

DISTRICT CHINIOT
ORDINARY SAND MEHTA RASHIDA ZONE.

a. Geological Survey, location and assessment of mineral in the zone.

This zone is situated in the bed of Chenab River at a distance of about 2 Miles from Chiniot River Bridge on the downstream side and comprises over an area of 51667.36 acres. It falls on the Topographic sheet No. 44A/10 & 44 A/14 of Survey of Pakistan.

Since the zone is situated in the bed of Chenab River, abundant fluvial sand deposits of excellent quality are available on surface. However, it also includes some area on the banks of river as well, where sand deposits are covered with 2 to 3 feet of soil and because of this area outside of river bed, zone can also be operated in low to moderate flood.

b. Quality of mineral in the zone:

Good quality sand deposits of Chenab River are available throughout the zone.

c. Availability of access road to the zone:

This zone can be accessed at multiple locations through Chiniot- Jhang bypass road and main Faisalabad Sargodha road at Chani Qureshi, District Chiniot.

d. Accessibility to the market and consumption of the mineral in the zone:

Sand from this zone is supplied mainly to District Faisalabad and Chiniot. Both these markets are very easily accessible through Chiniot-Faisalabad road and several local roads.

e. Average excavated quantity of mineral from the zone during last 5 years:

The average excavated quantity of Minerals during last five years cannot be asessed as no record is available. This zone is situated in the vicinity of two other zones of Chenab River i.e Chiniot Bridge Up-Stream Zone (1) and Chiniot Downstream Zone (1). Supply from it heavily depends upon the status of these zones i.e granted or vacant. When all the three zones are granted approximately 200-250 Trucks/Dumpers excavate sand from it.

f. Previous bidding history of the zone:

Previous bidding history of the zone is placed at Annex-A.

g. Future potential for excavation from the zone:

As per information of this office, no new mega project of construction with more demand of sand than usual is going to take place in near future so the future potential for excavation of sand is expected to remain same with variation of $\pm 10\%$.

h. Any unique factor at the site of zone relevant for determining reserve price:

Nil.

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BIDDING HISTORY OF THE BLOCK OF ORDINARY SAND MEHTA RASHIDA ZONE

Bidding history	i. Date of approval of block by competent authority	22.03.2022		
	ii. Bidding history	<i>Date of auction</i>	<i>Bid received (in Rs.)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
		22.11.2012		No Bid.
		17.12.2012	29,00,000/-	Bid was rejected.
		17.01.2013	5,76,00,000/-	Bid was accepted. work order was issued on 05.02.2013. The lease completed its tenure and possession was taken over on 05.02.2015.
		17.11.2014	14,00,00,000/-	Bid was accepted. work order was issued on 05.02.2015. The lease was cancelled due to nonpayment of 2nd installment and possession was taken over on 07.08.2015.
		19.08.2015	14,01,00,000/-	Bid accepted. Work order issued on 28.09.2015. The lease period expired and the possession was taken over on 27.09.2017.
		20.07.2017	15,10,00,000/-	Bid accepted. Work order issued on 28.09.2017. The lease period expired and possession was taken over on 27.09.2019.
		21.09.2019	-	No bid
		12.10.2019 05.11.2019		Auction could not be held due to stay granted by the LHC, Multan bench.
		30.11.2019	-	No bid
		18.12.2019	26,13,01,000/-	Bid was accepted. Work order was issued on 24.01.2020. The leased period expired and possession was taken over on 24.01.2022.
		10.05.2022		No bid.
		01.06.2022	32,60,20,000/-	Bid was accepted. Work order was issued on 20.06.2022. The leased period expired and possession was taken over on 20.06.2024.
		22.03.2024	No bid	
	16.04.2024	90,00,01,000/-	Bid was accepted. Work order was issued on 20.06.2024. The lease has been cancelled due to nonpayment of 2 nd installment on 14.02.2025 and possession was taken over on 15.02.2025.	

