

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1. Introduction

This executive summary presents an overview of the main findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for Construction of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited (LPG Storage & Filling Plant) At Mouza Khud Lathi Tehsil & District Sheikhpura. The main goal of the Proposed Project is to provide a safe, economic and environment friendly LPG. For this instance, Environmental Impact Assessment of the Project has been conducted in accordance with the Punjab Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2012 and IEE/EIA Regulations 2022. The process for conducting environmental assessment and the results of EIA is described in this document.

**Table 1: Salient Features of Project**

| 1.  | Project Title                                 | M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited   |
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| 2.  | Project Location                              | Mouza Khud Lathi Tehsil & District Sheikhpura.  |
| 3.  | Proponent                                     | Munam Waheed S/O Sheikh Ayyaz Ahmed.<br>Kacha Kot Road, House No. 150, Mohalla Sheikh Colony Jhang. |
| 4.  | Consultant                                    | EnvironTech Consultants (PVT) Ltd.  |
| 5.  | Total Area                                    | 19 Kanals & 11 Marlas (2.45 Acres)  |
| 6.  | Capacity of Project                           | Storage Capacity of 100 MT.<br>Filling capacity Will be 20 MT/Day                                   |
| 7.  | Location of project                           | 31.664617, 73.948736  |
| 8.  | Nature of Area                                | Agricultural Land   |
| 9.  | Present status of Land Use                    | Open Plot   |
| 10. | Land use in the surroundings of project site. | The project site is surroundings by:  |
|     | North   | Open land   |
|     | East  | Open Land   |
|     | West  | Road  |
|     | South   | Open Land   |
| 11. | Cost of Project                               | <b>PKR 85 million PKR</b>   |
| 12. | Product                                       | LPG Storage & filling   |
| 13. | By-Products                                   | N/A   |
| 14. | Description of proposed project               | The proposed project is the establishment of LPG Storage & Filling Plant.                           |

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| 15. | Nearby emergency services i.e., Hospital, police station, rescue, fire brigade etc. | Police Station - Sadar, Sheikhpura (8.8 km)<br>Emergency Rescue 15 SKP 9.3 km<br>Luqman Medical Centre 9.5 km |
| 16. | Water Source  | Ground Water  |
| 17. | Status of Project   | Open Land   |
| 18. | Source of Power   | WAPDA (IESCO)   |

## 2. Project Objectives

The main objectives of this EIA are to establish baseline environmental conditions, identify potential impacts and suggest suitable mitigation measures for the execution of the proposed project. This study has been accomplished in line with the prescribed legal provisions of guidelines and directives of the Punjab Environmental Protection Agency.

The overall aim of the Proposed Project is to provide a safe, economic and environment friendly storage of LPG for LPG suppliers and direct consumers.

This executive summary presents an overview of the main findings of the EIA Report for the aforesaid project.

## 3. BENEFITS OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project shall yield following benefits:

- ✚ Maintain continuity in supply of LPG to the consumers through distributors and quality of services to the consumers.
- ✚ Ease in availability of filled LPG during crisis period.
- ✚ Help to overcome the scarcity of bulk LPG due to huge gap between demand and supply.
- ✚ Discourage deforestation with reduction in use of firewood and fossil fuels.

## 4. SITE ALTERNATIVES

An Open land acquired by the proponent is selected for the Construction of LPG plant. Selected site is an unproductive land and is going to be brought into commercial use which will be beneficial for the locals as they will get jobs. The site is well located in regard to the following:

- ✚ Easy road access to the market
- ✚ No settlements at a safe distance
- ✚ No watercourse within a safe distance
- ✚ No ecologically sensitive or declared protected area within 10 km of the selected site

## 5. SCREENING

As per PEPA 2012, the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE)/ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2022 the Proposed Project falls in A (5) category of projects mentioned in Schedule II.

**6. Major Impacts and Recommended Mitigation Measures**

**a. Beneficial/Positive Impacts:**

- ✚ Maintain continuity in supply of LPG to the consumers through distributors and quality of services to the consumers.
- ✚ Ease in availability of filled LPG during crisis period.
- ✚ Discourage deforestation with reduction in use of firewood and fossil fuels.
- ✚ Provision of employment and stimulation of local economy.
- ✚ Enhancement of community development through implementation of corporate social responsibilities.
- ✚ Help to overcome the scarcity of bulk LPG due to huge gap between demand and supply.
- ✚ Positive changes in lifestyles will occur due to reduce in expenses of transportation for refilling.

**b. Negative Impacts:**

| Environmental Parameters         | Recommended Mitigation   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>A: Physical</b>               |  |
| Effect on Geomorphology and Soil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spill Prevention and Response Plan for storage, use and transfer of fuel and hazardous materials should be prepared.</li> <li>• Workers should be trained on spill prevention and response plan.</li> <li>• Thick Plantation is recommended after completion of project to minimize land slippage and soil erosion impacts.</li> <li>• Fuels, lubricants, and chemicals should be stored in covered areas, underlain with impervious lining.</li> <li>• Maintenance and washing of vehicles and equipment should be carried out at designated areas.</li> <li>• Any hard surface or tarpaulin should be spread on area to prevent soil contamination.</li> <li>• Regular inspections should be carried out to detect leakages in construction vehicles and equipment.</li> <li>• Appropriate arrangements, including shovels, plastic bags and absorbent materials, should be available near fuel storage areas.</li> </ul> |
| Water Quality                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lined Septic tanks will be provided</li> <li>• Fuels and lubricants will be stored in areas with impervious floors</li> <li>• Proper drainage will be provided to construction camp and construction site.</li> </ul>   |
| Dust Emissions                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most effective means of reducing the dust emission is wet suppression. Watering exposed surfaces and soil with adequate frequency to keep soil moist at all times can reduce the total dust emission from the project by as much as 75%</li> </ul>  |

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|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dust emission from soil piles and aggregate storage stockpiles will be reduced by covering the piles, for example with tarpaulin or thick plastic sheet.</li> <li>• Good quality (low sulfur) fuel will be used for vehicle and machinery</li> <li>• Construction materials that are susceptible to dust formation will be transported only in securely covered trucks to prevent dust emission during transportation.</li> <li>• Provision of dust respirators to equipment operators who are exposed to dust while operating their equipment.</li> <li>• Tree planting on open and disturbed areas which will not be used by the operations.</li> </ul> |
| Noise                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce equipment noise at source by proper design, maintenance and repair of construction machinery and equipment.</li> <li>• Minimize noise from vehicles by use of proper silencers and mufflers.</li> <li>• Use noise-abating devices wherever needed and practicable.</li> <li>• The movement of vehicle should be restricted during nighttime.</li> <li>• Providing workers with noise related PPE's</li> <li>• Planting of trees that could serve as sound buffers.</li> <li>• Hauling trucks shall be operated at low speed to minimize vibration, promote road safety, etc.</li> </ul>  |
| Water Quality             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize the land disturbance as much as possible.</li> <li>• Proper storage techniques will be adopted to avoid leakage and to prevent the erosion of soils.</li> <li>• Existing drainage systems will not be altered.</li> <li>• Maintenance and fueling of the vehicles will be done at designated places (not at site)</li> <li>• Earthy materials and runoff will be handled in a manner that prevents adding suspended solids to flowing water which will prevents water pollution</li> </ul>   |
| <b>B: Ecological</b>      |  |
| Terrestrial Flora         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As such there is not any thick natural vegetation on the project site. So, there is no possibility of vegetation loss. But Proponent has planned a Tree Plantation.</li> <li>• Buffer zones will be provided to the agricultural fields.</li> </ul>   |
| Terrestrial Fauna         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife protection and biodiversity management plan should be enforced in the case of disturbance to the wildlife present in the project area.</li> <li>• Labourers will not be allowed to discard food, plastic etc. which can attract animals/birds near the core site</li> </ul>  |
| <b>C: Socio-Economics</b> |  |
| Health Deterioration      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Health and Safety SOPs will be enforced</li> <li>• Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) should be given to the workers</li> <li>• Wearing of the PPEs should be regulated strictly by the concerned authority</li> <li>• Exist route should be demarcated clearly</li> <li>• First aid kits should be present on-site to treat minor injuries</li> <li>• Routine medical check-ups of the labor should be done on the regular basis</li> <li>• Ambulance and related equipment should be made available immediately in the case of emergency and in the case of the disaster</li> </ul>  |
| Safety                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A stop sign will be put up on the access road.</li> <li>• A speed breaker will be constructed on the access road.</li> <li>• The speed limit for the access road will be kept low.</li> <li>• A public safety plan should be developed and displayed.</li> </ul>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community complaints register, and other mean should be adopted for the community to complain.</li> <li>• All entry points into the construction area should be staffed 24 hour a day. People who are not related to the project should not be allowed inside.</li> <li>• No machinery should be left unattended, particularly in the running condition.</li> <li>• Nighttime driving of project vehicles should be limited.</li> <li>• Drivers will be trained to drive slowly following traffic rules.</li> </ul> |
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### **5. Environmental and Social Monitoring Plan**

Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) were developed for effective implementation of the recommended mitigation measures. The EMMP includes check and balance to control and minimize the identified impacts and monitoring programs to oversee residual impacts, if any, during the operational phase. The EMMP describes procedures to be followed throughout the operation of the project. It also identifies the roles and responsibilities of all concerned personnel, including the persons reporting during the different project phases. Mitigations for physical, biological and socio-economic parameters will be measured to determine compliance with standards established in EMMP. The Monitoring Plan will record the inputs provided by various participants in the environmental and social management process. It will also check whether the prescribed national and provincial guidelines and plans are being followed and that the required mitigation measures and activities are being accomplished in time.

### **6. Monitoring Plans**

During operational phase, monitoring is required to be carried out at least once in a month during rainy season to check the soil contamination and surface water level/condition. Moreover, periodic monitoring should also be carried out regarding ambient air quality, noise and dust level and worker safety. A detailed site monitoring plan has been developed and given in Chapter-6 of this EIA Report.

### **7. Conclusion**

The Environmental Impact Assessment contains description of the project, description of the environmental baselines, potential environmental impacts and suggested mitigation measures. An implementation mechanism for mitigation measures in the form of an Environmental Management Plan is included in the study. While the objectives of this study have been to describe the project and its environmental impact, it also identifies adverse environmental factors associated with the project. Appropriate mitigation measures as explained in the environmental study should reduce, if not eliminate, these impacts so that these are within acceptable limits. It is further concluded that all potential environmental concerns associated with the project have been adequately addressed, and no further study is required in this context. The objective of preparation of an environmental study is to identify how the

environment is impacted and to suggest mitigating measures to reduce if not totally eliminate adverse effects of a project. It is accordingly recommended that Environmental Approval for the project should be issued by the Punjab Environmental Protection Agency, subject to payment of the requisite scrutiny fee by the proponents of the project. The adverse environmental impacts can be reduced significantly by adopting best management and monitoring practices as well as by implementation EMMP with true spirit.

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## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 General

Currently out of 45 million households in Pakistan, 4.3 million are connected to natural gas network and the rest are relying on LPG and conventional fuels like coal, firewood, kerosene, dung cake etc, which indicate the strong demand for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) sector.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is used as fuel for cooking and heating in the northern Pakistan particularly in Punjab. It is also used as fuel in vehicles particularly taxi and rickshaws. More than 30,000 rickshaws and taxis in Karachi and other parts of the country are run on LPG. The demand of LPG in Karachi is consistent throughout the year and increases during winters in Punjab and Northern Pakistan.

Although demand of LPG is persistent throughout the year, supply of LPG from producers (or extractors) to distributors and marketing companies has been limited due to maintenance and overhauling shutdowns, which often creates shortages. Besides that, LPG producers are also limited in numbers and LPG marketing companies need to have a quota of gas to be allocated by the producer. This factor makes LPG business vulnerable in the hands of LPG producers.

#### 1.1.1 Screening

For the prediction and mitigation of the impacts of development at an early stage, it is prerequisite under the environmental laws of the country to undertake Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). As per the statutory notification of Review of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2022 made under Section 12 of Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 2012, the project for the Establishment of an Auto fuels storage and refilling station occurs under **Schedule II category A (5)**.

### 1.2 Purpose of study

The establishment of any Project leads to positive and adverse changes in environmental and change in social settings of the Project Area. The intensity and level of change, however, depends upon the nature of the Project and the baseline environmental conditions of the area. The commencement of a project will cause minor to moderate adverse environmental and social impacts on the surrounding area. Thus, an environmental and social study is mandatory to establish the baseline conditions, evaluate the possible adverse impacts if any, and devise the mitigation measures.

The predominant objectives of this EIA report were:

- To assess and report the prevailing environmental conditions of the project area.

- To develop a baseline in order to evaluate the suitability of the project in particular area.
- To recognize activities during pre-development, development and operation of project and its associated impacts.
- To assist the proponent for planning, designing and implementation of the project, keeping in view the elimination or minimization of negative impacts.
- To develop proper mitigation as well as monitoring plans for the uniform implementation.
- To provide opportunity to the public for a better understanding of the project as well as its impacts on community and environment in context of sustainable development.
- To prepare an EIA report for the submission to Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab for Environmental Approval.

As per PEPA 2012 and the IEE/EIA Regulations, 2022 it is mandatory for the proponent of any development project to accord Environmental Approval from EPA Punjab by filing an IEE or EIA as the case may be, before the Agency. The said project is proposed to meet the petroleum requirements of customers. This Report presents the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for this proposed project. For this purpose, the proponent has decided to engage environmental consultants, **M/S EnvironTech Consultants**. The purpose of this study is to identify the environmental baseline i.e. physical, biological and socio-economic/cultural conditions and assess all possible impacts arising during the construction and operation phase of the project with the aim to find out appropriate measures for their mitigation, to either eliminate those impacts or to bring them to acceptable level and formulate Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for implementation of the project in environment-friendly manner. The report provides relevant information, as required under the officially approved format, to help the decision makers i.e. EPA Punjab before issuing for the Environmental Approval.

### **1.3 The Proponent**

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### **1.4 Details of Consultant**

The services of environmental consultant M/s **EnvironTech Consultants** have been taken by the proponent for the formulation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. EnvironTech Consultants (PVT) Ltd is an environmental consultancy firm that has an unrivalled reputation for providing high quality tailored services. EnvironTech Consultants (PVT) Ltd is a dynamic, responsive and innovative in providing these cost-effective solutions.

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**1.4.1 Team Members**

Qualified professionals with relevant experiences of conducting environmental assessment have contributed to the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. The List of team members has been given as appendix along with their roles and responsibilities:

**1.5 Brief Description of Nature, Size, And Location of Project**

The Proposed Project is titled as of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited. For establishing LPG storage & Filling Plant. Its salient features have been described later in this Chapter, Chapter 2 and briefly in Executive Summary of this EIA Report.

**1.5.1 Nature of Project**

This project is the Construction of LPG Storage & Filling Plant.

**1.5.2 Size of Project**

Proposed Project will have an LPG capacity to store 100 MT. 2 tank will be installed of 50 MT capacity each and filling capacity of 20 MT/Day.

**1.5.3 Location of Project**

The Proposed project is located at Mouza Khud Lathi Tehsil & District Sheikhpura.

**1.5.4 Area of Project**

Total area of the Project is 19 Kanals & 11 Marlas (2.45 Acres).

## Chapter 2. Screening and Scoping

### 2.1 Screening/Type and Category of Project

Section 12 of Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (amended 2012) states “No proponent of a project shall commence construction or operation unless he has filed with the Government Agency designated by Federal Environmental Protection Agency or Provincial Environmental Protection Agencies, as the case may be, or, where the project is likely to cause an adverse environmental effects an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and has obtained from the Government Agency approval in respect thereof.” Punjab Environmental Protection Act provided the guidelines for categorizing the projects. According to **Schedule-II** of IEE and EIA Regulations, 2022; the proposed project falls under **Category A (Oil and gas extraction projects including exploration, production, gathering systems, separation and storage)** i.e., the project requires an EIA Study. Thus, an EIA Report is being prepared and submitted accordingly for approval.

### 2.2 Scoping:

#### 1. Spatial and Temporal Boundaries of Environmental Assessment:

Temporal and spatial boundaries for the effects assessment are defined by the characteristics of the project and the VECC being assessed. These boundaries encompass time periods and areas during and within which the VECCs are likely to interact with or be influenced by the project.

