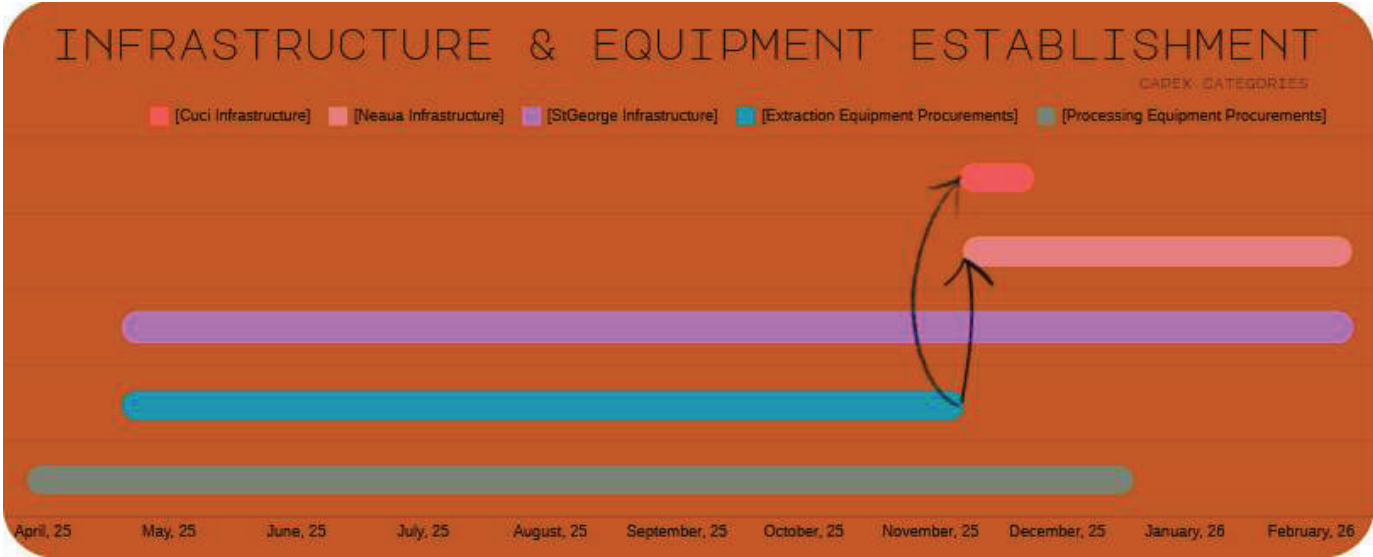
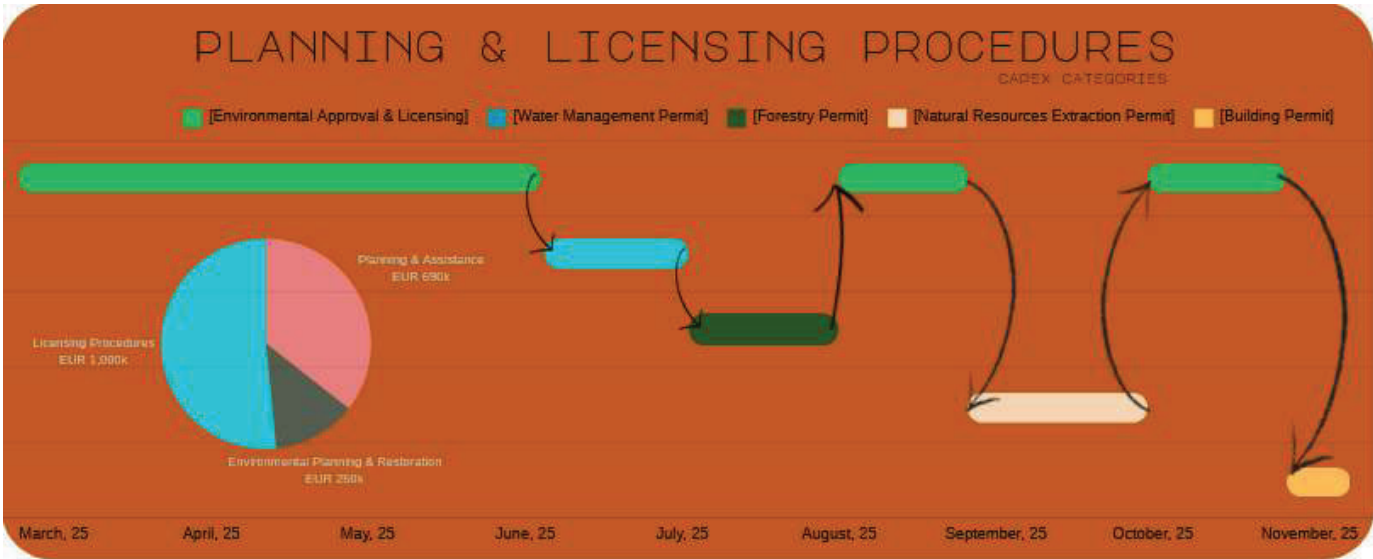
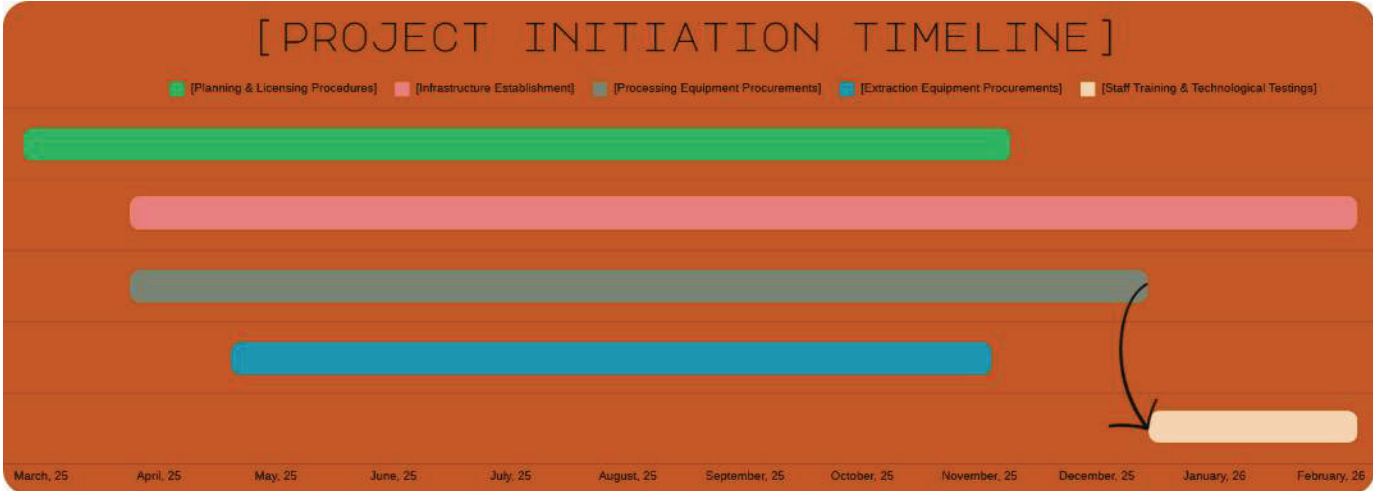


