

ANNEX A: PERMITS ISSUED AND PENDING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES

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According to Pakistan Environmental Protection Act (PEPA) 1997, Section 12 Initial environmental examination and environmental impact assessment: (1) “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, and has obtained from the Government Agency approval in respect thereof.”

(4) “The Government Agency shall communicate its approval or otherwise within a period of four months from the date the initial environmental examination or environmental impact assessment is filed complete in all respects in accordance with the prescribed procedure, failing which the initial environmental examination or, as the case may be, the environmental impact assessment shall be deemed to have been approved, to the extent to which it does not contravene the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations.”

Therefore, according to the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act (PEPA) 1997, Section 12, the only requirement was the Environmental Approval (EA) to be issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Government of Sindh, Pakistan. Under the “Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Review of IEE and EIA) Regulations, 2000” the project falls in category “A” of projects. Therefore, on the basis of the Environmental Impact Assessment report dated October 19, 2004 prepared by ECTECH Environment Consultants, Lahore; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Government of Sindh issued the desired Environmental Approval (EA) for the project.