- Temporal Extent (during construction and operation)
- Spatial Extent (local or widespread)

#### 2. Views, Concerns and Suggestions of Various Stakeholders

Community showed a lot of concerns; a few are being mentioned here:

- ✚ Removal of shrubs and trees should be avoided to the extent possible
- ✚ The project will become the source of income for local to earn their livelihood easily and honorably
- ✚ The area will become further commercialized
- ✚ For the solid waste management and waste disposal, proper disposal techniques should be adopted
- ✚ Employment opportunities will be generated, and locals should be hired on the priority basis
- ✚ The air pollution is one of the major impacts of the proposed project, so ambient air quality should be monitored regularly

- ✚ Water spraying/sprinkling should be done on the regular basis during construction phase to avoid dust emissions
- ✚ Removal of shrubs and trees should be avoided to the extent possible
- ✚ Good relations with the local communities will be promoted by encouraging Contractor to provide opportunities for skilled and unskilled employment to the locals as well as on-job training
- ✚ The contractor should prefer hiring local labor from adjacent nearby villages
- ✚ Indigenous trees around the facility should be planted to control air pollution and as the compensation
- ✚ Noise reducing barriers should be installed to reduce noise pollution as the nearest community lies within the radius of 0.8 km

### Concerns

- ❖ Workers should be hired from local community
- ❖ Proper disposal of solid waste should be practiced
- ❖ Indigenous trees around the facility should be planted to control air pollution
- ❖ Removal of shrubs and bushes should be avoided to the extent possible

### 3. Significant impacts and factors to be determined

Main impacts and factors to be determined are:

- Occupational Health and safety
- Site Security
- Traffic Management
- Hygiene management
- Job opportunities for locals
- Resource conservation
- Avoid excessive water consumption
- Energy efficient techniques must be adopted
- Proper site restoration after construction
- Tree plantation at designated green areas
- Emergency preparedness

### 2.3 Alternatives

The details of the site alternatives and technology alternatives are discussed below:

#### 2.3.1 Technology Alternative

LPG is well positioned to assist developing countries in the transition to modern fuels for the following reasons:

1. Availability: There is nothing exotic to invent or improve. The transportation system that moves it is in place, the tank to store it is available, and the appliances and equipment that provide heat and power are “on the shelf”.
2. Infinite shelf Life: LPG does not deteriorate over time unlike some other liquid fuels that gel, stratify or evaporate and must be protected from weather to prevent deterioration.
3. High energy density: Compared to traditional fuels in terms of weight equivalency, LPG has ten times energy.
4. Environment friendly: It burns cleanly without smoke or residual ash, thus avoiding the health hazards associated with indoor use of traditional fuels in the event of a leak, LPG doesn’t contaminate the soil or aquifers.
5. LPG can be transported, stored, and used virtually anywhere in the world. It does not require a fixed network and does not deteriorate over time.
6. LPG is very clean burning and has lower greenhouse gas emissions than any other fossil fuel when measured on a total fuel cycle.
7. LPG is cost-effective, since a high proportion of its energy content is converted into heat. LPG can be up to five times more efficient than traditional fuels, resulting in less energy wastage and better use of energy resources.

LPG has many technology advantages over other fuels, it is a cheaper and green fuel hence any other fuel project couldn’t be considered.

### **2.3.2 Site Alternatives**

No site alternative was considered for the aforesaid project as the site selected for the establishment of the aforesaid project (M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited) is well connected to road. The selected site is undisputed, and it is under the ownership of proponent. The site is most feasible in context of social and environment position as well as in achieving the intended objectives. The selected site also houses no ecologically sensitive area within a safe radius. It is best suited for the project.

Moreover, the **site is considered suitable** because of the following features:

- The proposed site falls under the jurisdiction of the proponent and has been acquired for construction of a unit. It has been observed to be almost level in topography, with sparse vegetation located inside the site area.
- No endangered fauna/flora has been observed near the project site.
- The proposed site does not fall in any category of protected or environmentally sensitive area.

The location of project is best suited for proposed activities. So, no alternative for site is analyzed.

### **2.3.3 Environmental Alternatives:**

No important religious, archaeological, recreational site or ecologically/declared protected area and human settlement exists within proximity of the selected site i.e., within 4 Km which is a safe distance. In view of these facts, it can be concluded that the selected site is best suited for

the project and will not pose any adverse impact or threat on any component of the environment.

#### ***2.3.4 Economic Alternatives:***

The technology selected for establishment of above stated project will be economical viable than alternatives present as compared to majority of the other available production technologies but it will be most efficient and convenient to use.

## CHAPTER 3. 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, cost and magnitude of operation and various phases. Inputs and discharges relevant to different phases of the project, such as electricity & materials, etc. have also been examined as a response to possible environmental concerns.

### 3.1 Screening/Type and Category of Project

Section 12 of Punjab Environmental Protection Act says that no proponent of a project shall commence/ undertake construction or operation of any sort unless they had filed with the Provincial Agency an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), where the project is likely to cause an adverse environmental effect. The Proponent has to secure approval from the Provincial Agency in respect thereof. Punjab Environmental Protection Act provided the guidelines for categorizing the projects. As per Review of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2022 the Proposed project falls in the **Schedule-II** of the projects mentioned in **Category A-5 (Oil and gas extraction projects including exploration, production, gathering systems, separation and storage)**”.

The proposed project is the establishment of Storage and filling plant. Total cost of the project 85 million.

### 3.2 Objectives of Project

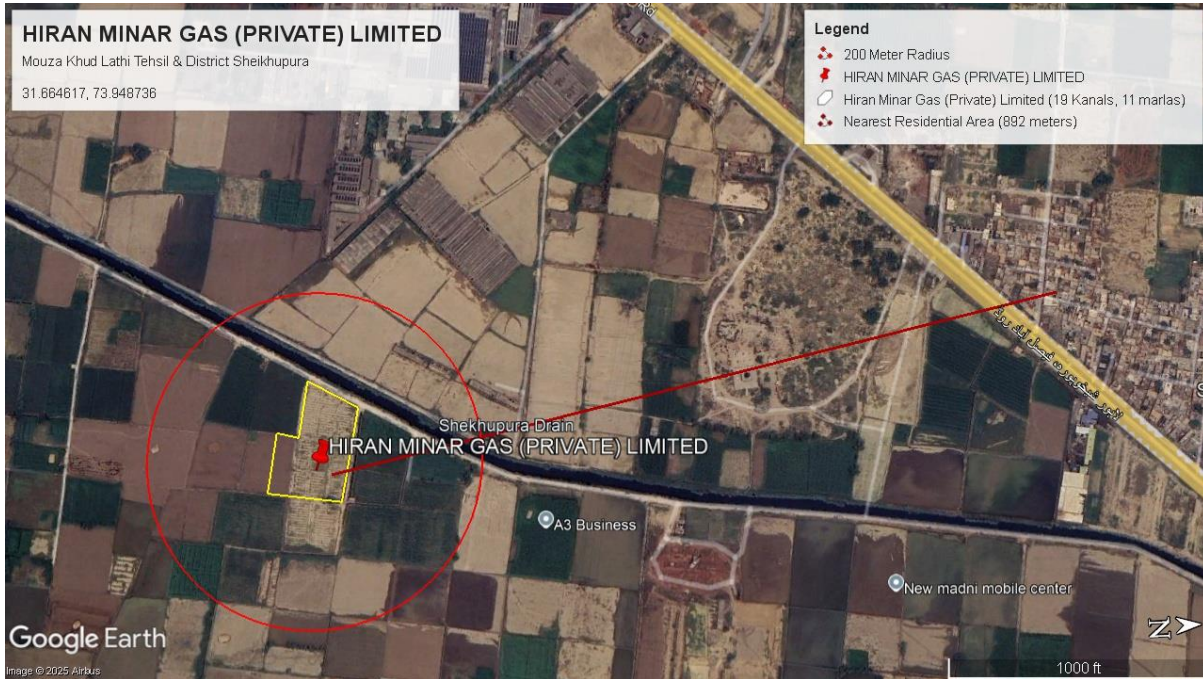
Present Project has following objectives.

- i. It is expected to benefit local population.
- ii. To provide job opportunities to local public and to improve their living standards
- iii. To improve the economic activities
- iv. Maintain continuity in supply of LPG gas to the consumers through distributors and quality of services to the consumers.
- v. Private investment will be beneficial for the national economy and GDP as well.
- vi. Ease in availability of filled LPG during crisis period.
- vii. Help to overcome the scarcity of bulk LPG due to huge gap between demand and supply.
- viii. Help to overcome the scarcity of bulk LPG due to huge gap between demand and supply.

### 3.3 Location and Layout of Project

The proposed location for the establishment of proposed project of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited at Mouza Khud Lathi Tehsil & District Sheikhupura. The geographical location of the proposed area 31.664617, 73.948736.

The total demarcated project area is given below:



**Figure 1: Project Area**

The surface land in and around the project area is Agricultural land.

Land Use on Site Agricultural land.

### 3.4 Road Access

The project site is well connected to road network i.e., **Lahore-Sheikhupura Faisalabad Road**. The road network is shown below in Figure.



**Figure 2: Road Access Plan**

### 3.5 Vegetative Features

The area around the project area is Agricultural. There are no such vegetative features in or around the area include except some self-growing trees of kikar and wild grass.

**Table 2: Vegetative Features of the Project Area**

| Sr.# | Local Name   | Type               | Biological Name           |
|------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1    | Kikar        | <i>Throne Tree</i> | <i>Prosopis juliflora</i> |
| 2    | Wild Grasses | <i>Grass</i>       | --                        |

### 3.6 Cost and Magnitude of Operation

The major raw material for the plant is LPG which will be transported in tankers to the plant, maintaining safety standards. Total cost of proposed project is 85 million PKR with total storage capacity of 100 MT and 20 MT/Day filling capacity. Furthermore, Project involves NOCs obtaining cost, construction cost, cost of storage tanks, PPEs, safety equipment's and purchase of LPG. Total cost of the project is 85 million PKR. Despite all these costs, project is found to be feasible.

**Table 3: Cost Breakup**

| S# | Kinds of Cost  | Amount in Million  |
|----|--|--------------------|
|    | Obtaining NOCs from OGRA and other departments       | <b>12</b>          |
|    | <b>Installation of Equipment/Machinery</b>           | <b>44.6</b>        |
|    | Land Development, Infrastructure & Construction Cost | <b>26.2</b>        |
|    | Environmental Budget                                 | <b>2.2 million</b> |
|    | <b>Total Cost</b>                                    | <b>85 million</b>  |

### 3.7 Schedule of implementation

It is projected that the construction phase of entire project will be started after getting environmental approval from EPA Punjab and complete in the period of 5-6 months. Activities involved are:

- Assessment of environmental impacts and its mitigation measures
- IEE approval, other local issues
- Implementation of recommended alteration in system, if required
- Commencement of operation

### 3.8 Project Description

#### 3.9.1 Raw Materials

The major raw material for the plant is LPG which will be transported in tankers to the plant, maintaining safety standards. The LPG is imported / local through Karachi port and is brought through bowsers.

### 3.9.2 Final Product

Storage and bottling of LPG.

### 3.9.3 Capacity

The project envisages at construction of storage and filling station which has a filling capacity of 100 tons/day.

#### Specifications of cylinder

- Volume: 5000 L
- Design Pressure: 1.77 (MPa)
- Tank Size (Diameter x length x Thickness mm)
- 1200x4000x10
- Outer Size [Dia x H/L (mm)]
- 1220x1650x4794
- Material
- Stainless Steel

#### 3.9.4 Plant Utilities and Machinery

- ✚ LPG Storage Tank
- ✚ Decanting Pumps & Transfer pumps
- ✚ Pipes with structural steel support
- ✚ Ball Valve
- ✚ Cylinders
- ✚ Firefighting system
- ✚ Water sprinkler systems
- ✚ Evacuation system
- ✚ Pressure differential valve
- ✚ Pop action relief
- ✚ Non-return valve

### 3.10. Fire Copping System

| Description                        | Quantity |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>EMERGENCY SHUT OFF VALVE</b>    | 3        |
| <b>FIRE HYDANT</b>                 | 4        |
| <b>FIRE MONITOR</b>                | 4        |
| <b>FIRE WATER PUMP 500 GPM</b>     | 1        |
| <b>SHOWERING PUMP 500 GPM</b>      | 1        |
| <b>JOCKEY PUMP</b>                 | 1        |
| <b>MANUAL SPRINKLER</b>            | 150      |
| <b>AUTO SPRINKLER</b>              | 50       |
| <b>FIRE EXTINGUISHER DCP 09 KG</b> | 10       |

|  |    |
|--|----|
| <b>TROLLY MOUNTED 50 KG<br/>DCP FIRE EXRTINGUISHER</b> | 03 |
| <b>FIRE EXTINGUISHER CO2 5 KG</b>                      | 06 |
| <b>MANUAL HOOTER</b>                                   | 1  |
| <b>EARTH PITS</b>                                      | 11 |
| <b>SAND BUCKET STAND</b>                               | 5  |
| <b>FIRE ALARM</b>                                      | 2  |

### 3.9 PROCESS DESCRIPTION

LPG is transported through bowsers to the storage and filling plant where LPG is stored in tanks and filled into vehicle for storage and filling into the vehicles. Transfer operation of LPG is very critical, as LPG is a highly inflammable product and the systems are required to be intrinsically safe. The systems also require very comprehensive fire safety arrangements.

#### 3.11.1 Filling of Storage Tanks

LPG tankers will arrive on site and enter through main gate of plant. Tanker will be attached to the bowser point and LPG will be transferred from Mobile tanker to storage tank.

#### 3.11.2 Transfer of LPG to Filling Station

Single pump is used to transfer LPG from storage tank to transfer station via transfer pipes. Transfer pipes are provided with fire water lines in case of emergency fires.

#### 3.11.3 Visual Inspection / Segregation of Cylinders

Cylinders found unfit for filling on visual inspection e.g., heavily rusted or heavily dented will be separated during visual inspection. Cylinders having twisted valve spindle, broken/bent foot protection ring would also be segregated.

#### 3.11.4 Final Inspection

Cylinders are visually inspected to examine their sound condition and presence of valve protection.

### 3.10 SUPPLIES

#### 3.12.1 Water Supply

Water will be extracted from underground water sources. The management will install Motor pump for extraction of ground water for both water storage tank and other purposes. The ground water will be pumped from 100-120ft. The total water requirement will be 200 gallons per day.

Wastewater Generation Rate = 0.74m<sup>3</sup>/day

Detention Time (T<sub>d</sub>) = 2.5 hours

Volume (V) = 0.07 m<sup>3</sup>

Depth (D) = 3m

Area (A) = 0.02 m<sup>2</sup>

Diameter (d) = 0.15m

### **3.12.2 Fire-Fighting System & Emergency Response Plan**

Emergency Response & Evacuation Plan is designed to respond an emergency arises (medical, fire, disasters etc.) and provide a process for continuous medical support and evacuating people from danger, protect assets, property and to restore operations to normal as quickly as possible. Their objective is to provide a safe and healthy environment for employees, contractors, visitors, and guests.

In the event of an emergency, the Emergency Response Team (ERT) will respond immediately to take appropriate actions. Frequent drills/training will be conducted to ensure that they react in an organized manner.

### **3.12.3 Electricity**

Source of power will be WAPDA (GEPCO) only.

### **3.12.4 Manpower**

A total of 5-10 employees including mechanically, electrical, machine operators, sweepers and other managerial and office staff shall be working here.

### **3.12.5 Health, Safety & Hygiene**

Health, Safety & Hygiene includes the following:

### **3.12.6 First Aid facility**

At workplace workers and employers should have enough information, knowledge and training regarding first aid treatment in case of any emergency. The subject project will provide proper medical facilities to workers and staff to cope with any incidental accidents and proper training about first aid will be provided to workers and staff.

### **3.12.7 Safety Trainings**

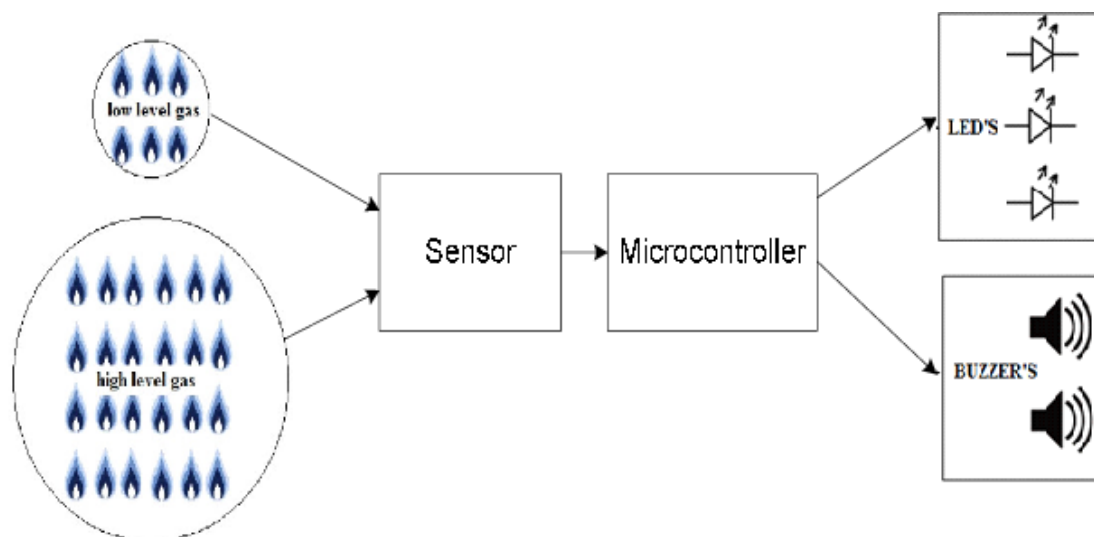
Workers and all the staff will be provided with proper training about the work and safety practices.

### **3.12.8 Use of Drugs and Narcotics**

Drugs and narcotics are strictly prohibited during working hours in working area. Smoking will be only allowed in rest timings at properly isolated places.