Appendix B – Permitting Process

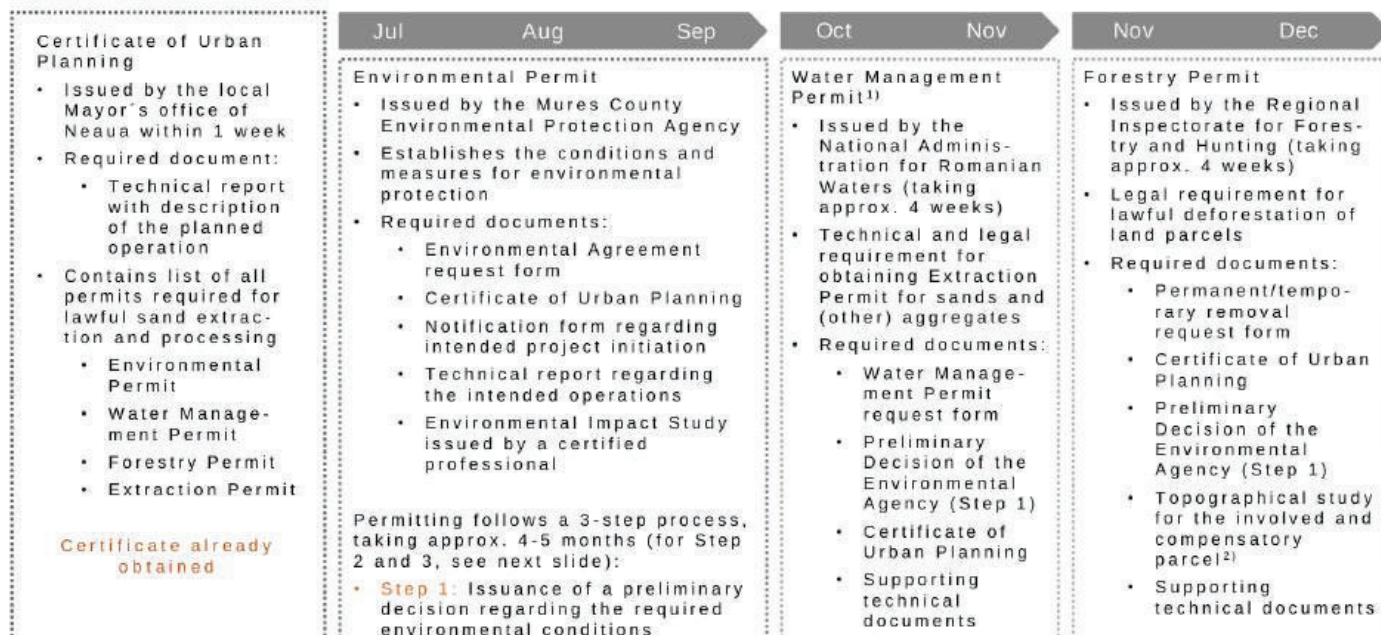
Embarking on such endeavors requires a multifaceted approach that blends environmental science, geotechnical analysis and regulatory compliance. Rigorous environmental impact assessments scrutinize potential repercussions on ecosystems, hydrology and air quality, ensuring that the quarry's footprint minimizes ecological disruption. Moreover, engaging in comprehensive geotechnical surveys is imperative to assess the stability of excavation sites and mitigate geological hazards. By integrating local knowledge and preferences into the planning process, we cultivate a quarry that harmonizes industry imperatives with societal and environmental well-being. In essence, the journey from conceptualization to realization of a sand quarry demands a meticulous fusion of scientific inquiry, regulatory acumen and community engagement. Through this holistic approach, we aspire to establish not merely a quarry, but a model of sustainable resource management that reverberates with scientific integrity and societal responsibility.



