3 years as moderate term and more than 3 years as long term.



The negative impacts are termed as adverse impacts while positive impacts as beneficial. The significance of the environmental impacts of various involved activities has been evaluated based on the following criteria.

Table 6.2: Impacts Significance Area

Sr. No	Impacts Significance	Criteria
1.	Long Term	When the impact is of high intensity with high spread and high duration.
2.	Moderate Term	When the impact is of moderate intensity with high moderate spread and high-moderate duration.
3.	Short Term	When the impact is of low intensity but with moderate spread and moderate duration.
4.	Insignificant	When the impact is of low intensity, low spread, and low duration.
5.	Beneficial	When the Impacts are Positive.

6.5 Environmental Mitigation Measures

Highly effective environmental management practices will be done to keep the project's surrounding environment within safe limits in terms of air and water quality. Environmental monitoring will be conducted as per requirements of environmental law and EPA directions.

6.6 Compensation in Money Terms

There is no damage to flora, fauna, or any other resource, hence compensation in money terms is not needed.

6.7 Replacement/ Relocation/ Rehabilitation

The said project is planned in a vacant area and there is no sensitive area, population, or natural resource. So, replacement, relocation, and rehabilitation are not required.

6.8 Potential Environmental Impacts associated with Project Location

- i. The proponent has selected a site for his project which exists in the vacant area.
- ii. There is no community or human settlement within the safe radius of the site.



- iii. There is no flora & fauna (particularly belonging to an endangered species) within a 2 km radius of the site.
- iv. There is a good road network in the area of the project.
- v. There is no ecologically sensitive or declared protected area (PA) like forest, fish hatcheries, Territorial Waters, wildlife or game reserves, or any structure of socio-cultural significance (historical or archaeological site or religious structures).

It can be safely concluded that the selected site is best suited for the project, and will not pose any adverse environmental impacts.

6.9 Methodology for Impact Assessment

The environmental aspects of the project during all stages namely construction and operation have been selected from a master list of environmental items which is widely used world over for this purpose. The extent of qualitative and quantitative impacts has been described and mitigation measures have been proposed to keep them within permissible limits.

6.10 Impacts due to Project Location

The project construction has been planned in a Govt. Notified Industrial Area i.e. Sundar Industrial Estate. The establishment of this unit is not expected to cause any negative impacts at the location of the project because all the environmental aspects shall be kept under strict control with the help of stringent mitigation measures.

6.11 Impacts associated with Construction Phase and Mitigation Measures

The Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts associated with the construction phase of project, are the following:

- i. Air Pollution
- ii. Waste water and Solid waste
- iii. Noise pollution
- iv. Ecology of the area, including flora and fauna
- v. Air Emissions (Dust and Particulate Matter)
- vi. Solid Waste Generation



6.12 Impacts of Air Pollution

Dust emissions from land clearing, construction activities, and movement of machinery and vehicles may degrade local air quality.

Mitigation Measures:

- Water sprinkling on unpaved roads and active construction sites.
- Covering of construction material during transport and storage.
- Regular maintenance of vehicles and machinery to minimize exhaust emissions.

6.13 Impacts of Noise Pollution

Increased noise levels from construction machinery and equipment may disturb nearby residents and workers.

Mitigation Measures:

- Use of noise-suppressing equipment and proper mufflers.
- Limiting construction activities to daytime hours.
- Provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) like earplugs to workers

6.14 Impacts of Occupational Health and Safety

Workers are exposed to dust, noise, and mechanical hazards, posing health and safety risks.

A comprehensive occupational health and safety plan is as under.

Mitigation Measures

- i. Adequate shuttering should be established and used for all kinds of construction activities
- ii. Comprehensive occupational health and safety plan.
- iii. Regular training programs for workers.
- iv. Provision of PPE (masks, gloves, goggles, etc.).
- v. Emergency response and first aid arrangements on-site.
- vi. Work at height should be performed only after permit to work by HSE staff who shall



- issue such permit to work at height after taking all appropriate measures.
- vii. Safety signage should be adequately displayed,
 - viii. Clean drinking water availability should be ensured for use by all construction staff.
 - ix. Emergence response plan should be made, communicated to all and maintained during all construction activities.
 - x. First aid facility should be readily available for workers at the site.
 - xi. Good house-keeping should be practiced to prevent the events of slips.
 - xii. Personal protective equipment like helmets, masks gloves and helmets should be strictly used by the labor according to their assignments at the work site.
 - xiii. Fire and any other emergency shall be managed with the help of emergency services.
 - xiv. Proper fire safety arrangements will be provided at site. A part form installation of fire hydrant, smoke detectors, fire alarm, safety sign, emergency exits, trained staff from rescue 1122.
 - xv. During hot season, outdoor work timing may be changed. Only indoor construction activities may be performed during sunny part of the day. In case of inevitable circumstances, workers should be given adequate breaks.
 - xvi. Workers should be given proper fluids during hot season to balance electrolytes in their body.
 - xvii. Painting activity should be performed with all occupational health and safety precautions.