### **3.11 Leakage Detection System:**

Gas detectors equipped with alarms will be used to detect any leakages in the unit. This will help in early response in case of emergencies. The design of gas detectors is given below:



**Figure 3: Design of Gas Detectors**

### Mitigation Measures for accidental leakage





- If a gas leak is detected, the valve of the main gas pipe can be closed immediately to stop the flow of gas.
- Identifying the specific portion of the tank or tank system that has caused a subsurface release is a critical first step
- The site's emergency shutdown, shall be exhibited which triggered the sirens, cut electricity supply (except for lighting), closed the spherical container valves as well as inlet valves
- Fire hydrants will be made available. Removing flammable or explosive materials from the release area.
- contact to qualified professionals who will be able to provide quick assistance to help reduce costs and liability

### 3.12 Personal Protective Equipment

To control any health and safety risk and to reduce the magnitude of any adverse impact, we have to devise control strategies and adopt them in the following category order:

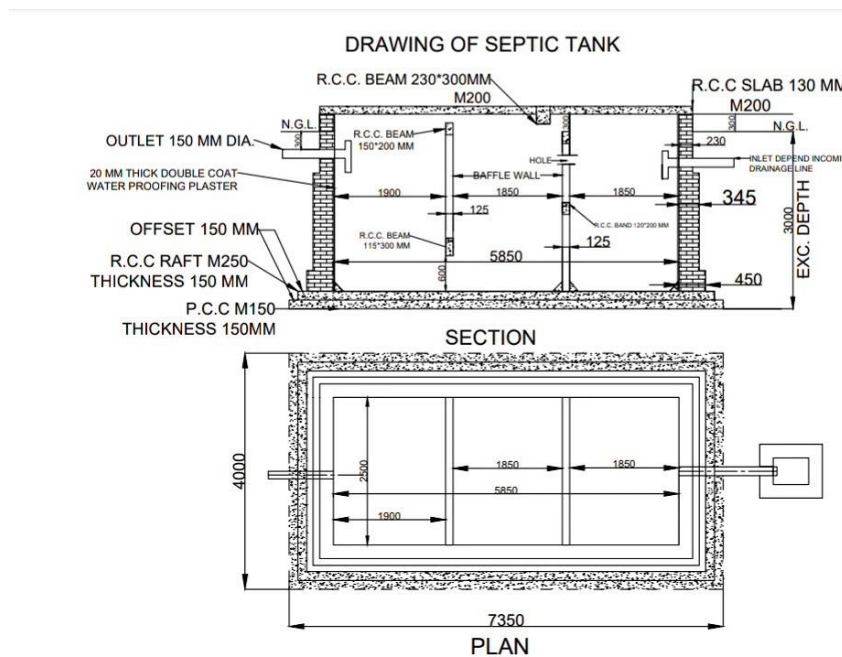
- ✚ Control at source
- ✚ Propagation Control
- ✚ Control at receiver end

Of these three, the first two are of prime importance but the last one should always for every risk at every workplace; standardized according to the working conditions and the people employed in the job. The first two effectively mitigate the risks and impacts but the third one compensates the left over and unavoidable losses by protecting the receiver and keeping it to a tolerable exposure level for that impact/risk. For this purpose, the equipment provided are termed as 'Personal Protective Equipment'. Following PPEs will be provided in project

-  Safety Helmet
-  Safety Shoes
-  Safety Masks
-  Safety Jackets

### 3.13 Wastewater Source and Treatment

Effluent arising from domestic activities will be treated in septic tanks and then will be released into soakage pit, to address the water depletion issue. LPG storage and filling activities give rise to no waste effluent hence wastewater treatment system is not required. The detailed design of septic tank is given below:



### 3.14 Air Emissions Source and Treatment

No Air emissions are expected during process. In case of leakage, broken down pipes, LPG could escape which will have certain impacts on workers. For this, Gas detectors will be provided. Further PPEs will also be provided to workers. PM from floor cleaning is also insignificant as wet suppression will suppress the dust emissions.

### 3.15 Noise Source and Treatment

During operation, loading and unloading will be the cause of noise. Proper tuning of vehicles will mitigate this problem. Moreover, Tree Plantation along the boundary of Proposed Project and Plantation within the unit will further reduce noise since plants and trees serve as noise absorbers. Construction activities noise will be temporary and will be mitigated by measures as stated in Chapter-5&6.

### **3.16 Solid Waste Source and Treatment**

Solid waste will be municipal in nature and will be handled by solid waste management contractor as per TMA practices.

### **3.17 Relocation and Rehabilitation Plans**

No human population resides within project area as the land is owned by the proponent. The nearest populated area is approximately 1113 m away from the aforesaid project location. No structure of any significance (cultural, religious, archaeological, recreational or any other) stands on the land selected for the project requiring dismantling or relocation. No flora or fauna; especially belonging to endangered species is found within a safe distance from the site which will be removed or moved to some other part. Hence, no relocation and resettlement is required. The land ownership documents showed that land is owned by Proponent and the land ownership documents are attached as Annexure of this EIA Report. Moreover, there is no dispute and rehabilitation associated with the establishment of LPG Storage & Auto Filling Plant of “**M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited**”. The site will be restored, and construction debris will be removed from site at the end of construction phase.

Till the date proponent have no other plans to switch his business or site and in coming years upon decommissioning of the proposed project, rehabilitation of the project site will be carried out to restore the site to its original status or to a better state than it was originally.

This will include replacement of topsoil, refilling of bowser’s excavated area and re-vegetation which will lead to improved visual quality of the area.

### **3.18 Land ownership Documents**

Land Ownership documents have been attached as Annexure of this EIA Report, which clearly shows that the selected area for the establishment of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited is under the ownership of proponent.

### **3.19 Government Approvals**

They have applied for environmental approval from EPA Punjab.

## CHAPTER 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This chapter provides baseline data (physical, biological and socio-economic parameters) related to the project and study area. The information has been compiled by using primary and secondary data resources. This chapter also refers to the theoretical analysis of the methodology adopted for collection of baseline data. The underlying principles and practices adopted in this regard are also discussed.

### **4.1 Methodology**

The methodology employed to collect the baseline data and information regarding the social structure and various related parameters as discussed in sub-sections below:

#### **4.1.1 Data Collection**

The primary data was collected by visiting the project area and its communities in its nearby vicinity. The secondary data regarding physical parameters (topography, geology, seismology, and climate) was obtained by visiting relevant various government departments and their official websites. The biological parameters such as flora and fauna were studied by preparing a floristic list based on visual observation and fauna was studied by using opportunities approach. The species were recorded with reference to their existence in the project area. Information on wildlife fauna species (mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, etc.) in the assessment area was compiled based on opportunistic observation, gathering the existing information and consultation with local experts, community members and government and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). The socioeconomic aspects were studied and analyzed by studying detailed village profile and by conducting household surveys.

#### **4.1.2 Social Survey**

The purpose of social survey was to record the present condition of the people living in the project area and to assess the expected project impacts on their life, subsistence systems and socio-cultural conditions. Prior to conducting the field surveys, the following steps were taken:

- Clear boundaries of the project area were identified
- Decided the sampling procedure in order to draw a representative sample size of the target population and households
- Developed the tools for data collection i.e. questionnaires to assess the socio-economic status of the area

#### **4.1.3 Sampling Design**

Social baseline data of the persons residing in the study area has been estimated and collected through random sampling by using pre-developed questionnaires.

#### **4.1.4 Questionnaires**

In order to test the validity and reliability of the proposed questionnaires, they were reviewed to assess whether questions needed to be clarified, changed or re-sequenced and then a final editing of questionnaires was conducted prior to their application in the project area. The sample of socio-economic questionnaires used is attached as Annexure.

#### 4.1.5 Data Editing and Analysis

The filled questionnaires and recorded information were compiled by the same field investigators who were involved in the data collection. This was done immediately after completing the field investigations. Data sets were processed. Analysis of the data and preparation of conclusions in the minimum possible time was done using statistical techniques of data analysis.

#### 4.2 Review of Legal and Administrative Framework

The objective of reviewing legal and administrative framework is to obtain information on all legislation pertaining project development. The Socio-Environment Team of EnvironTech Consultants (PVT) Ltd. reviewed the environmental policies, national, international and provincial laws and guidelines relevant to the development of project which helped in systematic identification of impacts.

#### 4.3 Baseline Conditions

This chapter provides baseline data (physical, biological and socio-economic parameters) related to the project and study area

#### 4.4 Physical Environment

Pakistan Can be divided into five broad physiographical regions. These are the mountainous regions of the north, the western highlands and plateaus, the sub-mountains Indus region, the Potohar Plateau, Salt Range, and the Indus Plain. Brief description of these regions is given below:

| Region                                | Characteristics   | Location   | Height                   |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Northern Mountainous</b>           | Hindu Kush Karakoram and Himalayan Mountain Ranges  | Northern Part of KPK, Gilgit Agency, Northern Areas and Kashmir. | Rises above 8,000m       |
| <b>Western Highlands and Plateaus</b> | Toba Kakar, Sulaiman, Central Baruhi, Saihan, Central Makran, Makran Coastal and Kirthar Ranges | Mainly in Baluchistan, also parts of Sindh and KPK               | Between 1,200 to 3,000 m |
| <b>Sub-Mountains Indus</b>            | Alluvial filled Basins  | Plains of Peshawar Kohat and Bannu                               | Less than 1,000 m        |
| <b>Potohar Plateau and Salt Range</b> | Flat to gently undulating surface, broken by gullies,   | Mainly northern parts of Punjab, some parts of KPK               | Less than 1,000 m        |
| <b>Indus Plain</b>                    | Flood plains of the Indus, Jhelum, Chenab   | Punjab and Sindh   | Less than 1,000 m        |

## Ravi and Sutlej Rivers

#### 4.4.1 Topography

**Sheikhupura** the city of Punjab province, eastern Pakistan. In the town center stands a fort of the Mughal emperor Jahangir (completed 1619) that also served as the 19th-century residence of one of Ranjit Singh's queens; outside the city, the massive Hiran Minar tower overlooks the countryside. Sheikhupura is connected by road and rail with Lahore (25 miles [40 km] southeast) and various other cities. It is an industrial center that makes food products and textiles. The city is in a section of alluvial plain known as the Bar tract, which is irrigated by the Chenab Canal system.

Sheikhupura is an industrial city in the northwest of Punjab province, Pakistan. The city is also the administrative headquarter of the Sheikhupura district and is approximately 38 km from Punjab's provincial capital, Lahore. District Sheikhupura is bounded on the North by Gujranwala and Hafizabad districts, on the North-East by Narowal district, on the West and South-West by Nankana Sahib District, on the East by Lahore district.

#### Project Site:

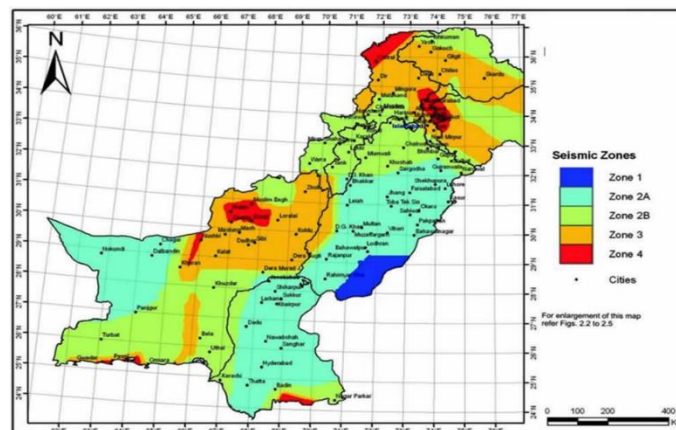
The proposed project site is located in Quid-e-Azam Buisness Park, District Sheikhupura.

#### 4.4.2 Hydrology

Groundwater from depth of 100 ft can be used for drinking and other purpose. Groundwater is the major source of water in the study area, which is extracted with the help of pumps and motors. The groundwater extracted is used to fulfill various domestic, irrigation and industrial needs. Ground water quality report of area is annexed. No surface water body is present within 5 km radius of the project site.

#### 4.4.3 Seismicity

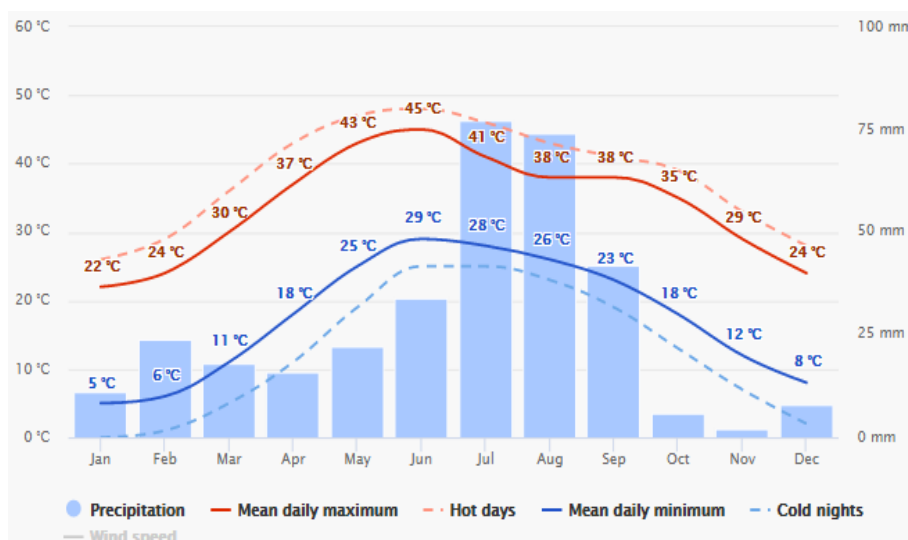
According to Seismic Zoning of Pakistan, the project area lies in Zone 2A and represents minor to moderate damage due to earthquakes.



**Figure 7: Seismic Zoning Map of Pakistan**

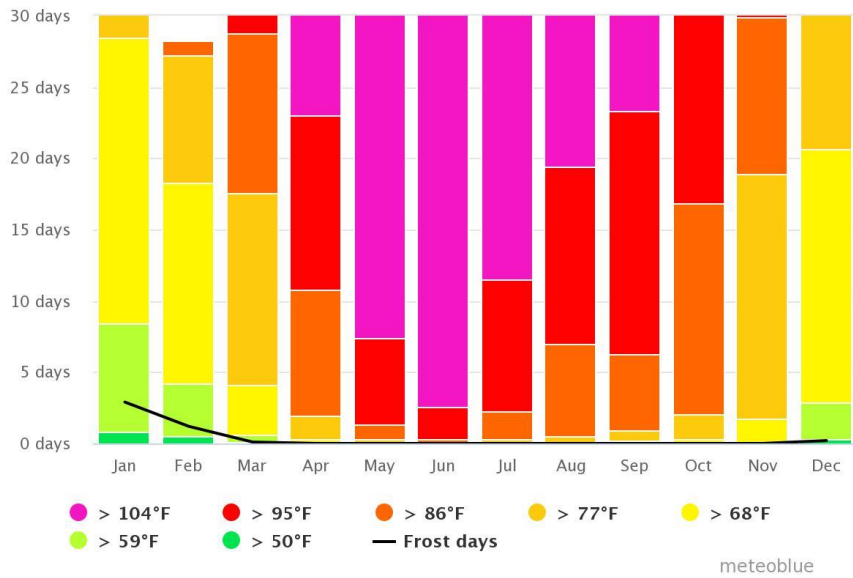
#### 4.4.4 Climate

Due to its high evaporation rate, Sheikhpura features hot desert-like climatic conditions according to Koppen-Geiger classification. The climate of the district can see extremes, with a summer maximum temperature 44°C and a winter temperature of 4.0°C. The mean maximum and minimum temperature in summer are 43.5°C and 18.0°C respectively. In winter it peaks at around 19.4°C and 4.1°C respectively. The summer season starts from April and continues till October. May, June and July are the hottest months. The winter season starts from November and continues till March. December, January and February are the coldest months. “The bulk of monsoon precipitation occurs in July and August, with monthly averages of 115.0 mm and 89.8 mm respectively. Minimum rainfall occurs in the month of November which is 3.0 mm” (PMD).



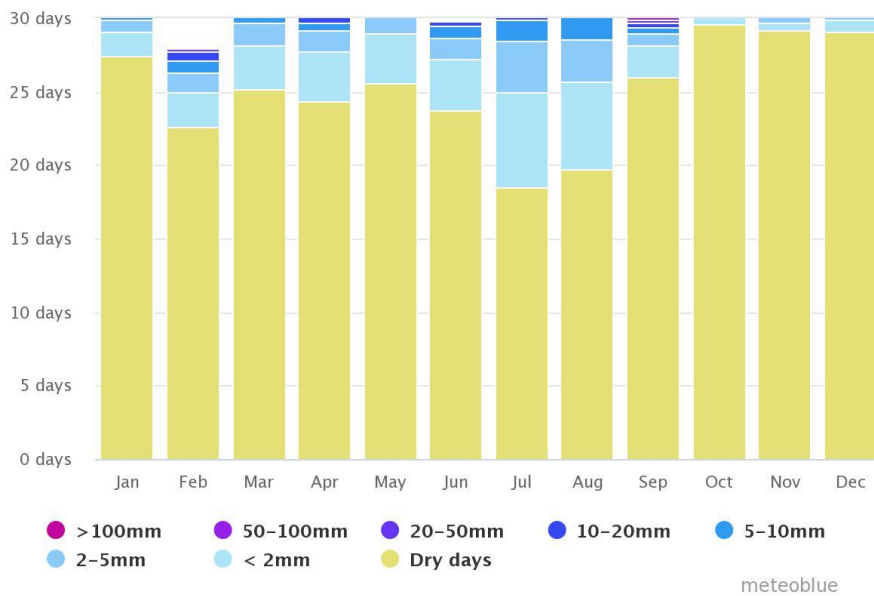
**Figure 8: Average Annual Temperatures and precipitation in Sheikhpura**

The "mean daily maximum" (solid red line) shows the maximum temperature of an average day for every month for Sheikhpura. Likewise, "mean daily minimum" (solid blue line) shows the average minimum temperature. Weather in Sheikhpura is influenced by Subtropical Dry Semiarid Steppe climate. Low-latitude dry climate. Evaporation exceeds precipitation on average but is less than potential evaporation.