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REVISION OF RESERVE PRICE OF ORD.SAND MEHTA RASHEEDA ZONE OVER AN AREA OF 51667.36 ACRES, DISTRICT JHANG

Brief Facts:

Earlier, reserve price of this zone was approved as Rs.34,50,00,000/- by Special Expert Committee in its meeting dated 01.03.2024 & 07.03.2024. Three dates i.e. 22.03.2024, 16.04.2024 and 04.05.2024 were fixed for open auction as per schedule of auction pertaining to District Chiniot. During open auction dated 22.03.2024, no one appeared to offer bid for zone in question. However, in open auction dated **16.04.2024**, the zone under discussion fetched a bid of **Rs.90,00,01,000/-**, offered by M/s M.s Associates and emerged as highest bidder. The afore-mentioned received bid has been accepted by the Licensing Authority and consequently the mining lease in question stands granted to M/s M.s Associates the vide allotment letter 20.06.2024.

The local land owners namely Danyal Anwar and three others etc. filed a writ petition No.37514/2024 in Lahore High Court, Lahore with the plea that their owned land measuring to 194 Kanal, 86 Kanal -13 Marla, 164 Kanal-14 Marla and 63 Kanal-11 Marla which comes up total as 509 Kanal i.e 63.62 acres is cultivable agricultural land and falls in the granted zone and prayed that their land may be excluded from the granted zone. The land owners became successful in obtaining status quo order from Lahore High Court, Lahore vide order dated 30.07.2024 and the Honorable Court suspended the work order dated 20.06.2024. The writ petition fixed many times, the case was finally heard on 16.01.2025 and the lord Ship Mr. Justice Ch. Muhammad Iqbal, dismissed the writ petition.

The Licensing Authority directed the undersigned to issue a notice to the lessee firm regarding dismissal of writ petition and further directed to demand 2nd installment. Accordingly, notice has been prepared, approved from the Licensing Authority and issued to the lessee firm on 30.01.2025. After lapse of eleven days i.e. from 30.01.2025 to 11.02.2025, appellant has not deposited the due 2nd installment. The lessee firm has been contacted over telephone but they refused to deposit the same with the pretext that they have deposited 1/4th of the bid money at the time of auction for six months and are unable to work due to status quo. Therefore, they wanted to complete their six month of paid installment than they will pay the installment. Accordingly, the file was moved to the Licensing Authority for appropriate order and the Licensing Authority cancelled the mining lease on account of non-payment of 2nd installment vide order dated 14.02.2024 the operative part of order is re-produce as under:

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*“As per record, a notice dated 30.01.2025 was issued to M/s M.s Associates to deposit second installment of ordinary sand zone namely Mehta Rashida Zone. Neither the lessee firm deposited amount of 2nd installment nor any one tendered appearance on behalf of the lessee company which is a clear violation of Rule,201 (1) of PMC Rules,2002. Therefore, the lease is hereby cancelled and the security amount is forfeited under Rule,207 (2) & (3) of the Rules *ibid*”.*

Surrounding position: -

Two zones of ordinary sand namely Chiniot Bridge Upstream Zone and Chiniot Down Stream Zone are situated within radius of 10 Km from this zone.

Name of lease	Reserve Price	Remarks
Chiniot Down Stream Zone (1)	29,50,00,000/-	Vacant due to non-availability of NOC
Chiniot Bridge Upstream Zone	34,65,00,000/-	Granted w.e.f. 22.02.2024 to 21.02.2026

All these leases share almost the same market of Faisalabad & Chiniot cities and surrounding towns. Therefore, to rationalize the reserve price with the reserve price of adjacent zones, no weightage has been assigned in its reserve price.

In view of above submissions, it is therefore, proposed that the reserve price of ord. sand zone namely Mehta Rasheeda zone may be kept same as already approved in meeting dated 01.03.2024 and 07.03.2024 as **Rs. 34,50,00,000/-**.

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