6.15 Environmental Enhancement Measures

The following steps shall be taken for environmental enhancement:

- i. Daily sweeping and dusting/cleaning shall be ensured.
- ii. Vacuum cleaning shall be done daily where required.
- iii. The perimeter and lawns of the plot shall be vegetated with flowering plants and fruit trees for environmental enhancement
- iv. Adequate firefighting system will be established and maintained at all times according to the requirements of respective Regulatory Authority.
- v. Visual impacts of the unit and its surroundings shall be given due consideration. Visual impacts shall be improved through landscaping and tree plantation.



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The potential environmental impacts of the project and respective mitigation measures are summarized below: -

6.3.1 Environmental Impact & Mitigation Measures (CONSTRUCTION)	
Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures
Air Pollution	
- Particulate matter may arise due to excavation and movement of off-road and on-road vehicles during transport of construction materials such as sand, aggregate, etc. - Cutting, grinding and welding may cause noise pollution. - Off-road or on-road vehicles may also cause exhaust pollution.	- Construction contractor shall be directed to ensure using well-conditioned and well-tuned vehicles and equipment. - Contractor will ensure Sprinkling of water on the exposed surfaces. - Contractor will Cover all trucks loaded with sand and other such loose construction materials. - Regular sweeping of roads and parking areas shall be ensured to avoid deposition of dirt /dust. - Contractor will ensure use of appropriate masks by workers to prevent entry of dust in their breathing system
Noise Pollution	
- Operation of construction machinery and equipment may be a source of noise pollution. - Cutter's grinders and welding activities may also cause noise. - Movement of off-road or on-road - vehicles may generate noise	- The Project proponent and contractor will ensure that all vehicles are well maintained. - Contractor will ensure use of ear plugs by workers to prevent entry of noise in their ears.
Solid Waste	
Bricks, waste concrete material, steel trimmings, etc.	The construction waste shall be disposed of through construction waste contractors. The recyclable part of the waste shall be sold to the recyclers.
Occupational Health & Safety	



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Cutting, grinding, welding operations may generate metal dust	Contractor will ensure use of personal protective equipment by respective workers.
Socioeconomic	
- Disturbance of local population - Jobs for locals	- The construction labor shall be advised to respect the local culture and moral values. - Locals shall be preferred for job as far as possible according to their competence/ education/ skills.

6.3.2 Environmental Impact & Mitigation Measures for Operational Phase

Potential Impact	Mitigation Measures
Industrial Waste Water	
The project is likely to generate small quantity of waste water originating from containers and floor washings	- Installation of Waste Water Treatment Plant in order to ensure compliance with Punjab Environmental Quality Standards. (PEQS). - OR disposal of waste water through EPA approved Vendor/ Incinerator
Air Pollution	
Some operations /activities may generate air pollution during operational phase of project	Installation of Dust Control System
Occupational Health & Safety	



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• Fire incident may occur if proper precautionary measures are not taken • Minor and major injuries during Loading and unloading of equipment are possible.	• Training about OHS aspects will assist in managing the risks. • Workers shall be provided with all necessary personal protective equipment to prevent any harm. • Fire extinguishers, fire hydrants and smoke detectors shall be installed.
Socioeconomic	
• Disturbance to local population • Jobs for the locals	• The construction labor shall be advised to respect the local culture and moral values. • Locals shall be preferred for job as far as possible according to their competence/ education/ skills.

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CHAPTER .7

STAKEHOLDERS

CONSULTATION



CHAPTER NO 7: STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION

Stakeholders' consultation refers to the process by which the concerns of relevant persons/ departments who have a plausible stake in the environmental impacts of the project or activity are ascertained to consider all the material concerns in the project or activity design as appropriate.