**Figure 9: Maximum temperature ranges in Sheikhupura**

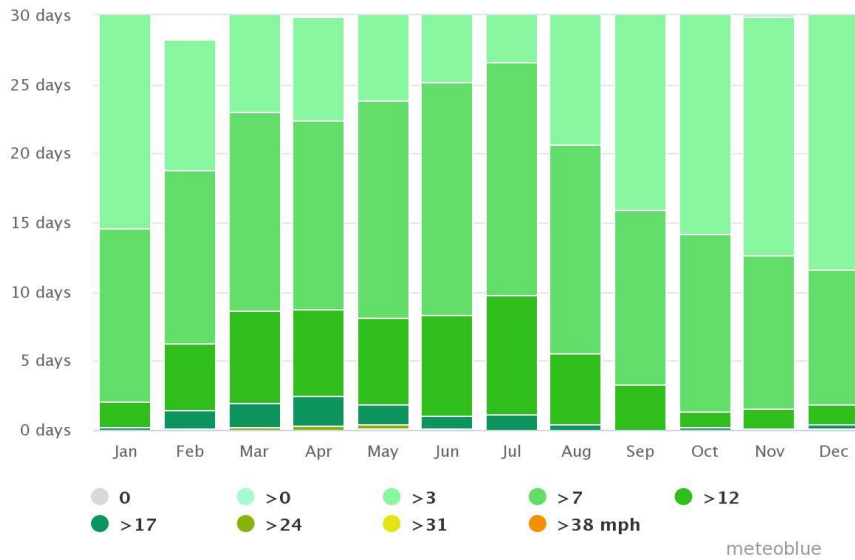
The graph shows the monthly number of sunny, partly cloudy, overcast and precipitation days. Days with less than 20% cloud cover are considered as sunny, with 20-80% cloud cover as partly cloudy and with more than 80% as overcast.



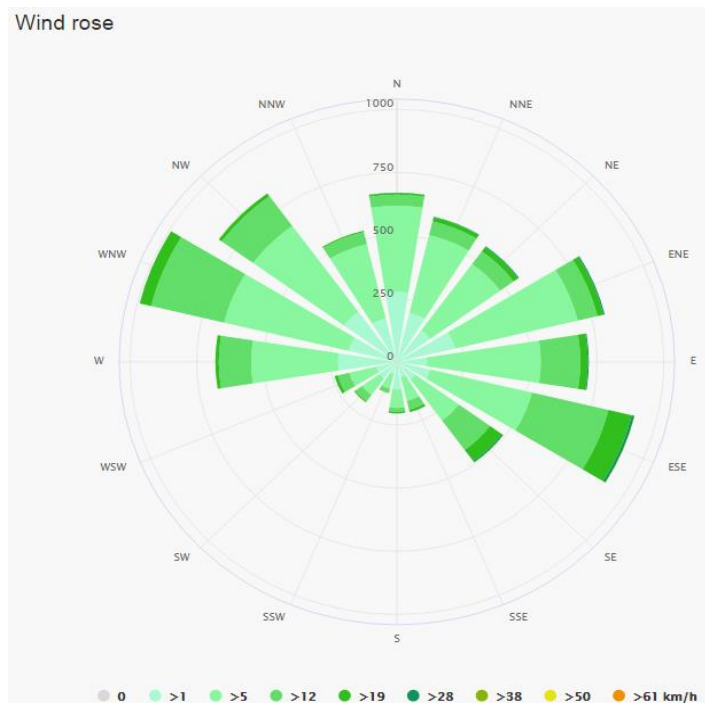
**Figure 10: Annual Precipitation amounts in Sheikhupura**

**4.4.5 Wind**

The diagram for Sheikhupura shows the Max and Average Wind speed and Wind Gust.



**Figure 11: Annual average wind speed in Sheikhupura**



**Figure 12: Wind Rose diagram of Sheikhupura**

The wind rose for Sheikhupura shows how many hours per year the wind blows from the indicated direction. Example SW: Wind is blowing from South-West (SW) to North-East (NE).

#### 4.5 Ecological Environment

Sheikhupura is enriched with the presence of natural flora and fauna, although with the growing population and development activities, the presence of some has been somewhat affected. They are discussed in detail below.

##### 4.5.1 Aquatic Flora & Fauna

No aquatic ecosystem (i.e. canal, stream, river or pond) observed within or around the study area, which omits the possibility of any kind of aquatic species that may be harmed due to the establishment of proposed project.

#### 4.5.2 Flora

The project is located in industrial area. The project site has no vegetative cover, hence, no trees or vegetation will be removed. The dominant tree species in study area include; Eucalyptus, Neem, and Kikar. The crops present around project site include wheat, sugarcane and common grass. The nomenclature including common, English, local and botanical names of the flora found in the study area are presented in Table

**Table 3: Flora of the Study Site**

| S# | Common Name | Scientific Name            |
|----|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1  | Neem        | <i>Azadirachta indica</i>  |
| 2  | Kikar       | <i>Vachellia nilotica</i>  |
| 3  | Safeda      | <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> |

#### 4.8.3 Fauna

For study of fauna in the project area, field guides and books were consulted. On the other hand field observations were conducted along with the interviews of local community members about the fauna of the area. The equipment used in field included cameras, binoculars and GPS device (wherever required). It is important to note that there is a number of factors which can change the findings of such survey. It may be pointed out that the pattern of seasonal migration of small birds varies depending upon each specie. During the construction activity in project area, no important biological feature will be damaged or disturbed as the project falls in industrial area.

The fauna commonly found in District Sheikhpura includes; Hares, Falcon, Eagle, Quail, Starling, Jungle Pigeon, Russian Sparrow, Doves, King Fisher, Parrot, Crow and Local Sparrow.

Commonly found mammals in the area include; dogs, cats, horses, house-rats, squirrels, porcupines and bats. However, Small Indian Mongoose and Indian Palm Squirrel are also found in the District Sheikhpura.

**Table 4: Mammals in Study Area**

| S# | Common Name | Scientific Name   |
|----|-------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Rat         | <i>Rattus</i>     |
| 2  | Bat         | <i>Chiroptera</i> |

|   |                       |                            |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | Small Indian Mongoose | <i>Herpestes javanicus</i> |
| 4 | Indian Palm Squirrel  | <i>Funambulus palmarum</i> |
| 5 | Porcupines            | <i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>  |
| 6 | Squirrels             | <i>Sciuridae</i>           |

The commonly found bird's species include; House Sparrow, Crow and some of them are mentioned below with scientific names.

In District Sheikhpura reptiles such as Snakes (Cobra and Kraits), Spiny Tailed Lizard and Fringed Toed Lizard are common in the tract, but cases of snake bites are very rare, as these reptiles have been either killed by expanding urbanization or they have moved away.

**Table 5: Birds in Study Area**

| S# | Common Name   | Scientific Name                |
|----|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1  | House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i>       |
| 2  | House Crow    | <i>Corvus splendens</i>        |
| 3  | Pigeon        | <i>Columbidae</i>              |
| 4  | Bulbul        | <i>Pycno notidae</i>           |
| 5  | Teetar        | <i>Francolinus francolinus</i> |
| 6  | Parrot        | <i>Psittaci forms</i>          |
| 7  | Titodi        | <i>Vanellus indicus</i>        |

**Table 6: Reptiles in the Study Area**

| S# | Common Name          | Scientific Name                 |
|----|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Snake                | <i>Serpentes</i>                |
| 2  | Spiny Tailed Lizard  | <i>Uromastix hardwickii</i>     |
| 3  | Fingered Toed Lizard | <i>Acanthodactylus cantoris</i> |
| 4  | Earthworm            | <i>Lumbricina</i>               |

The amphibians commonly seen around the project area, especially during the rainy season includes;

**Table 7: Amphibians in the Study Area**

| S# | Common Name       | Scientific Name        |
|----|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | Common Frog       | <i>Rana temporaria</i> |
| 2  | Indus Valley Toad | <i>Bufo stomaticus</i> |

A large number of insects are present due to open fields in the project site. Few of these insects are known to cause diseases in local population. Following is a list of commonly observed insects at the site:

**Table 8: Insects in Study Area**

| S# | Common Name  | Scientific Name                  |
|----|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1  | Black Ants   | <i>Paratracheaiognicornis</i>    |
| 2  | Dragon Fly   | <i>Dragon Fly</i>                |
| 3  | House Flies  | <i>Musca domestica</i>           |
| 4  | Butter Flies | <i>Parnassiusbalucha</i>         |
| 5  | Honey Bees   | <i>Apismellifera</i>             |
| 6  | Wasps        | <i>Anagyryus pseudococci</i>     |
| 7  | Grasshopper  | <i>Melanoplus differentialis</i> |
| 8  | Mosquito     | <i>Anophlese sp.</i>             |

No endangered species are found at the site. The area has not been identified as ecologically sensitive area by wildlife department.

#### 4.8.4 Water Resource

The main source of the water consumption is the ground water which is being pumped from 200 ft borehole and its being used in the study area for domestic purposes. To check the quality of the water in the area, ground water was collected and analyzed. The ground water was collected from bore hole adjacent to the project area.

#### 4.9 Socio-Economic Resources

This section provides collective information about the existing socio-economic and environmental condition of the project area within the AOI. The different types of socio-economic aspects were covered such as demographic profile, occupation, education and health facilities. This data helped in identifying major interventions for the development of Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP). The study also helped to assess the positive or adverse impacts on local community.

#### 4.10 Socio-Economic Profile of Study Area

This topic provides an overview of the baseline information relating to the socio-economic environment of the project area and the AOI. The socio-economic study gives information about the demographic profile, occupation, education and health facilities in the project area.

#### 4.11 Demographic Profile

The Demographic Studies are the major source of any city's Socio-Economic profile. Demographic Studies relate to population. Population studies are extremely important from Town Planning point of view. Until and unless we know about population in detail, we cannot

do successful planning. All aspects of population, such as sex-age composition, trend of migration, social, cultural, political, economic and administrative works, values and facilities have to be related to planning considerations and decisions. Individuals are the raw material of society; therefore, society is directly affected by size, growth, composition and distribution of its individuals. The term population refers to the number of individuals living within a geographical area at a given time.

Different community individuals in the vicinity of the project area have different family sizes depending upon their living setups. Average family size is however 5-7 individuals per family with 1-2 earning hands per family.

#### ***4.11.1 Health Facilities***

As the project site is in an Agricultural Land. Luqman Medical Centre is located at the distance of approx. 9.5 Km radius. Some other private health center is present as Villages area present in the vicinity of the project site.

#### ***4.11.2 Educational Facilities***

As the project site is not located in any residential area. However, the villages located around project site have few governments' primary schools.

#### ***4.11.3 Cultural, Religious & Other Structures***

No cultural, religious and other structures are present in the close proximity of the project area that needs to be relocated. Villages present around the project site have mosques and imam bargah.

### **4.12 Lab Reports of Environmental Analysis**

Testing of different parameters was done from a certified laboratory named SEAL to check the quality of different environmental parameters. The copy of the lab reports of these parameters (ambient air analysis, water quality analysis and noise) is attached at Annexure of this IEE Report.

### **4.13 Suitability of Site:**

Comprising all assessment of above baseline data there will be no significant ecological/ environmental impact expected in and around the present selected project site, hence it is suitable for the proposed project.

## Chapter 5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

This section discusses the project's potential environmental impact on the area's geomorphology, soil, water resources, air, biological resources and socioeconomic condition and, where applicable, identifies mitigation measures that will reduce, if not eliminate, its adverse impact. The assessment carried out in this section is based on potential impacts on overall environmental receptors within the project area.

### 5.1 Objectives

The objective of screening is identification of the adverse as well as beneficial impacts and then mitigating the effect of adverse impacts up to acceptable limits or within PEQS. Following are the objectives of screening out all significant environmental and social impacts:

- To find different alternatives and ways of carrying out the project activities which may cause adverse impacts.
- To enhance the Environmental and Social benefits of project
- To avoid, minimize and remediate adverse impacts.
- To ensure that residual adverse impacts are kept within acceptable limits.

In the sub-sections below the impact's assessment methodology for the establishment of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited (LPG Storage and Filling Station) located in Sheikhpura has been defined. It includes the magnitude, the extent of the impact and the nature of the anticipated impact.

### 5.2 Methodology

This Section discusses the project's potential environmental impact of establishment of LPG Storage & Filling Plant on the area's geomorphology, soil, water resources, air resource, biological resources, and socioeconomic condition and, where applicable, identifies mitigation measures that will reduce, if not eliminate, its adverse impact. The assessment carried out in the sub-sections below is based on potential impacts on overall environmental receptors within the project area. Impacts are evaluated based on magnitude, immediacy and sustainability. Evaluation criteria are as follows:

#### 5.2.1 Magnitude

The magnitude of the impacts associated with the establishment of the M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited, include the type of impact project commencement will cause to its immediate environment and social structure. It could be direct, indirect, and cumulative.

#### 5.2.2 Immediacy

Immediacy of the impact focus on the following parameters:

- Temporal Extent (during operation)
- Spatial Extent (local or widespread)

### **5.2.3 Sustainability and Reversibility**

Sustainability and reversibility of the impact focused on the following parameters:

- Mitigability (Fully/Partially)
- Monitoring (Fully/Partially)

### **5.3 Purpose of Mitigation Measure**

The basic purpose of mitigation measures is to reduce the impacts of the establishment of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited on the socio-environment up to the maximum possible extent. The mitigation measures are suggested based on the following parameters:

#### **5.3.1 What is the problem?**

The proposed project is the establishment of a LPG Storage & Filling Plant. The study area is leveled and Self-developed commercial. In addition, to the noise and fugitive dust emissions during the development phase solid waste also requires proper management. The major impact associated with the operation of building includes wastewater and the management of the solid waste.

#### **5.3.2 When problem will occur and when it should be addressed?**

The impacts from the establishment of LPG Storage & Filling Plant will occur during the construction and operation due to the civil work involved and the processes involved in activity. These issues include noise generation, fugitive dust emissions, solid waste management, wastewater disposal, top-soil removal, Health and Safety issues and change in the geographic features of the area. These all problems should be addressed on-site where they are being generated, to avoid the residual or adverse impacts.

#### **5.3.3 Where problem should be addressed?**

The problem will be generated from site development and operation of the unit. So, it should be addressed on source i.e., at site within the same timeframe.

#### **5.3.4 How the problem should be addressed?**

Proper mitigations measures will be provided according to the nature of the impacts/problems.

#### **5.3.5 Ways of Achieving Mitigation Measures?**

Following ways will be adopted to reduce the impacts of the manufacturing unit:

### **5.3.6 Changing in Planning Design**

There is no endangered and threatened species present in the project area. Moreover, there is not any human settlement or infra-structure that will be dislocated or dismantled due to the proposed project development. Hence, there is no need to change the design of project.

### **5.4 Improved Management and Monitoring Practices**

The anticipated impacts had been reduced significantly by adopting better management activities, as it will be carried out for betterment of the society. While environmental monitoring will be conducted on the regular basis to keep the sources of the air pollution, wastewater generation, noise, and public nuisances in-check. Following practices that need to be adopted to reduce the impact significantly:

#### **a. Compensation in Money Terms**

Due to the installation of proposed project, the vegetation present on-site will be removed and the geography/landscape of the area will be changed on the permanent basis, however, there is no protected or environmentally sensitive area present within 10.0 km vicinity of the project that could be impacted. Hence, no compensation in the monetary terms will be required. However, for the removal of the one tree from the project area 3-5 trees will be planted as the compensation.

#### **b. Replacement/Relocation/Rehabilitation**

The proposed project site is located in Self-developed commercial land. No replacement, relocation and rehabilitation will be required for the commencement of the aforesaid project.

### **5.5 Impact Assessment Methodology**

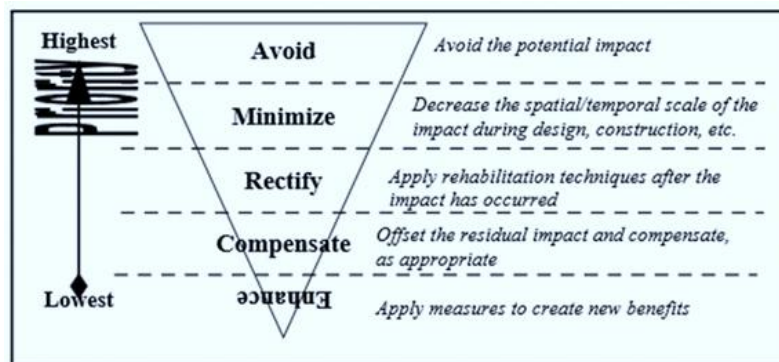
The impact assessment methodology for the establishment of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited is given below:

#### **5.6.1 Screening of Potential Impacts**

Based on site visit, observation, brain storming, provided information and social interviews, significant impacts were anticipated and evaluated. Then qualitative and quantitative (where possible) assessment of these anticipated impacts is to be carried out.

#### **5.6.2 Identification of Mitigation Measures**

After anticipation and screening of significant impacts, certain mitigation measures are to be provided in order to enhance benefits of project and reducing impacts. These measures can be classified as:



**Figure 13: Hierarchy of Mitigations**

### 5.6.3 Evaluation of the Residual Impacts

Incorporation of suggested mitigation measures may reduce the magnitude of the environmental impacts of the project but sometimes, it may fail in bringing them within the acceptable limits. This step refers to the identification of the anticipated remaining impacts after mitigation measures have been applied.

### 5.6.4 Identification of Monitoring Requirements

The last step in the assessment process is the identification of minimum monitoring requirements. The scope and frequency of monitoring depends on the residual impacts. The purpose of the monitoring is to confirm that the impact is within the prescribed limits and to provide timely information if acceptable limits are being breached.

## 5.6 Impact Evaluation

Impact screening checklist and project impact evaluation matrix have been developed to evaluate the potential impacts of the establishment of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited on the basis of set procedures as given in the environmental guidelines by Punjab EPA.

### 5.6.1 Methodology for Impact Evaluation

These tools have been used to identify the significance and magnitude of the impact as well as the nature, reversibility, and extent:

1. An Impact Screening Checklist
2. Project Impact Evaluation Matrix

Following is given a brief description of assessment tools:

#### a) Impact Screening Checklist

The impact screening checklist is developed to screen out the potentially insignificant environmental and social impacts from the potentially significant adverse environmental and social impacts during planning & designing, and operational phases of the project. The objective of the impact screening process is to assess the significance of the issues related to the air, water, noise, soil, transportation, communication, the hazards, and external constraints.

The positive and adverse impacts of the project during planning & designing, and operational phases are identified based on their duration, location, frequency, extent, significance and reversibility. Each activity impacts on various environmental parameters are given below:

**Table 4: Impact Screening Checklist**

| Sr#                       | Environmental Component      | Impact Characteristics              |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |        |                                     |              |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                           |                              | Duration                            |                                     | Location                            |                                     | Frequency                           |                                     | Extent |                                     | Significance |                                     |                                     | Reversibility                       |                                     |
|                           |                              | Long                                | Short                               | Direct                              | Indirect                            | Cont.                               | Intermittent                        | Wide   | Local                               | Large        | Moderate                            | Minor                               | Rev.                                | Irrev.                              |
| <b>Beneficial Impacts</b> |                              |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |        |                                     |              |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| 1                         | Employment Opportunity       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| 2                         | Availability of Raw-Material | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| 3                         | Appreciation in Land Value   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4                         | Energy Availability          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| <b>Adverse Impacts</b>    |                              |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |        |                                     |              |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| 1                         | Air Pollution                |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| 2                         | Wastewater                   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3                         | Solid Waste and By-Products  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4                         | Health and Safety            |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| 5                         | Chemical Hazards             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| 6                         | Physical Hazards             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7                         | Security Risks               |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |

## b) Project Impact Evaluation Matrix

The Project Impact Evaluation Matrix was developed by placing different environmental parameters that are likely to be affected by the proposed project actions, grouped into categories i.e., physical, ecological and socio-economic environment. For the impact assessment risk assessment methodology was used. Moreover, the risk assessment was done on the basis of project phases (planning & designing, and operation). A Project Impact Evaluation Matrix is attached as Table below:

**Table 5: Impact Evaluation Matrix**

| Environmental Parameters  | Impact Assessment during operational Phase |
|---|--|
| <b>A: Physical</b>  |  |
| <b>Land Resources</b>   |  |
| Soil Erosion and Contamination  | 0  |
| Transportation  | -1t  |
| Solid Waste and By-Products   | -1p  |
| Land Use  | NA   |
| <b>Air Resources</b>  |  |
| Noise Pollution   | -1t  |
| Air Pollution   | -1p  |
| Dust Emissions  | -1t  |
| <b>Water Resources</b>  |  |
| Ground Water  | -1p  |
| Surface Water   | NA   |
| Wastewater  | -2p  |
| <b>B : Ecological</b>   |  |
| <b>Flora</b>  |  |
| Tree Cutting  | +1p  |
| <b>Fauna</b>  |  |
| Terrestrial Fauna   | +1p  |
| <b>C: Socio-Economic</b>  |  |
| Employment Opportunities  | +3p  |
| Land Value Appreciation   | +2t  |
| Availability of Local Raw-Material  | +2p  |
| Economic Uplift   | +3p  |
| <b>D: Hazards</b>   |  |
| Physical Hazards  | -1p  |
| Chemical Hazards  | -1p  |
| Health and Safety   | -1p  |
| <i>Legends: 1= Low; 2= Medium; 3= High; 4= Extremely High; NA= Not Applicable; t= Temporary; p= Permanent; app= Applicable; 0= Negligible</i> |  |

## CHAPTER 6. SCREENING OF IMPACTS AND THEIR MITIGATION MEASURE

This Chapter identifies the potential impacts (positive and adverse) on the physical, biological and socio-economic environment of project area due to the establishment of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited . It also identifies measures that will help to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts and will enhance positive impacts of the project. Impacts are assessed by analyzing their magnitude and sensitivity, which is a legal requirement.

### 6.1 Impact and Mitigation Management

Purpose of mitigation is to evade, reduce or balance the expected antagonistic effects in suitable way and to integrate these for devising environmental management strategy or plan. At every stage of the project, mitigation plan for all the adverse impacts should be predicted to find out the best alternative. The objectives of mitigation are to:

- ⇒ Invention of best substitution, better alternatives, and ways to reduce the adverse environmental and social impacts on the surroundings.
- ⇒ To improve the environmental and societal payback of the project
- ⇒ To prevaricate, remedy or reduce, pro-vocative impacts.
- ⇒ To certify that remaining negative influences are kept within permissible limits.

In this part of the EIA Report, several complications including cleanliness, environmental health and safety, societal and environmental managing and inspection, industrial vulnerability, tools, and apparatuses and during operational activities, influx of workers and procurement of land have been deeply elaborated.

#### 6.1.1 Approaches for Mitigation Measures

Following approaches may be used to mitigate the impacts of the project:

**Table 6: Approaches for Mitigation Measures**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Avoid:</b> Change of route or site details, to avoid damage  |
| <b>Replace:</b> Regenerate similar habitat of equivalent ecological value in different location   |
| <b>Reduce:</b> Filters, precipitators, noise barriers, dust, enclosures, visual screening, wildlife corridors and changed time of activities to reduce the impact |
| <b>Restore:</b> Site restoration at the end of the operational activities   |
| <b>Compensate:</b> Relocation of displaced communities, facilities for the affected communities, financial compensation for the affected individuals, etc.        |

#### 6.1 Expected Positive Impacts

Following are the expected outcomes of the establishment of the M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited :

### 6.2.1 Increase in Employment Opportunities during Construction Phase

Due to the establishment of LPG Storage & Auto Filling Plant in Sheikhpura the employment opportunity will be enhanced. It will include technical and non-technical staff. Locals will also have the opportunity to diversify their income by being employed. Hence, there will be an increased employment opportunity for the local people which will have a positive impact on the socio-economic status of the area.

### 6.2.2 Efficient and Economic Residential Availability

In addition to all these benefits, the project will result in the general economic and social uplift in the areas of the Sheikhpura.

## 6.2 Adverse Impacts and Mitigation Measures

This section identifies the potentially significant and insignificant adverse environmental and social impacts anticipated during the operation phase for the establishment of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited. Appropriate mitigation and management measures, where applicable, have also been suggested to reduce the severity of the anticipated impact up to the extent possible.

### 6.3 Impacts Due to Project Location

The proponent has selected the site owing to the following reasons:

- ✚ The site is undisputed and allotted to the proponent
- ✚ The site has the potential to store the required amount of the raw-material
- ✚ There is no community or human settlement present on-site
- ✚ There is no fauna or flora belonging to an endangered species present on-site
- ✚ The site has accessible through road network i.e., connected to the main road via access roads
- ✚ There is no ecologically sensitive or declared protected area (PA) like; Reserved Forest, Fish Hatcheries, Territorial Waters, Wildlife or Game Reserves. Moreover, there is no socio-cultural significant structure (historical or archaeological site or religious structures; Masjid, temples, etc.) located within safe radius of the selected site that could be impacted.

It can be concluded in view of these reasons that the selected site is best suited for the project, and will not pose any adverse impact or threat on any component of the environment

### 6.4.1 Relocation of People

Currently, there are no infringements on the project site that may be affected therefore relocation exercises are not required.

### 6.4.2 Loss of Vegetation

Considering the scale of the project and commonly found flora and fauna within the project influence area, no significant adverse effects are envisaged on the ecology of the area.

### **6.4.3 Shifting of Utilities.**

There will not be any shifting of existing utilities such as water supply pipelines, sewers, electrical lines, etc. due to the proposed project.

### **6.4.4 Impact on Archaeological/Cultural Property**

Within the project influence area there are no significant archaeological properties, hence no impact in this area is anticipated.

## **6.5 Impacts Due to Project Design**

During design phase most of the impacts will disturb the physical environment as well as the parameters associated with the social structure of the society.

### **6.5.1 Location**

While citing a project, care should be taken to minimize the adverse impact of the facility on immediate neighborhood as well as distant places. The application of good and sound citing criteria is often the best and first strategy to minimize the environmental and social impacts that can be caused by a project. The Proposed site is undisputed open rural land and under the ownership of the Proponent.

Easy road access, no settlements in close vicinity, no archeological or cultural resources to be dismantled or relocated, and no ecologically sensitive or declared protected area existing on proposed site that favors the point of no impact due to project location.

### **Mitigation**

No mitigation measure is required as the proposed project will not have any adverse impacts on its surroundings due to significant distances from sensitive receptors.

### **6.5.2 Designing**

At the design phase, no considerable impact will occur on land, soil, topography, ground water, and on people of the area. However, in pre-construction phase a management system should be provided at design level so impacts can be reduced. Design of the proposed plant will adhere to all standard technical requirements in order to avoid adverse impacts on environment and human health.

### **Mitigation**

The Proponent intends to construct the unit on modern lines, meeting International Standards, with incorporation of modern technology. The design, if maintained and operated in an environment-friendly manner, is expected to cast positive impact on the Environment and will not pose any adverse impact or threat on any component of the Environment.

## **6.6 Impacts Due to Project Construction**

Project constructions typically change the natural environment, creating negative impacts in some cases. These are short-term impacts of low magnitude, which are easily managed.

The Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts associated with the construction activities of the plant are the following:

- Construction Noise
- Dust Emission During Construction
- Change of Land Use
- Water Sourcing
- Vehicle and Equipment Exhaust
- Soil Contamination
- Camp Effluent
- Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste Management
- Disturbance to Wildlife
- Socioeconomic Impact
- Community and worker's Safety
- Traffic Disturbance
- Local Employment Conflicts
- Archeological Resources
- Project and Community Interface

#### **6.6.1 IMPACTS ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

##### ***6.6.1.1 Effect on Geomorphology and soil***

###### **Potential Impacts**

Spills of chemicals and fuel during handling, transportation and storage may result in contamination of soil at the construction site. During a typical construction project spill of fuel, lubricants, and chemicals can take place. As a result, contamination of soil will occur, significance will depend on the nature of material, location of spill and quantity of spill.

The likely impacts of these activities may include:

- Physical scarring of the landscape
- Increased risk of land slippage
- Erosion from road sides, well pads and sloped surface as well as soil and slit from the cleared area, results in increased sediment load in surface run off.
- Soil contamination

###### **Impact Assessment**

Soil contamination may occur due to spillage and leakage of fuels, and other chemicals. This possibility of impact is more at fuel and chemical storage areas at campsites, vehicles and machinery used in the field and areas of vehicle fueling and maintenance.

There are no visible signs of any adverse impacts on the soils and to avoid such conditions following mitigation measures are provided and will be followed

###### **Mitigation Measures**

- Spill Prevention and Response Plan for storage, use and transfer of fuel and hazardous materials should be prepared.

- Workers should be trained on spill prevention and response plan.
- Thick Plantation is recommended after completion of project to minimize land slippage and soil erosion impacts.
- Fuels, lubricants, and chemicals should be stored in covered areas, underlain with impervious lining
- Maintenance and washing of vehicles and equipment should be carried out at designated areas
- Any hard surface or tarpaulin should be spread on area to prevent soil contamination.
- Regular inspections should be carried out to detect leakages in construction vehicles and equipment
- Appropriate arrangements, including shovels, plastic bags and absorbent materials, should be available near fuel storage areas.

### **Residual impacts**

No residual impact to soil will be caused provided the above-mentioned measures are implemented properly.

### **Monitoring requirement**

- Regular inspection of soil of the project area should be undertaken
- Document all related accidents of spillage to take corrective actions and to avoid reoccurrence.

#### **6.1.1.1 Water Quality**

### **Potential impacts**

The quality of surface and groundwater supplies may deteriorate if pollutants mix with surface runoff during rain are carried to water resources in the vicinity, or if pollutants leach into the ground.

The storage and handling of fuels and lubricants may also contaminate surface and groundwater resources, if there are spillages that wash into surrounding areas or seep into the ground.

Improper disposal of domestic effluent from the camp may result in contamination of soil and water and become a health hazard. A significant impact on the environment will be interpreted if the wastewater discharged is not in compliance with the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for municipal effluent.

### **Impact Assessment**

A significant amount of sediment may get washed into fields and watercourses if it rains during the construction period; however, the impact is not expected to be significant. Potential sources of pollution in such cases may include:

- Domestic waste (sanitary and kitchen discharge)
- Oil and grease from vehicles
- Sediments from altered land surfaces (campsites)
- Stored Fuel, and other chemicals

### **Mitigation Measures**

- Lined Septic tanks will be provided
- Fuels and lubricants will be stored in areas with impervious floors
- Proper drainage will be provided to construction camp and construction site.

### **Residual Impacts**

Implementation of the proposed mitigation measures is not likely to leave any significant impact on the soil or surrounding land.

### **Monitoring requirement**

Periodic monitoring will include:

- Discharge rate of wastewater
- Chemical analysis of the wastewater

#### **6.1.1.2 Water Use**

The water during the construction activity will be required for the domestic water consumption and for the construction activities including sprinkling of water for dust suppression.

### **Potential impacts**

The extraction of water for the construction may affect the water availability for other water users. An adverse impact on the water resources will be interpreted if it is established that the water extraction during construction has directly affected the ability of the community to meet their water needs

### **Mitigation measures**

Following mitigation measures should be incorporated to minimize any impacts;

- Water conservation program will be initiated to Prevent Wastage of water.

#### **6.1.1.3 Dust Emissions**

Dust generated during construction activities can be substantial. Dust emission from construction sites is a concern particularly if the site is near residential areas. Dust or the equivalent technical term 'particulate matter,' is generally defined as any airborne finely divided solid or liquid material up to the size of about 100 microns (micrometers or one millionth of a meter).

### **Potential Impacts**

Particulate matter emitted during construction activities can result in deterioration of ambient air quality in the vicinity of the source and be a nuisance to the communities and plant workers. The main health hazards are the particles smaller than 10 microns (designated as 'PM<sub>10</sub>') as they are Respirable. Larger particles also tend to settle rapidly and often do not reach receptors. In cases where they reach the receptors, the dust is considered a nuisance as it may spoil property and affect visibility. A significant effect on the environment will be interpreted if there is an increase in visible dust beyond the boundaries of the power plant due to activities

undertaken at the plant site, or the dust affects local property or results in complaints from the community.

### **Impact Assessment**

Potential sources of particulate matter emission during construction activities include earthworks (dirt or debris pushing and grading), exposed surfaces, exposed storage piles, truck dumping, hauling, vehicle movement on unpaved roads, and concrete mixing and matching. The quantity of dust that will be generated on a particular day will depend on the magnitude and nature of activity and the atmospheric conditions prevailing on the day.

### **Mitigation measures**

The most effective means of reducing the dust emission is wet suppression. Watering exposed surfaces and soil with adequate frequency to keep soil moist at all times can reduce the total dust emission from the project by as much as 75%

Dust emission from soil piles and aggregate storage stockpiles will be reduced by covering the piles, for example with tarpaulin or thick plastic sheet.

Good quality (low-sulfur) fuel will be used for vehicle and machinery

Construction materials that are susceptible to dust formation will be transported only in securely covered trucks to prevent dust emission during transportation.

Provision of dust respirators to equipment operators who are exposed to dust while operating their equipment.

Tree planting on open and disturbed areas which will not be used by the operations.

### **Residual Impacts**

The effects of the dust nuisance are temporary with no long-lasting impact expected after the completion of the construction.

### **Monitoring requirements**

- Dust emission will be visually monitored
- Ambient air quality will be checked near or at project site.

#### **6.6.1.4 Noise**

### **Potential issues**

Depending on the Construction Equipment used and its distance from the receptors, the community and the unit workers may typically be exposed to intermittent and variable noise levels. During the day such noise results in general annoyance and can interfere with sleep during the night. The potential noise related issues during construction is the disturbance to workers and the surrounding communities due to construction machinery operation on the site.

### **Impact Assessment**

The potential sources of significant noise during the construction period include the construction machinery, construction related traffic. The noise will be maximum during the day time when construction activities are ongoing.

### **Mitigation Measures**

- Reduce equipment noise at source by proper design, maintenance and repair of construction machinery and equipment
- Minimize noise from vehicles by use of proper silencers and mufflers
- Use noise-abating devices wherever needed and practicable.
- The movement of vehicle should be restricted during night time.
- Providing workers with noise related PPE's
- Planting of trees that could serve as sound buffers.
- Noise barriers must be put in on and around the project boundary
- Hauling trucks shall be operated at low speed to minimize vibration, promote road safety, etc

### **Monitoring requirement**

Monitoring will be done on regular basis to avoid increase in noise beyond PEQ's

## **6.6.2 IMPACTS ON BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **6.6.2.2 Flora**

The project area is an Open area owned by Proponent. As such there's not any natural vegetation on the project site. So, there is no possibility of vegetation loss. But Proponent has planned a Tree Plantation plan within the Project area.

### **6.6.2.3 Fauna**

During the construction phase, there will be considerable human interventions in the project area which can potentially affect the wildlife resources of the project area. Following mitigation measures will be followed for prevention of accidents of wildlife and birds.

### **Mitigation**

- A 'no-hunting, no trapping, no harassment' policy will be strictly enforced.
- Trading of wild animals or birds by project personnel will also be prohibited.
- Wildlife protection rules will be included in the Camp Rules
- Proper signs for birds protection will be placed

## **6.6.3 SOCIO-CULTURAL IMPACTS**

### **6.6.3.1 Possible Displacement**

As the site is open plot and resettlements and community are at a safe distance from site, so no displacement or relocation of people is expected.

### **6.6.3.2 Land Use**

Proposed land is open land and it is going to be improved to commercial land, so its value will be increased, and positive land use will occur.

### **6.6.3.3 Induction of Labor**

During the proposed project, unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled labor will be employed for various jobs. All of this means that the proposed program will create job opportunities for the local community. Families close to the project activities expect an improvement in their quality of life and employment not equitably and judiciously distributed between the tribes of the project area will result in intertribal conflict.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

- All unskilled jobs will be provided to the local communities.
- Before project, the local communities and other stakeholders in the project area will be informed of the employment policy in place and the number of people that can be employed from the local communities.
- Local people closest to the project site (and therefore the most likely to be affected by project activities) will be given preference.