Impact assessment surveys and stakeholders' consultation sessions were held with different stakeholder's groups to take their comments/views proposals. The objectives of this process were to:

- i. Share information with Stakeholders on said project installation and operation
- ii. Share the impacts on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment
- iii. Understand stakeholders concerns regarding various aspects of the project
- iv. Collect valuable suggestions from the stakeholders to improve the said project design
- v. Understand the perceptions, assess social impacts, and concern of the people/communities of the project area
- vi. Raise the awareness level and identify any issues for the implementation of the said project
- vii. Invite people to express their views about the positive/negative impacts on their lifestyles and environment
- viii. Disclose information of contact offices/officers for any complaints/queries

7.1 Objectives of Consultation

Stakeholders' consultation plays a vital role in ascertaining the impacts of the said project on stakeholders in the successful implementation and execution of the project. It provides an opportunity to exchange knowledge with the beneficiaries and affected parties. The involvement of stakeholders is essential, as it leads to better and more acceptable decision-making. The overall objective of the consultation with the stakeholders is to help verify the environmental and social issues, besides technical ones, that have been presumed to arise and to identify those that are not known or are specific to the project. Discourse from many who have thoroughly observed the site conditions in the pre-development phase goes a long way in updating knowledge and understanding.

7.2 Identification of Stakeholders

All the people who are directly or indirectly affected or concerned with the project are the stakeholders. Besides the living population of the surrounding areas, some other stakeholders were



identified and contacted. They are the key players including; shops, public and government offices, schools, hospitals, hotels, and NGOs. Not only published material and other literature was obtained but also the views and concerns of stakeholders were noted.

7.2.1 Direct Stakeholders

No disturbance in the local community is being foreseen due to the installation of the said project as the project is located in open land area. No property loss is being envisaged due to the construction of Asphalt Plant.

7.2.2 Indirect Stakeholders

The indirect impact will occur on those who are living or doing business within a Project Area of Influence (AOI). In the case of the said project, the residents around the project area will get an opportunity to be employed. So, in the early development stages and during the operational phase, people of surrounding communities will be benefited. Indirect respondents include;

- i. Government agencies responsible for dealing with the project-related activities.
- ii. Government Agencies directly or indirectly involved in the execution and monitoring of the said project.
- iii. Government departments such as TMA and the Planning & Development Department, working on other development activities are considered indirect stakeholders.

7.3 Consultation Process

Information disclosure, public consultation, and discussion regarding the various aspects of the project with the people of the area are necessary. This process is intensified during the EIA Studies. Surveys were carried out to investigate physical, biological, and socioeconomic resources falling within the immediate AOI of the project. Primary data collection included:

- i. Data collection regarding the socio-economic conditions of the study area.
- ii. Collection of information on the biological environment from the locals.

7.4 Objectives of Meetings with the Stakeholders

- i. Share information with stakeholders on the said project and expected impacts on the community in the vicinity of the project.
- ii. Understand stakeholders' concerns regarding various aspects of the project, including existing conditions, and the likely impacts of construction and operation activities.
- iii. Provide an opportunity to the public to influence the project design positively.



- iv. Obtain local and traditional knowledge, before decision making.
- v. Increase public confidence in the proponent, reviewers, and decision-makers.
- vi. Reduce conflict through the early identification of controversial issues, and work through them to find acceptable solutions.
- vii. Dissemination of information through discussions, education, and liaison with stakeholders.
- viii. Documentation of information narrated by the stakeholders and mitigation measures proposed by the stakeholders.
- ix. Incorporation of public concerns and their solutions in the EIA; and eliciting their comments and feedback.
- x. Create a sense of ownership of the project proposal in the minds of the stakeholders.

7.5 Consultation with Local Community

The response of various stakeholders in the population of the study area was ascertained by conducting a sample survey, through specially formatted questionnaires. Questions posed to the public were related to the creation of possible impacts, adverse impacts, and beneficial impacts, including; employment opportunities, income generation activities, change in living standards, and provision of the amenity. The various rounds of public meetings and consultations were arranged in the project and study area.

7.6 Summary of Views, Concerns, and Suggestions

The summary of socioeconomic concerns and problems highlighted by different persons have been mentioned here:

- i. No any tree located inside the project area or in the surrounding area should be removed.
- ii. The project will become a source of income for locals to earn their livelihood easily and honorably.
- iii. Employment opportunities should be provided to the locals.
- iv. Water sprinkling should be done regularly during the construction phase to avoid dust emissions.
- v. Good relations with the local communities should be promoted by encouraging the Contractor to provide opportunities to the locals against skilled and unskilled positions.
- vi. The contractor should prefer hiring local labor from adjacent nearby villages.
- vii. Indigenous trees around the facility should be planted to control air pollution and improve the aesthetic conditions of the area.