### **6.6.3.4 Community Health**

People from the project area regularly travel to other cities, and thus cannot be considered isolated from the rest of the country. They are regularly exposed to illnesses common to urban populations and have similar levels of immunity. Workers will undergo medical examinations before being hired and will be screened for communicable diseases. In addition, there will be very little contact between workers and local people. The project is therefore very unlikely to lead to an epidemic of any sort among local communities.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The crew will undergo medical examinations before being hired and will be screened for communicable diseases. The project is therefore very unlikely to lead to an epidemic of any sort among local communities.

- All employees shall undergo regular check up with physician to ensure that they have good health.
- The proponent will provide regular medical practitioner for the regular checkup of the employees' health.
- Conduct free clinic and medical mission to regularly check the health condition of the residents of the community.

### **6.6.3.4 Safety**

#### **Potential Issues**

Safety always remains an area of utmost concern in any occupational activity; construction being one. Not only workers but the people from surrounding communities on the roads adjacent to the site are at stake of safety risks as well.

The safety issue is that of traffic entering and leaving project site for transport of goods and materials. Workers safety is also an issue because of machinery if they show carelessness.

### **Mitigation measures**

To reduce the hazard, the following mitigation measures will be implemented:

- A stop sign will be put up on the access road
- A speed breaker will be constructed on the access road
- The speed limit for the access road will be kept low
- A public safety plan should be developed and displayed
- Community complaint register, and other mean should be adopted for the community to complain.
- All entry points into the construction area should be staffed 24 hour a day. People who are not related to the project should not be allowed inside.
- No machinery should be left unattended, particularly in the running condition.
- Nighttime driving of project vehicles should be limited.
- Drivers will be trained to drive slowly following traffic rules.

#### ***6.6.3.5 Interaction with Communities***

There is expected to be very little interaction between crews and local communities, expect for the local people who are hired for the project.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Proponent will strive to maintain contact with major stakeholders, particularly local communities, through all stages of project implementation. This is necessary to engender sense of community in the project proponents and to ensure that the community's concerns are responded to at every stage. The purpose of such contact is to develop a relationship of trust with the local communities.

#### ***6.6.3.6 Archeological or Cultural Resources***

It is possible that the project may damage structures, such as archaeological sites, houses, water wells and canals and water courses, owned and used by local people. No known sites of archeological or cultural value are known to exist near the proposed well site or along the access road. The project is therefore not expected to have any impact on archeological or cultural resources of the area.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The following mitigation measures will be taken to reduce the impact on the area's cultural resources and infrastructure:

- All graveyards and shrines and other cultural sites in the vicinity of the project area will be identified before the survey.
- Communication will be established with the local spiritual leader and the communities to explain about the activities near the sites.

### **6.6.3.7 Security Risks**

During construction phase a large number of workers will be hired including engineers and laborers. The increase in people to the area, as well as the periods where some construction workers are unemployed could lead to an increase in crime and violence in surrounding areas.

#### **Mitigation measures**

- Proper Security will be provided
- Security guards will be appointed

### **6.4 Impacts Due to Project Operation**

During the operation phase, there will be impacts on the air, water, and land environment, as well as on socio-economic aspects. The following sub-sections present the impacts due to the operation of the proposed project.

The Environmental and Socio-Economic impacts associated with the operation phase of the power plant are following:

- Air Emissions
- Noise
- Wastewater
- Water Resources
- Waste Management
- Occupational Health and Safety

#### **6.7.1 Water Consumption**

The increased withdrawal of surface water for the Proposed Project may affect the water availability for the other users of the Project Area. A significant impact will be interpreted if water extracted for the project directly affects the ability of the community and other users to meet their water needs.

#### **Impact Assessment**

Water usage will be only domestic in nature.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Water conservation program will be initiated in plant colony to prevent wastage of water.

#### **6.7.2 Water Quality**

##### **Potential Impacts**

Water pollution is contamination of water by undesirable foreign matter. It impacts surface water and underground water. At the project site, there will be no wastewater generation during operational activity as project does not involve any processing and no water will be consumed during storage except domestic purposes. The discharge of effluent from unit will be only municipal.

##### **Mitigation Measures**

There will be no any industrial activity, so no wastewater will be generated, domestic wastewater will be treated by passing through septic tanks to soakage pit.

### **6.7.3 Soil Contamination**

Leakage of petrol or diesel from tankers arriving on site during process of LPG station can cause soil contamination.

#### **Mitigation Measures:**

Ensure that vehicles are well tuned and have no leakage.

### **6.7.4 Air Quality**

Project only involves storage and filling of LPG, not any industrial activity so there will be no emissions. Only dust will be generated during floor cleaning that will be controlled by water sprinkling. In case of leakage, broken down pipes, LPG could escape which will have certain impacts on workers. For this, Gas detectors will be provided. Further PPEs will also be provided to workers to cater this situation and ensure safety and health.

### **6.7.5 Noise and Vibration**

Project only involves storage and filling of LPG, not any industrial activity so there will be no noise generation. Noise will only be generated during transportation, for this only those vehicles will be used that are properly tuned and maintained and are equipped with silencers. Also excessive use of horns will be avoided. Further tree plantation will be done as it acts as noise absorbers.

#### **Residual Impacts**

Implementation of the mitigation measures proposed above will result in negligible / no residual impact due to noise on surrounding environment.

#### **Monitoring Requirements**

During project operation, it should be ensured that the noise level at the project site does not exceed the prescribed limits.



### **6.7.6 Solid Waste Management**

#### **Potential Issues**

The solid waste generated during the operational phase of Proposed Project can pose a health hazard, pollute the soil, surface and ground water if not manage properly. A significant impact will be interpreted if the waste management is not carried out properly; which may affect to health of workers, pollution of soil, surface or groundwater.

#### **Impact Assessment:**

Potential source of solid waste from operational activities include:

-  Office waste
-  Plastics

- ✚ Rags

- ✚ Paper

No significant impact on the environment is anticipated from solid waste generation at the project site as the generated solid waste comprise of a domestic waste and waste scrap mainly which would be sold to their respective dealers.

### **Mitigation Measures**

Key elements of the Waste Management System will be the following:

- ✚ Separate waste bins will be placed for different type of wastes
- ✚ Records of all waste generated will be maintained. Quantities of waste disposed, recycled, or reused will be logged on a Waste Tracking Register.
- ✚ Waste will be managed by solid waste management contractor.

### **Residual Impacts**

Proper implementation of the mitigation measures will ensure that the residual impact from waste is minimum. Monitoring and inspection will be undertaken to ensure compliance and minimize any residual impact.

#### **6.7.7 Emergency Response**

Incidents and accidents may take place unexpectedly during project operations no matter how effective, strong and efficient the mitigation measures for all adverse impacts; especially the safety issues may be adopted. These may include;

- Fire hazard

#### **6.7.8 FIRE HAZARD**

During operational phase of the project, fire hazard poses a serious threat. Fire extinguisher details are mentioned on map.

### **Mitigation**

- ✚ Fire extinguishers should be properly maintained and checked periodically.
- ✚ Adequate fire hydrant system should be installed.
- ✚ Flammable materials should be prohibited in the premises.
- ✚ Fire alarm systems should be maintained for detection and warning of fire.
- ✚ Pressure gauges should be checked monthly.
- ✚ Adequate training of workers on use of firefighting system to deal with the situation.
- ✚ Administration of the unit will make a proper evacuation plans for emergency escape from all halls.
- ✚ Emergency call service must be made available.
- ✚ Firefighting team must remain ready at all times.

## **6.2 Potential Environmental Enhancement Measures**

### **6.8.1 Tree Plantation**

Tree plantation within and outside the premises is a potential environmental enhancement measure. A large area will be reserved for tree plantation and among plants native flora like Peepal, Kikar, Dherak, Safeeda and Amaltas will be planted in the specified green zone which

will have the maximum capacity to reduce noise pollution and tolerance index of these species are more than 10. Some floral species like roses and other ornamental evergreen plants will also be introduced in the lawn which will enhance aesthetic beauty. In addition, trees like Safeeda and Amaltas will be planted as boundary wall inside the lawn which will look like green wall. The proponent will also make arrangements for protection and maintenance of trees.

### **6.8.1 Facility Design**

The introduction of an ecologically effective and efficient design of a facility is the environmental enhancement measures planned by the proponent to be incorporated into the design of the intended project.

### **6.3 Social Enhancement Measures**

Following measures will be adopted to improve the socio-economic condition of the area:

#### **6.9.1 Employment/Poverty Alleviation**

The employment opportunities in the project area will be increased due to the establishment of LPG storage and filling unit of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited at the aforesaid location. During establishment of the aforesaid facility un-skilled workers will be required as labors, sanitary workers and sweepers as well as for the skilled workers such as; accounts and managers to run the administration office local community will be considered on the priority basis. In totality, the overall economic conditions of the area will be improved due to the establishment of the aforesaid project.

#### **6.9.2 Local Economy**

The employment opportunities and/or income sources generated by the project construction and operation will be long term in nature. These will be enhanced once the construction phase is completed. The local economy will experience a slight boom during development and operational period.

## CHAPTER 7. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLANS

This chapter summarizes the various mitigation measures as outlined previously in this EIA Report that will be implemented during the construction, operational and decommissioning stages of project. It does not discuss further the mitigation measures which have been adopted within the design and planning of the project, as these are comprehensively covered in previous section of this EIA Report.

Outline and key features of the EMMP for operations phase is presented. As per the environmental legislation in Pakistan, the EMMP for the operations phase, along with other documents, is to be submitted to the environmental protection agency to obtain confirmation for compliance and Environmental Approval for project operation. Even after implementation of the suggested mitigation measures, the impact may remain significant, and require monitoring.

### 7.1 Objectives

An Environmental Monitoring Plan was outlined alongside Environmental Management Plan to ensure all the corrective actions to counter adverse impacts which gives a detailed EMMP. The EMMP will serve as a principal execution module of the project that would not only mitigate adverse environmental impacts during the construction and the operational phase of the project but also ensures that environmental standards and good in-housekeeping are being practiced. Continuous environmental monitoring is exercised to ensure that preventive measures are in place and effective to sustain environmental integrity. The key objectives of EMMP are:

- To outline functions and responsibilities of persons
- To state and implement standards and guidelines which are required under environmental legislations particular in context to the Project.
- To facilitate the implementation of the mitigation measures by providing the technical details of each Project's impact and proposing implementation schedule of the proposed mitigation measures
- Define a monitoring mechanism and identify monitoring parameters to ensure that all proposed mitigation measures are completely and effectively implemented.
- Identify the resources required to implement the EMMP and outline corresponding financing arrangements.

### 7.2 Management Approach

The organizational roles and responsibilities of the key players are summarized below:

#### 7.2.1 Proponent

The project proponent will undertake overall responsibility for compliance with the EMMP. The concerned departments will carry out verification checks to ensure that the contractors are effectively implementing their environmental and social requirements.

### **7.2.2 Contractors**

The contractors will implement most environmental and social mitigation measures. The contractors will carry out field activities as part of the project. The contractors are subject to certain liabilities under the environmental laws of the country, and under its contract with proponent.

### **7.3 Components of EMMP**

The EMMP consists of the following:

- ⇒ Institutional arrangements
- ⇒ Mitigation plan to reduce the severity of associated impacts.
- ⇒ Monitoring plan to monitor the impacts and their severity.
- ⇒ Environmental and social trainings to raise awareness.

#### **7.3.1 Remedial and Mitigation Measures**

The objective of remedial and mitigation measures in any project is to identify practices, technologies or activities that would prevent, minimize, or mitigate all significant negativities that are likely to occur due to the proposed project.

### **7.4 Environmental Management and Monitoring Framework**

The purpose of the environmental management and monitoring framework is to facilitate the implementation of environmental commitments, included in the environmental impact assessment. The proponent is committed for the protection of the environment and to the sustainable management of its related operations and activities.

**Table 7: Environmental Management Plan**

| Objective                                     | Management Action  | Responsibility        | Time framework   | Residual impact  |
|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Employment Opportunities</b>               |  |                       |  |  |
| To promote the employment of local persons    | Recruitment of local workers will be undertaken without discrimination and in accordance with recruitment policy by contractors involved. The employment will be based on skills and working attitude that of industrial level.  | Proponent /Contractor | On commencement of construction and operational activities | Unemployed people of area will get job opportunities and their standard of living will be improved         |
| To promote the use of local service providers | Local procurement of goods and services will be undertaken wherever possible and cost effective and where practicable to the project   | Proponent /Contractor | On commencement of construction and operational activities | Indirect job opportunities   |
| <b>Pollution control management</b>           |  |                       |  |  |
| To contain solid waste                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper maintenance of vehicles and equipment will be undertaken.</li> <li>• Appropriate environmental security measures including shovels and plastic bags etc will be provided to prevent accidental release to ground.</li> <li>• Appropriate procedures and protocols to be established and monitored for materials transport and handling whilst on the site.</li> <li>• Temporary waste bins will be provided for the solid waste which be managed as per municipality practices of the area.</li> </ul> | Contractor            | Throughout project life                                    | Potential for accidental release of materials during transport and handling on the site will be minimized. |
| <b>Protection of biodiversity</b>             |  |                       |  |  |

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|---|--|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| To avoid unnecessary disturbance of and quick recovery of biodiversity in the site            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid destruction of biodiversity outside and inside the project area</li> <li>• Minimize clearing of vegetation</li> <li>• Prepare and implement an appropriate landscaping program to help in re-vegetation of affected project areas after construction</li> <li>• The flora of the site should be restored at the end of the phase by landscaping and planting native vegetation</li> </ul>   | Contractor | Throughout project life       | Vegetation loss cannot be avoided, but successful restoration, improvement and long-term management of the surrounding areas and maintenance of planted trees will provide significant compensation |
| <b>Wastewater management</b>  |  |            |                               |   |
| During the performing activities chances of the groundwater water contamination are quite low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land disturbance will be minimized as much as possible.</li> <li>• Proper LPG storage techniques will be adopted to avoid leakage and to prevent the erosion of soils.</li> <li>• Drainage ditches will only be constructed where necessary.</li> <li>• Existing drainage systems / channels will not be altered.</li> <li>• Regular water sprinkling will be done to control fugitive dust emissions that may become cause the deterioration of the water resource.</li> <li>• Earthy materials and runoff should be handled in a manner that prevents adding suspended solids to flowing water which will prevents water pollution</li> </ul> | Contractor | Throughout project life cycle | None  |
| <b>Air quality and dust management</b>  |  |            |                               |   |

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| <p>The major source of air emissions is from extraction activities, emissions from the transportation, generators.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fugitive dust emissions will be reduced significantly by converting the un-metaleed road to the stone road by using the aggregate.</li> <li>• Speed limits will be enforced to reduce airborne fugitive dust from vehicular traffic.</li> <li>• Re-vegetation will be done to the disturbed areas as soon as possible after disturbance.</li> <li>• Regular water sprinkling will be done to suppress the fugitive dust emissions.</li> <li>• Training will be given to workers to handle loose materials and debris to reduce fugitive emissions.</li> <li>• Employment of water sprinkling will be done on all material as the most effective means of reducing the dust emission is wet suppression. Watering exposed surfaces and soil with adequate frequency to keep soil moist at all times can reduce the total dust emission from the project by as much as 75%</li> <li>• Dust emission from storage stockpiles will be reduced by covering the piles, for example with tarpaulin or thick plastic sheet</li> <li>• Good quality (low-sulfur) fuel will be used for vehicle and machinery</li> <li>• Provision of dust respirators to equipment operators who are exposed to dust while operating their equipment</li> </ul> | <p>Contractor</p> | <p>Throughout project life cycle</p> | <p>Localized minor effects on air quality at properties very close to certain roads, but increments a very small fraction of air quality criteria.</p> |
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**Noise & vibration**

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| <p>To minimize disturbance of communities due to noise</p>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No residential community is located within safe radius of the project area. So, no mitigation is required to reduce the impact on the community</li> <li>• Reducing equipment noise at source by proper design, maintenance and repair of machinery and equipment</li> <li>• Noise from vehicles will be minimized by use of proper silencers and mufflers</li> <li>• Hauling trucks shall be operated at low speed to minimize vibration, promote road safety, etc.</li> <li>• Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) should be given to the workers working on-site and wearing of the PPEs should be regulated strictly by the concerned authority</li> <li>• Tree plantation may be done to reduce the impact habitats and fauna significantly</li> </ul> | <p>Proponent / Contractor</p> | <p>Throughout project life cycle</p> | <p>Noise level will be based on PEQs</p>   |
| <p><b>Land quality</b></p>   |  |                               |                                      |  |
| <p>Accidental release of fuels, oils, materials, etc., to the ground</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate procedures and protocols to be established and monitored for materials delivery and handling. Proponent will have, at all times, clean up kits available.</li> <li>• All storage areas will have appropriate environmental security measures to prevent accidental release to ground.</li> <li>• Appropriate procedures and protocols to be established and monitored for materials handling and use. Where possible, refueling and</li> </ul>  | <p>Contractor / Proponent</p> | <p>Throughout project life cycle</p> | <p>Potential for accidental release of materials during use, handling and storage will be minimized/ controlled.</p> |

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|   | maintenance areas will include some form of secondary containment.   |                        |                                  |   |
| <b>Ecology</b>  |  |                        |                                  |   |
| Disturbance of wildlife                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No hunting, trapping and harassment policy will be adopted in case of fauna seen at the site</li> <li>• Trading of the wild fauna will be strictly banned</li> <li>• Rehabilitation and Re/Afforestation</li> </ul>   | Contractor / Proponent | From start of operation          | The project site does not have any sensitive species. |
| <b>HSE</b>  |  |                        |                                  |   |
| To minimize loss work injury/hazards/incident s/accidents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Safety SOPs will be enforced</li> <li>• Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) will be given to the workers &amp; wearing of the PPEs will be regulated strictly by the concerned authority</li> <li>• Exist route should be demarcated clearly</li> <li>• First aid kits and facilities to treat minor injuries should be present on-site</li> <li>• Routine free medical check-ups of the workers should be done on the regular basis</li> <li>• Ambulance and related equipment should be made available immediately in the case of emergency and in the case of the disaster</li> <li>• A Barr cation/stop sign will be put up on the access road to avoid any unfortunate incident</li> <li>• A low-speed limit for the access road will be enforced</li> <li>• Community complaints register, and other mean should be adopted for the community to complain.</li> </ul> | Contractor / Proponent | Throughout life cycle of project | Potential of injuries will be minimized               |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All entry points into the area should be staffed 24 hour a day. People who are not related to the project should not be allowed inside.</li> <li>• No machinery should be left unattended, particularly in the running condition.</li> <li>• <b>Placement of:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>DCP Fire Extinguishers 6kg (4)</b></li> <li>ii. <b>DCP Fire Extinguishers 50 kg (2)</b></li> <li>iii. <b>CO<sub>2</sub> Fire Extinguisher 5 Kg (2)</b></li> <li>iv. <b>Halotron Fire Extinguisher (2)</b></li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>At different and easily accessible points.</b></p> <p><b>Provision of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fire blankets (2)</b></li> <li>• <b>Portable extension aluminum/fiber ladder (1)</b></li> <li>• <b>Fireproof suit (2)</b></li> <li>• <b>Gas protective goggles (4)</b></li> <li>• <b>Face shield (4)</b></li> <li>• <b>Gum boots (4 pairs)</b></li> <li>• <b>Safety helmets (4)</b></li> <li>• <b>Suitable gloves (4 pairs)</b></li> <li>• <b>Portable torch (high beam) (2)</b></li> <li>• <b>Breathing apparatus (1)</b></li> <li>• <b>CCTV cameras (6)</b></li> </ul> |  |  |  |
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### 7.4.1 Environmental Management Team

The proposed institutional arrangement for the implementation of EMMP is based on the discussions held with the Forest Department, Environmental Protection Department, Local Union Council Office and Proponent. The discussion concluded that three types of institutional arrangements are essential for the effective implementation of EMMP, these are follows:

- ⊗ Establishment of Environment/Social Management Group
- ⊗ External Monitoring by EPA certified laboratory
- ⊗ EMC established by Proponent after consultation with consultant.

#### a. Roles and Responsibilities

Following are the designated roles and responsibilities of the employees involved in the monitoring and management of the adverse impacts:

**Table 8: Roles and Responsibilities**

| Roles and Responsibilities |                     |  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Sr#                        | Concerned Persons   | Duties   |
| 1                          | The Project Manager | <p>Following will be the responsibilities of the Project Manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor the implementation of the EMMP throughout the project by means of site inspections and meetings. This will be documented as part of the minutes of the site meeting documents.</li> <li>• Ensuring project execution within defined budget and timelines</li> <li>• Conducting regular check of the project status and meetings with project team</li> <li>• Provide support and guidance to project team as and when needed.</li> <li>• Project Manager is expected to continually monitor and improve the overall performance of their operation.</li> </ul>  |
| 2                          | HSE Manager         | <p>In addition to the health and safety responsibilities held by staff, managers and supervisors must do whatever is reasonably practical to ensure that both the workplace and the work itself are safe. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that staff are appropriately trained and supervised.</li> <li>• Identifying, assessing, and managing health and safety risks</li> <li>• Consulting with workers (including staff, affiliates, and contractors):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Health and safety risk assessments</li> <li>ii. Decisions are made about the measures to be taken to eliminate or control these risks.</li> <li>iii. Health and safety risk assessments</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Implementing health and safety risk management programs relevant to their operations, teaching, research and consulting functions and work environment</li> <li>• Reporting (to the Human Resources Unit), investigating and responding to all hazards, accidents, incidents and taking action to control the risk.</li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting with the development, implementation and maintenance of a return-to-work program for injured staff.</li> <li>• Be fully conversant with the EIA and conditions of its approval.</li> <li>• Be fully conversant with the EMMP.</li> <li>• Be fully conversant with all relevant environmental legislation, policies, and procedures, and ensure compliance.</li> <li>• Undertake regular and comprehensive inspection of the site and surrounding areas in order to monitor compliance with the EMMP.</li> <li>• Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMMP are not followed.</li> <li>• Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible.</li> <li>• Review and approve construction methods, with input from the Site Manager, where necessary</li> <li>• Ensure that activities on site comply with all relevant environmental legislation.</li> <li>• Compile progress reports on regular basis, with input from the Site Manager, for submission to the Project Manager, including a final post excavation audit.</li> <li>• Liaise with the Site Manager regarding the monitoring of the site.</li> <li>• Report any non-compliance or remedial measures that need to be applied</li> <li>• All environmental problems arising on the construction area will be reported to the Site Manager by the Environmental Manager. Reports on such problems will be submitted to the Project Manager by the Site Manager</li> </ul> |
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#### 7.4.2 Impacts Management and Monitoring Plans

The following environmental issues are considered to warrant specific management actions for the implementation of project. These issues have specific regulatory requirements (contained in the development consent or Environmental Approval) and/or are considered to have the potential to result in a non-compliance with a legislative requirement or generate community complaints.

#### 7.5 Proposed Monitoring to Assess the Performance of EMP

An environmental monitoring plan provides a delivery mechanism to address the adverse environmental impacts of a project during its execution, to enhance project benefits, and to introduce standards of good practice to be adopted for all project works. An environmental monitoring program is important as it provides useful information and helps to:

- Assist in detecting the development of any unwanted environmental situation, and thus, provides opportunities for adopting appropriate control measures, and

- Define the responsibilities of the project proponents, contractors and environmental monitors and provides means of effectively communicating environmental issues among them.
- Define monitoring mechanism and identify monitoring parameters.
- Evaluate the performance and effectiveness of mitigation measures proposed in the Environment Management Plan (EMP) and suggest improvements in management plan, if required,
- Identify training requirement at various levels.

An environmental monitoring plan is suggested to monitor environmental parameters during survey, construction and post construction phase of the project.

Following environmental record should be maintained:

- Incident record of all moderate and major spills and other incidents and accidents. The record will include:
  - Location of spill or Spilled material
  - Estimated quantity or the amount of injury.
  - Nature of injury or loss (temporary or permanent)
  - Restoration measures
  - Photographs
  - Description of any damage to vegetation, water resource, or community asset.
  - Corrective measures taken if any
- Waste Tracking Register that will hold records of waste generated during the construction period. This will include quantities of waste disposed, recycled, or reused.
- Records of water consumption with usage breakdown
- Survey reports, in particular, the following:
  - Vehicle and equipment noise.
  - Ambient noise survey reports.
  - Ambient level of PM
- Vendor data—all vendors disturbed by the project and compensation paid Public infrastructure:
  - Record of all damages and repair work undertaken.
  - Employment
    - Total number of unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled jobs offered during Construction.
    - Name and domicile of the employed staff.
  - Project and Community Interface
  - Record of community complains, and the measures taken to address them.

- Number of meetings held in various communities and data of persons who attended
- Environmental and social training records.

**Table 9: Environmental Monitoring Plan**

| <b>Components</b>  | <b>Objective of Monitoring</b>  | <b>Parameter to be Monitored</b>         | <b>Measurement</b>      | <b>Frequency</b>  | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Responsibility</b>       |
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| <b>Noise level (dB)</b>  | To check whether the existing noise control measures are able to bring the sound level within prescribed limits | Noise level near the receptor            | Noise Measurement       | Annual  | Near the machinery working area & at a distance of 100 m | Environment officer         |
| <b>Emission of Gases and Particulates which may pollute the Environment</b>  | To determine the effectiveness of the Air Pollutants' abatement devices   | Source Emission parameters               | Ambient Air             | Quarterly / Monthly (depending on frequency of operation) | Near the machinery working area & at a distance of 100 m | Environment Officer/Manager |
| <b>Waste disposal, procedure for waste collection, storage, and disposal</b> | To check the availability of waste management system and implementation   | Inspection of waste management practices | Visual inspection       | Per routine   | Project area   | Cleaning Department         |
| <b>Safety</b>  | To check and evaluate the effectiveness of the workers'   | Injuries                                 | Injuries being recorded | Daily   | Entire working area                                      | Health & Safety             |

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|  | safety plan and availability and access of first aid facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
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## 7.6 SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Based on the initial benchmark study, the following preliminary recommendations will be further adjusted according to the results of the Social Impact Assessment process to be conducted at a later stage:

- The management of the Project can capitalize on the positive attitude of the people of area towards proposed Project by offering them maximum employment opportunities based on the available skill and working attitude.
- Insufficient and inadequate socio –economic structure of the community of the area also provides ample opportunities to the Proponent to win sympathies of local people in their favor, by introducing meaningful and manageable plan of the community development.
- Extensive and comprehensive plantation plan can also lessen fear of local people towards environmental issues.
- Sustainable development approach through conservation of natural resources would be the best strategy to improve environment, conserve resources and strengthen ecological resilience.
- Proponent should offer technical training opportunities to the local youth, if possible, to improve technical knowledge at local level, engage young generation in fruitful activities and skill development and adequate time management.
- Socially responsible attitude and stewardship of Proponent towards local people and resources can make project more people friendly.
- To avoid any political, ethnic and value conflict, Proponent may win the confidence of local powerful elites, authorities, leaders and interest groups by adopting informal confidence building measures.

## 7.7 Proposed EMP Reporting and Reviewing Procedures

An effective mechanism to store and communicate environmental information during the project is an essential requirement of an EMP. The organizational structure for the Environment Management Plan is outlined below:

### 7.6.1 Primary Responsibilities

The primary responsibility for implementing different aspects of the EMP within the company lies with the Proponent / Contractor.

### 7.6.2 Operation Management & Control

Conducting the operational activities in environmentally sound manner will be the responsibility of the concerned Manager; for which he will be trained.

### 7.6.3 Supervision & Monitoring

Senior Supervisor will be responsible for all environmental issues and for the implementation of EMP.

### 7.6.4 Communications & Documentation

An effective mechanism to store and communicate environmental information during the project is an essential requirement of an EMP.

### 7.6.5 Meetings

As environment is multidisciplinary subject with environmentalist having a dynamic role therefore Environment Officer would be considered as integral part in both constructional and operational team. Participation of Environment Officer in daily morning meeting and any other special meeting is mandatory. Besides internal meeting HSE Engineer/Environment Officer is also responsible to conduct meeting with local in keeping administration in liaison.

### 7.6.6 Changes-Record Register

A change-record register will be maintained at the site, in order to document any changes in project design. These changes will be handled through the change management mechanism.

### 7.8 Training and Capacity Building

Training and capacity building trainings are conducted on the regular basis to enhance the capacity of the workers hired for the working. Following is the detailed plan along with the schedules of the training:

**Table 10: Training and Capacity Building Plan**

| <i>Training and Capacity Building Plan</i> |   |
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|  | <b>Operation Phase</b>  |
| <i>Potential Impacts</i>                   | During operational phase, nearby society and workers will face problems like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Pollution</li> <li>• Noise Pollution</li> <li>• HSE</li> <li>• First Aid Training</li> </ul> |
| <i>Mitigation</i>                          | <b>Training and Capacity Building Plan</b>  |

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| <i>Management Plan</i> | <p><b>Training and Capacity Building Plan</b></p> <p>Project will ensure training for the project staff, labour and the supervisory staff of the Proponent through the provision of one day basic training on recruitment and then on all needed skills, covering environmental and social aspects of the projects in general, and implementation requirements will emphasis on the development projects in general, and implementation requirements with emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of the staff and the labour while executing the environmental monitoring plan in particular. The training protocols will include the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Procedures for monitoring the air quality parameters and measures to be adopted for avoiding or minimizing air pollution</li> <li>⇒ Safe waste disposal practices</li> <li>⇒ Safety measures against hazards for workforce and the local communities arising from the construction activities</li> <li>⇒ Use of safety gadgets by the workforce</li> </ul> |   |   |
|                        | <i>Monitoring</i>  | <p><b>Responsibility</b></p> <p>Training of staff, vehicle operators and labour</p> | <p><b>Responsible</b></p> <p>Project Manager / Operations Manager</p> |

### 7.9 Equipment Maintenance Details

The Client and Contractor will be responsible to maintain equipment with higher efficiency and in good working conditions. The equipment will be maintained twice a year as well as monthly inspection will be done on the regular basis to keep the process going without any interruption.

### 7.10 Environmental Budget

Approximately 0.2 million PKR per year budget will be reserved for the Environmental Monitoring and measures. It will also include cost for plantation, providing PPEs and HSE trainings.

## 8. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Public consultation refers to the process by which the concerns of local affected persons and others who have a plausible stake in the environmental impacts of the project or activity are ascertained with a view to taking into account all the material concerns in the project or activity design as appropriate. According to the IEE and EIA Review Regulations, public consultation is mandatory for any socio-environmental study.

### 8.1 Proponent's Environmental Management Team

Following are the designated roles and responsibilities of the employees involved in the monitoring and management of the adverse impacts and will be appointed after operation of project starts.

| Roles and Responsibilities |                     |  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Sr#                        | Concerned Persons   | Duties   |
| 1                          | The Project Manager | <p>Following will be the responsibilities of the Project Manager.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the contractor is aware of all specifications, legal constraints, standards, and procedures pertaining to the project specifically with regards to environment.</li> <li>• Ensure that all stipulations within the EMMP are communicated and adhered to by contractor(s)</li> <li>• Monitor the implementation of the EMMP throughout the project by means of site inspections and meetings. This will be documented as part of the minutes of the site meeting documents.</li> <li>• Ensuring project execution within defined budget and timelines</li> <li>• Conducting regular check of the project status and meetings with project team</li> <li>• Provide support and guidance to project team as and when needed.</li> <li>• Project Manager is expected to continually monitor and improve the overall performance of their operation</li> </ul> |
| 2                          | HSE Manager         | <p>In addition to the health and safety responsibilities held by staff, managers and supervisors must do whatever is reasonably practical to ensure that both the workplace and the work itself are safe. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that staff are appropriately trained and supervised.</li> <li>• Identifying, assessing, and managing health and safety risks</li> <li>• Consulting with workers (including staff, affiliates, and contractors):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health and safety risk assessments</li> <li>2. Decisions are made about the measures to be taken to eliminate or control these risks.</li> <li>3. Health and safety risk assessments</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Implementing health and safety risk management programs relevant to their operations, teaching, research and consulting functions and work environment</li> </ul>   |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting (to the Human Resources Unit), investigating and responding to all hazards, accidents, incidents and taking action to control the risk.</li> <li>• Assisting with the development, implementation, and maintenance of a return-to-work program for injured staff.</li> <li>• Be fully conversant with the EIA and conditions of its approval.</li> <li>• Be fully conversant with the EMMP.</li> <li>• Be fully conversant with all relevant environmental legislation, policies and procedures, and ensure compliance.</li> <li>• Convey the contents of this document to the contractor site staff and discuss the contents in detail with the Project Manager and Contractor</li> <li>• Undertake regular and comprehensive inspection of the site and surrounding areas in order to monitor compliance with the EMMP.</li> <li>• Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMMP are not followed.</li> <li>• Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible.</li> <li>• Review and approve construction methods, with input from the Site Manager, where necessary.</li> <li>• Ensure that activities on site comply with all relevant environmental legislation.</li> <li>• Compile progress reports on regular basis, with input from the Site Manager, for submission to the Project Manager, including a final post excavation audit.</li> <li>• Liaise with the Site Manager regarding the monitoring of the site.</li> <li>• Report any non-compliance or remedial measures that need to be applied.</li> <li>• All environmental problems arising on the construction area will be reported to the Site Manager by the Environmental Manager. Reports on such problems will be submitted to the Project Manager by the Site Manager.</li> </ul> |
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## 8.2 The Responsible Authority

Impact assessment survey and public consultation sessions held with different stakeholder groups that may be impacted by the proposed project commencement. The consultation process was carried out in accordance with the guidelines laid by Punjab-EPA. The objectives of this process were to:

- Share information with stakeholders on proposed project installation and operation.
- Assess the impacts on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment.
- Understand stakeholder concerns regarding various aspects of the project commencement.
- Find out valuable suggestions by the stakeholders to improve the proposed project design.

- Understand the perceptions, assessment of social impacts and concerns of the affected people/communities of the project area.
- Find out the awareness level and situation of acceptability to identify any issues for the implementation of the proposed project.
- Invite people to express their views about the positive/negative impacts on their lifestyles and environment.
- Disclose information about contact offices/officers for any complaints/queries.

It is envisaged, there will be no social impact being foreseen due to the construction and operation of M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited at the proposed location. Bhure kay is the nearest community located at 1005 meters distance from the project area. This EIA Report includes all the comments, which were taken into account during the social survey and preparing the definitive development concept for the installation and operation of LPG Storage & Filling Plant.

### **8.3 Objectives of Consultation**

Public consultation plays a vital role in studying the impacts of the proposed project on stakeholders in successful implementation and execution of the project. It provides an opportunity to exchange knowledge with the beneficiaries and affected parties. Referring particularly to a project related to environmental assessment, involvement of the public is all the more 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 which are not known or are specific to the project. In fact, discourse with many who have thoroughly observed the site conditions in the pre-development phase, goes a long way in updating the knowledge and understanding.

### **8.4 Identification of Stakeholders**

All the people who are directly or indirectly affected or concerned with the project are the stakeholder. Besides the living population of the surrounding areas, some other stakeholders were identified and contacted which enlisted below. They are the key players including shops, public and government offices, schools, university, hospitals, hotels, international agencies and the NGOs. Not only published material, brief or other literature were obtained on request, but also noted their views and the concerns, in an official capacity as well as on the personal basis.