CHAPTER. 8

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

& MONITORING PLAN



CHAPTER8: ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT & MONITORING PLAN

This chapter provides the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) of the project for its construction and operation phases to keep its environment benign and to ensure compliance of Punjab Environmental Quality Standard (PEQS). This section underline the monitoring framework for both construction and operational phases to check compliance of Monitoring Plan and to take timely actions for correction.

Environmental Management & Monitoring Plan (EMMP) for a Pharmaceutical Factory

8.1 Introduction

Pharmaceutical manufacturing can generate solid waste, wastewater, air emissions, noise, and chemical hazards. This EMMP ensures compliance with NEQS (Pakistan) or equivalent international standards, minimizes environmental impacts, and safeguards workers' and community health.

8.2 Environmental Aspects and Potential Impacts

Key Environmental Aspects

- i. **Air Emissions** – Dust from material handling, solvent vapors, boiler exhaust.
- ii. **Wastewater** – From cleaning, cooling, process water, lab effluents.
- iii. **Solid Waste** – Packaging materials, rejected products, sludge.
- iv. **Hazardous Waste** – Solvent residues, expired chemicals, contaminated PPE. **Noise** – From machinery, compressors, HVAC systems.
- v. **Chemical Handling Risks** – Spills, leaks, improper storage.
- vi. **Energy & Water Consumption** – Inefficient use increases environmental footprint.

8.3 Components of Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

The EMMP consists of the following:

- i. Environmental Management Plan
- ii. Environmental Monitoring Plan
- iii. Communication and Documentation
- iv. Institutional Capacity
- v. Environmental Training



8.4 Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

Table 8.1 Construction Phase

Sr. No	Activity	Potential Impact	Mitigation / Management Measures	Responsibility
i.	Site clearing & excavation	Dust generation, noise, soil disturbance	Use water sprinkling; cover trucks; limit work hours	Contractor
ii.	Civil works & installation	Noise, waste debris	Use silencers on machinery; proper waste disposal	Contractor
iii.	Material storage	Risk of contamination	Store chemicals on impermeable floors; cover materials	Contractor
iv.	Worker safety	Accidents	PPE, safety training, first-aid facility	Contractor & HSE Officer

Table 8.2 Operational Phase

Sr. No	Environmental Aspect	Potential Impact	Mitigation / Management Measures	Responsibility
i.	Air emissions (dust, solvent vapors, boiler exhaust)	Air pollution, health issues	Install HEPA filters, scrubbers; maintain boilers; proper ventilation	HSE Dept
ii.	Wastewater discharge	Water pollution	On-site ETP (Effluent Treatment Plant); regular pH, COD, BOD monitoring; reuse treated water for gardening	-do-
iii.	Solid waste	Land pollution	Segregate at source; recycle packaging; sell non-hazardous scrap	-do-
iv.	Hazardous waste	Environmental contamination	Store in labeled containers; dispose through licensed contractors; maintain manifest records	-do-
v.	Noise	Worker discomfort	Enclose noisy machines; provide ear protection; schedule noisy tasks during day	-do-
vi.	Chemical handling	Spills, fire hazards	Spill kits, fire extinguishers; SDS availability; staff training	-do-
vii.	Energy & water use	Resource depletion	Energy-efficient motors; LED lighting; water-saving fixtures	-do-

8.5 Environmental Monitoring Plan

Environmental Monitoring is a vital component of Environmental Management Plan. It is the mechanism through which the effectiveness of the environmental management Plan in



protecting the environment is measured. The feedback provided by the environmental monitoring is instrumental in identifying any problem or lapse in the system under implementation and planning corrective actions.

Table 8.3 Environmental Monitoring Plan

Environmental Component	Standards	Monitoring Frequency	Responsibility
CONSTRUCTION PHASE			
Ambient Air Quality	PEQS	Quarterly	Project proponent
Drinking Water quality	PEQS	Quarterly	-do-
Noise Level	PEQS	-do-	-do-
Health and Safety	OSHA	-do-	-do-
OPERATIONAL PHASE			
Ambient Air Quality	PEQS	Quarterly	Project Proponent
Industrial Waste Water	PEQS	-do-	-do-
Boiler/ Generator Emissions	PEQS	-do-	-do-
Noise Level	PEQS	-do-	-do-
Health and Safety	OSHA	-do-	-do-

8.6 Supervision & Monitoring

The Environmental Manager will be responsible for all environmental issues and the implementation of EMMP.