Following stakeholders are identified for this project:

Project Affected Persons (PAPs) include the settled families, either property owners or the tenants, businessmen (big, shopkeepers, vendors, etc.), employees of the commercial entities.

PAPs are of two types, for instance:

## 8.5 Direct Stakeholders

No disturbance in the local community is being foreseen due to the installation of the gear manufacturing unit as the distance between the community and the project area is 1005 meters. No property loss is being envisaged due to the construction of the M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited.

### 8.5.1 Indirect Stakeholders

Indirect impact will occur on those who are living or doing business within a Project Area of Influence (AOI). In the case of the proposed project, the citizens of nearby bhure kay will get opportunities of being employed. So, in the early development stages and during the operational phase the people will be benefited due to the installation of the M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited.

### 8.5.2 Other Departments and Agencies

Following departments are related to the project in public consultation:

- ⇒ Government agencies responsible to deal with the project related activities.
- ⇒ Government Agencies directly, indirectly, or widely involved in the execution and monitoring of the proposed project.
- ⇒ Government departments such as TMA and Planning & Development Department, Forest Department, Agricultural Department, petroleum and working on the other development activities are considered as indirect stakeholders.
- ⇒ Workers of political, cultural, religious, or social scientific bodies, directly or indirectly related to the project.

## 8.6 Public Disclosure

Public disclosure is the outcome of all such activities where the public is involved at least in the information sharing process. This is an integral part of the process. So, before the proponent applies for NOC to the Punjab-EPA, this disclosure will be distributed properly among all stakeholders. It is the responsibility of the proponent and the consultants to display a public disclosure document in prominent places where community has easy access.

## 8.7 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, and separate rounds of public consultations were held. Surveys were carried out in order to investigate physical, biological and socioeconomic resources falling within the immediate AOI of the project. Primary data collection included:

- Data collection regarding the socioeconomic condition of the study area
- Pre-testing of socioeconomic survey tools in the field

- To consult the locals for collection of information on biological environment

**Various meetings with the stakeholders were held the following objectives:**

- Share information with stakeholders on the proposed project and expected impacts on community in the vicinity of the project.
- Understand stakeholders' concerns regarding various aspects of the project, including the existing condition of the upgrading requirements, and the likely impact of construction and operation activities.
- Provide an opportunity to the public to influence the project design in a positive manner.
- Obtain local and traditional knowledge, before decision making.
- Increase public confidence about the proponent, reviewers, and decision makers.
- Reduce conflict through the early identification of controversial issues, and work through them to find acceptable solutions.
- Dissemination of information through discussions, education, and liaison
- Documentation of information narrated by the stakeholders and mitigation measures proposed by the stakeholders.
- Incorporation of public concerns and their address in the EIA; and eliciting their comments and feedback.
- Create a sense of ownership of the proposal in the mind of the stakeholders.

### **8.8 Environmental Practitioners and Experts**

Officers of government departments, Educational Institutes, Lawyers and NGOs were consulted by the socio-environmental team of the consultants and concerned details about the project were noted down through personal interviews, group meetings, etc., in their offices, for instance.

### **8.9 Affected and Wider Community**

In addition, to the use of direct methods to evince the response of the various stakeholders in the population of the study area was ascertained by conducting a sample survey. Questions posed to the public were related to creation of possible impacts, adverse impacts and beneficial impacts, including employment opportunities, income generation activities, change in living standards and provision of the amenity.

- ➔ Disclose the proponent plan of the construction of the proposed facility.
- ➔ To share information on the design and specifications of proposed project works
- ➔ To analyze the expected impact on the socioeconomic environment

- To understand their concerns regarding various aspects of construction and operation

### 7.9.1 Views, Concerns and Suggestions of Various Stakeholders

Community showed a lot of concerns; a few are being mentioned here:

- Removal of shrubs and trees should be avoided to the extent possible
- The project will become the source of income for local to earn their livelihood easily and honorably.
- The area will become further commercialized.
- For the solid waste management and waste disposal, proper disposal techniques should be adopted.
- Employment opportunities will be generated, and locals should be hired on the priority basis.
- The air pollution is one of the major impacts of the proposed project, so ambient air quality should be monitored regularly.
- Water spraying/sprinkling should be done on the regular basis during construction phase to avoid dust emissions.
- Good relations with the local communities will be promoted by encouraging Contractor to provide opportunities for skilled and unskilled employment to the locals as well as on-job training.
- The contractor should prefer hiring local labor from adjacent nearby villages.
- Indigenous trees around the facility should be planted to control air pollution and as the compensation.
- Noise reducing barriers should be installed to reduce noise pollution.

### 8.10 Addressing Public Concerns

The best mechanism of effective communication between the community and the proponent is the by the nomination of the representative of the community and all the issues/concerns must be recorded for future reference. This representative may be the member of the Grievances Redressed Committee (GRC).

#### a) Grievances Redressed Committee

Grievances Redressed Committee (GRC) will be formulated by the proponent to address the concerns of the locals during the construction phase. The main role of the GRC will be to resolve the issues of the community associated with the proposed project, if any.

### 8.11 Acceptance Level of the Project

The opinions of the respondents were noted during the public consultation. The majority of respondents (90%) of Bhure kay were in favor of the proposed project. They expect that

installation of the unit will also increase the economic value of local assets. According to them the proposed project will boost the employment opportunities, mobility access to resources and social amenities.

## CHAPTER 8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The findings of EIA Report showed that although The M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited is expected to have significant negative impacts on the environment during the construction and operational phases, but the severity of these adverse impacts can be reduced significantly by adopting the suggested mitigation measures in EMMP with true spirit. Moreover, their severity can be further reduced by adopting relative mitigation measures as proposed in the Chapter 5 of this EIA Report. The impacts were assessed by frequent site visits, studying related projects and by reviewing relevant documents. Generally, the project is planned to follow efficient environmental management systems. Specific environmental and social benefits have been mentioned below which depend on the proper application of mitigation measures suggested in EMMP and best engineering practices.

### 9.1 Merits and Demerits

The major positive impacts include increased job opportunities, business opportunities, and environmental enhancement through tree plantation. The project will raise the income of the persons directly associated with project as well as it will also improve the socio-economic status of the area. In general, potential adverse environmental effects resulting from the proposed activities will be temporary in nature, short-term and of low magnitude. Through application of standards, recommended mitigation measures, adherence to applicable permit conditions and regulations, adverse impacts can be effectively minimized. The project is not likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts which cannot be mitigated. Negligible negative impacts that are likely occur during construction of building includes air pollution due to movements of vehicles, removal of bushes and shrubs, potential impact to the local water resources and social impacts may affect the locals residing in the nearby community can be foreseen. Mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize environmental impacts though they are still negligible. There are certain mitigations suggested to cater for the aforesaid issues.

### 9.2 Recommendations

The intensity and severity of impacts occurred due to the establishment M/S Hiran Minar Gas (Private) Limited varies with change in the nature and magnitude of the project as well as depends upon the baseline environmental conditions of the area. The mitigation measures will require constant information flow and consultation with the stakeholders to ensure the least adverse social-economic impact to outweigh the “no project development” scenario.

- ➔ The adverse environmental impacts can be reduced significantly by adopting best management and monitoring practices as well as by implementation EMMP with true spirit.

- Proper PPEs including aprons, rubber gloves and shoes should be provided to workers.
- No compromise on public health and environment should be allowed.
- Waste minimization practices should be introduced to workers by conducting lectures on spot to aware the workers about the long-term benefits of the same in lieu of surrounding environment.
- A proper tree plantation plan should also be developed in order to make the process environment friendly.
- Small domestic waste storage bins should be placed at different locations for proper collection and disposal of the solid waste.
- It is recommended that the Proponent should obtain an Environmental Approval (NOC) from the Punjab-EPA before proceeding further.

## GLOSSARY

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| <b>Agency</b>             | A business or organization providing a particular service on behalf of another business, person, or group.   |
| <b>Climate</b>            | The weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.   |
| <b>Consultant</b>         | A person who provides professional advice or services to companies for fee.  |
| <b>Construction Waste</b> | Waste generated from the buildings and construction industry and includes material like bricks, concrete, tiles, debris, ceramics and more.  |
| <b>Demographic</b>        | A single vital or social statistic of a human population, as the number of births or deaths.   |
| <b>Ecology</b>            | The branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings.  |
| <b>Endangered species</b> | A species of animal or plant that is seriously at risk of extinction.  |
| <b>Environment</b>        | Relationship of natural world (human beings, animals and plants) with physical surroundings (air, land, water).  |
| <b>Excavation</b>         | Excavation is the act or process of digging, especially when something specific is being removed from the ground. Archaeologists use excavation to find artifacts and fossils.   |
| <b>Filling Station</b>    | A place equipped for servicing automobiles, as by selling gasoline   |
| <b>Framework</b>          | A framework is a real or conceptual structure intended to serve as a support or guide for the building of something that expands the structure into something useful.  |
| <b>Hazardous Waste</b>    | Hazardous Waste is waste that poses substantial or potential threats to public health or environment.  |
| <b>Impact</b>             | The action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another.  |
| <b>Livelihood</b>         | A set of activities involving Securing the basic necessities –food, water, shelter and clothing of life.   |
| <b>Municipal Waste</b>    | Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)—more commonly known as trash or garbage—consists of everyday items we use and then throw away, such as product packaging, grass clippings, furniture, clothing, bottles, food scraps, newspapers, appliances, paint, and batteries. This comes from our homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses. |

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| <b>Nature</b>         | The phenomena of the physical world collectively, including plants, animals, the landscape, and other features and products of the earth, as opposed to humans or human creations.                              |
| <b>Proponent</b>      | A person who advocates a theory, proposal, or course of action.   |
| <b>Rehabilitation</b> | To restore to a condition of good health, ability to work, or the like.   |
| <b>Resettlement</b>   | The settlement of people in a different place.  |
| <b>Sanitation</b>     | Conditions relating to public health, especially the provision of clean drinking water and adequate sewage disposal.  |
| <b>Stakeholder</b>    | A stakeholder is a party that has an interest in a company and can either affect or be affected by the business. The primary stakeholders in a typical corporation are its investors, employees, and customers. |
| <b>Topography</b>     | Topography is the study of the shape and features of the surface of the Earth and other observable astronomical objects including planets, moons, and asteroids.  |
| <b>Vegetation</b>     | Plants considered collectively, especially those found in a particular area or habitat.   |

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| AOI               | Area of Interest                                      |
| °C                | Degree Celsius  |
| CO <sub>2</sub>   | Carbon dioxide  |
| EIA               | Environmental Impact Assessment                       |
| IEE               | Initial Environmental Examination                     |
| EMMP              | Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan          |
| EMP               | Environmental Management Plan                         |
| EPA               | Environmental Protection Agency                       |
| EPD               | Environmental Protection Department                   |
| GRC               | Grievances Redressed Committee                        |
| HSE               | Health and Safety Engineer                            |
| LPG               | Liquefied Petroleum Gas                               |
| m <sup>3</sup>    | Cubic meter   |
| m <sup>3</sup> /h | Cubic meter per hour                                  |
| GEPCO             | Gujranwala Electric Power Company                     |
| NEQS              | National Environmental Quality Standards              |
| No.               | Number  |
| NOC               | No Objection Certificate                              |
| NO <sub>x</sub>   | Oxides of Nitrogen                                    |
| PEPA, 2012        | Punjab Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2012 |
| PEPO              | Pakistan Environmental Protection Ordinance           |
| PKR               | Pakistani Rupees                                      |
| PM                | Particulate Matter                                    |
| PPEs              | Personal Protective Equipment                         |
| QA                | Quality Assurance                                     |
| RO                | Reverse Osmosis                                       |
| SOPs              | Standard Operation Procedures                         |
| TMA               | Town Municipal Authority                              |
| WWTP              | Wastewater treatment Plant                            |

### LIST OF PEOPLE CONSULTED

| Sr. No. | Name                 | Fathers' name    | CNIC            | Concerns/views                  |
|---------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1       | Saqib Ali            | Riaz Ali         | 35202-4225635-9 | Positive                        |
| 2       | Muhammad Shabbir Ali | Syed Farooq      | 35201-6650791-1 | Positive                        |
| 3       | Mohsin Mahmud Dar    | Irfan Dar        | 35202-2607775-3 | Positive                        |
| 4       | Haider Muzaffar      | Muhamad Muzzafar | 35202-4567566-3 | Concerned about Water pollution |
| 5       | Abdul Khurram        | Khurram Imtiaz   | 35202-3483674-5 | Concerned about Air pollution   |
| 6       | Umar Ali             | Faisal Manzoor   | 35202-2701116-1 | Positive                        |
| 7       | Jawad Ahmed          | Muhammad Boota   | 35202-4202245-7 | Positive                        |
| 8       | Azhar Aziz           | Nisar Ahmed      | 34401-5144918-9 | Positive                        |
| 9       | Behzad Taimur        | Muhammad Taimur  | 38401-6768711-1 | Positive                        |
| 10      | Aslam Pasha          | Bilal Pasha      | 34401-0223636-3 | Positive                        |

**LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED**

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Organization</b>                   | <b>Feedback</b>  |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Mehtab Ahmad  | Officer EHS<br>PHP Makhdoom Rasheed   | The provision of quality LPG Storage & Filling Plant in affordable prices is necessary for smooth market operations.   |
| Arbaz Shaheen | Production Manager<br>PSO Gas Station | Establishment of this unit must be favored It will help in boosting economy of our country.  |
| Mr. Haroon    | S.D.O WAPDA                           | The demand for LPG, locally, is consistently increasing, it will eventually help in handling the higher demand as well as increase employment opportunities and economy of the area. |
| M. Arshad     | Assistant Director EIA<br>EPA, Punjab | Such facility will greatly help in reducing pressure of job availability.  |

### TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORS)

The consultants are required to carry out an Initial Environmental Examination study of the project under Section-12 of Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997/ Punjab Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act 2012.

The Study should be comprehensive and should cover all aspects which are envisaged under the relevant national and provincial laws & regulations including but not limited to:

- Identification and recommendation for suitable solution/treatment/mitigation measures for emissions and effluents such as wastewater and sludge etc. in accordance with Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS).
- Identification and recommendation for suitable solution/treatment/mitigation measures of solvents, oils (tar), hazardous waste, organic compounds, steam, flue gases, particulate matter and chemical compounds harmful for the environment and other substances leading to air, noise, water and soil pollution in accordance with PEQS.

The Study should be acceptable to the relevant national and/or provincial authorities (relevant authorities) in Punjab.

### PROJECT TEAM AND RESPONSIBILITIES

| Name of expert        | Position held             | Highest Qualification   | TERM OF REFERENCES   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Kamal Ahmed<br>Cheema | Chief<br>Environmentalist | M. Phil.<br>Environmental<br>Economics, PIDE,<br>Islamabad                                    | Mr. Kamal would be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Environmental Assessment &amp; Management.</li> <li>❖ Supervision of monitoring team for air water noise and soil analysis.</li> <li>❖ Preparation of technical EMP</li> </ul>  |
| Mr. Shahzaib<br>Ahmed | Social Scientist          | M. Phil Development<br>Studies, PIDE,<br>Islamabad.   | Mr. Shahzaib would be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Detailed social survey of project sites</li> <li>❖ Social impact assessment</li> </ul>   |
| Arslan Iqbal          | Environmentalist-2        | MPhil Environmental<br>Sciences, UOL  | Mr. Arslan would be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Biodiversity assessment</li> <li>❖ Detailed flora fauna survey of project sites</li> <li>❖ Identification of threaten and endangered species</li> <li>❖ Project impacts on flora and fauna</li> <li>❖ Detailed social survey of project sites</li> <li>❖ Social impact assessment</li> <li>❖ Consultation with stakeholders</li> </ul> |
| Amna Hafeez           | Environmentalist-3        | M.Sc. Mountain<br>Conservation and<br>Watershed<br>Management,<br>University of the<br>Punjab | Ms. Amna would be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Report writing</li> <li>❖ Field surveys and consultation with stakeholders</li> <li>❖ Preparation of Environment monitoring plan</li> <li>❖ Preparation of technical EMP</li> <li>❖ Identification of sensitive receptors</li> </ul>   |

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|                |                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Capacity building &amp; training</li> <li>❖ Conducting and monitoring of health assessment surveys</li> <li>❖ Environment health risk assessment and management</li> <li>❖ Detailed survey of project sites</li> <li>❖ Environmental Assessment</li> <li>❖ Social Assessment</li> </ul> |
| Rahma Butt     | Environmental-4 | BS (Hons)<br>Environmental Science, Lahore College for Women University. | <p>Ms. Rahma would be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Detailed flora and fauna survey of project sites</li> <li>❖ Site Monitoring</li> <li>❖ Socio-Economic survey &amp; analysis</li> <li>❖ Report Writing</li> </ul>   |
| Zargham Arshad | Environmental-5 | M S<br>Environmental Sciences, FCCU                                      | <p>Ms. Amna would be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Report writing</li> <li>❖ Field surveys and consultation with stakeholders</li> <li>❖ Environmental Assessment</li> <li>❖ Social Assessment</li> </ul>  |
| Saba Nazir     | Environmental-6 | M.phil Environmental Sciences, UOL                                       | <p>Ms. Saba would be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Site Monitoring</li> <li>❖ Socio-Economic survey &amp; analysis</li> <li>❖ Risk Assessment (OHS &amp; EMP)</li> <li>❖ Report writing</li> </ul>   |
| Aishah Mushtaq | Environmental-7 | M S<br>Environmental Sciences, LCWU                                      | <p>Ms. Saba would be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Risk Assessment (OHS &amp; EMP)</li> <li>❖ Report writing</li> </ul>  |