8.7 Communications & Documentation

An effective mechanism will be developed to store and communicate environmental information to the responsible persons.

8.8 Environmental Training

Environmental Training will help to ensure that the requirements of the EIA and EMMP are clearly understood and followed by all project personnel in the course of construction and operational phase of project.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT

Table 8.5 Training Schedule

Target Personal	Topic	Schedule
Selected management staff	HSE Management	Quarterly
All personnel of project	Fire Fighting	-do-

Table 8.6 Annual Environmental Budget

Sr. No	Components	Estimated Cost
1	Environmental Monitoring	Rs. 5,00,000/-
2	Training of staff	Rs. 200,000/-
3	Land preparation and Tree Plantation	Rs. 300,000/-
4	Watering and maintenance of trees/landscape	Rs. 2,00,000/-
5	Energy Audit for evaluation of performance of machinery	Rs.5,00,000/-
Total Rs.17,00,000/-		



CHAPTER.9

CONCLUSION AND

RECOMMENDATION



Chapter 9: CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Conclusion:

The EIA findings showed that the project design is the most suitable based on the current best practices and the available technology. The project is feasible and desirable from the perspective of environmental and social-economic evaluation undertaken in this study. The overall benefits of the proposed development are far higher than the potential cost of the marginal negative environmental changes which are likely to occur. The proposed project is desirable because it will improve the socio-economic status of the people in the area. It will create employment and deliver a wide range of other socioeconomic benefits.

The baseline environmental assessment of the proposed project site indicates that the site selected for the project does not contain any sensitive area. The EIA establishes that the proposed project design is far more suitable than the No project option.

The project proponent shall shoulder the responsibility of environmental protection and safety of workers. It will also fulfill the requirements of Regulatory Authority i.e. EPA. Employment opportunities shall be provided to skilled, unskilled, and high qualified persons.

Based on an overall assessment of the environmental impacts of the project, it is concluded that the project is not likely to cause any significant adverse impacts on the social, physical, and biological environment of the area.

9.2 Recommendations

Following are recommendations to make this project more environment friendly.

- i. Implementation of EMP must be given priority in order to protect the environment of the area.
- ii. Proper PPEs including gloves should be provided to workers during Construction and Operational phase of project.
- iii. Workers must be directed to follow SOPs while working in the industrial unit.



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- iv. Installation of fire extinguishers in the premises and their regular maintenance must be ensured.
- v. Equipment maintenance and efficiency must be checked regularly for the conservation of resources.
- vi. No compromise on public health and the environment should be allowed during Construction and Operational phase of project.
- vii. A proper tree plantation plan should be developed to support the environment and air quality of the area.
- viii. Waste storage bins should be installed at different points for proper waste collection and disposal.
- ix. Smoking should be avoided within the premises of the project site and near chemicals/fuel storage areas.
- x. The Security Guards shall be trained to provide necessary support in case of any emergency situations.
- xi. The fire alarms should be installed to signal the evacuation.
- xii. Proper, communication systems in an effective manner shall be made with hospitals, emergency services, and police for urgent support.

In view of the findings of the IEE / EIA, the proposed project is considered an environmentally safe project.



GLOSSARY

- i. **Biodiversity:** The variety of all life forms on earth – different plants, animals, microorganisms, their genes, and the ecosystems they form.
- ii. **Carbon Footprint:** The total amount of greenhouse gases emitted directly or indirectly by human activities, usually measured in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e).
- iii. **Climate Change:** A long-term change in the average weather patterns of the Earth, primarily caused by increased levels of greenhouse gases.
- iv. **Conservation:** The sustainable use and management of natural resources to prevent exploitation, degradation, and destruction.
- v. **Deforestation:** The clearing or thinning of forests by humans, often for agriculture, logging, or development.
- vi. **Ecosystem:** A community of living organisms interacting with their physical environment (e.g., forest, desert, coral reef).
- vii. **Emissions:** Substances released into the air, especially harmful gases such as CO₂, methane, and nitrogen oxides from industrial and vehicular sources.
- viii. **Endangered Species:** Species that are at risk of extinction due to loss of habitat, environmental changes, or human activities.
- ix. **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** A process to evaluate the environmental effects of a proposed project or development.
- x. **Fossil Fuels:** Natural resources like coal, oil, and natural gas formed from ancient organic matter, which release greenhouse gases when burned.
- xi. **Global Warming:** An increase in Earth's average surface temperature due to the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
- xii. **Green Energy / Renewable Energy:** Energy sources that are naturally replenished, like solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal power.
- xiii. **Greenhouse Gases (GHGs):** Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere, including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and fluorinated gases.
- xiv. **Habitat Loss:** Destruction or alteration of the natural environment where wildlife lives, often due to human activity.
- xv. **Pollution:** Contamination of air, water, or soil by harmful substances or waste.



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- xvi. **Recycling:** The process of converting waste materials into new products to reduce resource consumption and pollution.
- xvii. **Renewable Resources:** Resources that can be replenished naturally over time, such as sunlight, wind, and biomass.
- xviii. **Sustainability:** Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- xix. **Urbanization:** The process of increasing population in cities and towns, often leading to environmental stress and loss of natural spaces.
- xx. **Zero Waste:** A philosophy that encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products are reused, and no trash is sent to landfills or incinerators.
- xxi. Environmental Protection & Industrial Pollution Control
- xxii. **Afforestation / Reforestation:** Planting trees to create forests (afforestation) or restore degraded forest lands (reforestation), used as a pollution mitigation measure and carbon sink.
- xxiii. **Air Pollution Control Devices:** Equipment used to reduce or remove pollutants from industrial exhaust gases. Examples include electrostatic precipitators, baghouse filters, and scrubbers.
- xxiv. **Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS):** Limits set for the concentration of pollutants in outdoor air to protect human health and the environment. Enforced by national or regional regulatory bodies.
- xxv. **Best Available Techniques (BAT):** The most effective and advanced stage in industrial technology and methods used to limit emissions and impacts on the environment.
- xxvi. **Bio-remediation:** The use of microorganisms or plants to detoxify and restore polluted industrial sites (soil and water).
- xxvii. **Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS):** An automated system that provides real-time data on the pollutants released from an industrial source, helping ensure regulatory compliance.
- xxviii. **Effluent:** Liquid waste or sewage discharged from an industrial facility into the environment, often treated before disposal.
- xxix. **Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP):** A facility to treat industrial wastewater and remove harmful contaminants before it's discharged into water bodies or reused.



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- xxx. **Environmental Compliance:** The act of adhering to environmental laws, regulations, standards, and permits applicable to an industrial operation.
- xxxi. **Environmental Management System (EMS):** A framework that helps an organization achieve its environmental goals through consistent control of its operations, often ISO 14001 certified.
- xxxii. **Hazardous Waste:** Waste materials from industrial processes that are dangerous to health or the environment and require special handling and disposal.
- xxxiii. **Noise Pollution:** Unwanted or harmful industrial sound that disrupts the surrounding environment or human well-being, controlled through barriers, enclosures, or silencers.
- xxxiv. **Particulate Matter (PM):** Fine dust or tiny particles released from industries that can cause respiratory and cardiovascular problems; controlled using filters and scrubbers.
- xxxv. **Pollution Control Board (PCB):** Statutory authorities (like State Pollution Control Boards or CPCB in India) responsible for monitoring and enforcing environmental regulations in industries.
- xxxvi. **Resource Recovery:** The process of reclaiming usable substances or energy from industrial waste streams, such as waste-to-energy or metal recovery from slag.
- xxxvii. **Scrubber:** A device used in industries to remove particulates and/or gases (e.g., SO₂) from industrial exhaust using water or chemical solutions.
- xxxviii. **Solid Waste Management:** Systematic control of the collection, treatment, and disposal of industrial solid waste, including recycling and landfilling.
- xxxix. **Stack Emissions:** Pollutants released into the atmosphere through chimneys or stacks of industrial plants; subject to regular monitoring and standards.
- xl. **Sustainable Industrial Practices:** Approaches that reduce environmental impact by using energy-efficient processes, clean technology, waste reduction, and closed-loop systems.
- xli. **Water Pollution Control:** Measures taken to prevent or reduce contamination of water bodies from industrial discharges, including effluent treatment and zero liquid discharge (ZLD) systems.
- xl. **Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD):** A wastewater treatment approach in which all industrial wastewater is purified and reused, eliminating any discharge into the Environment.