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Permitting Process 2024

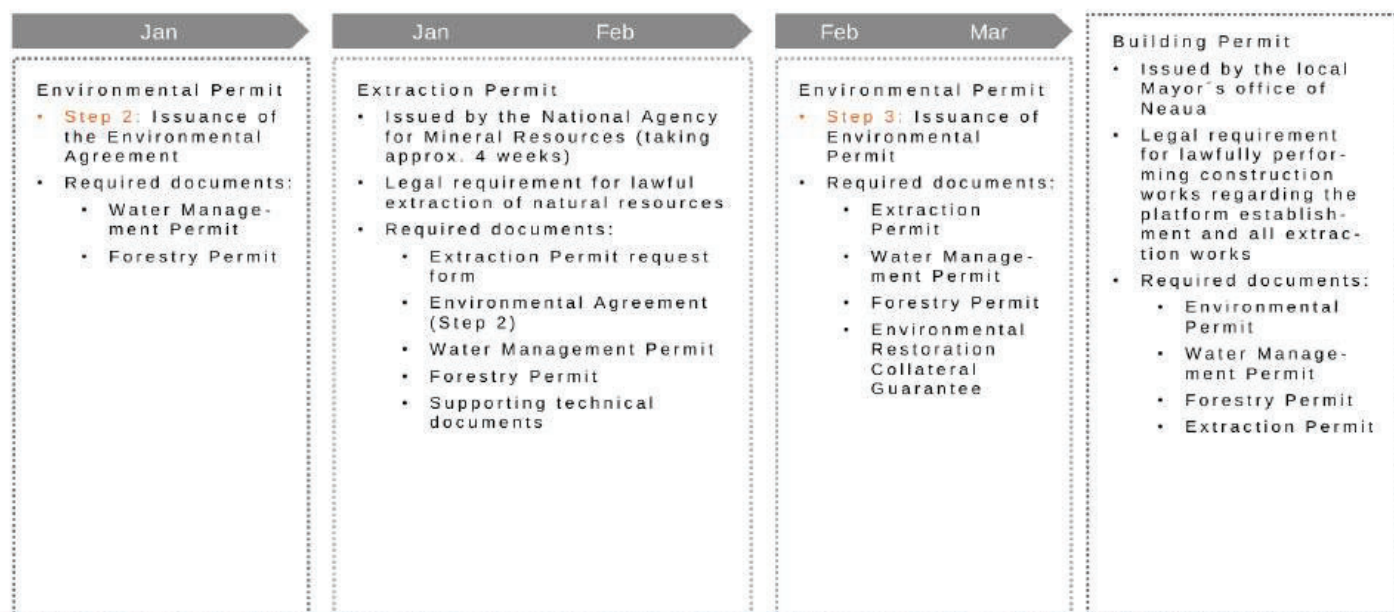


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Permitting Process 2025



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Additional Information about Permits and the Respective Process

- Already received an extraction permit for the Cuci quarry
- Previously received an extraction permit for Neaua (May 2007 – May 2008):
 - Relevant documents (e.g., environmental study) can be reused for new permit application
- New Urban Planning permit for Neaua quarry already filed/received: further permitting process initiated
- Permitting process
 - Initial extraction permit only valid for 1 year, can be renewed several times
 - Simultaneous application for an extraction license to secure mining rights for 20 years (takes up to 3 years)
- Pre-discussion of all relevant steps with local, regional and central authorities, based on the project initiator's personal relationships with relevant deciders in these institutions
- Environmental reconstruction and collateral guarantees to be negotiated with the agency: including compensation for deforestation at the Neaua site, subject to negotiation with the agency



Extraction permit for Cuci sand reserve received

Extraction permit is sufficient for the extraction activities at the Cuci site; no separate processing or other (building) facilities required and thus building permit is not needed



Urban Planning permit for Neaua received

Receival of the Urban Planning permit marks the starting point of the further permitting process, which is ready to be kick-started



Relevant documents prepared

Relevant documents from previously granted permit for Neaua quarry can be reused, speeding up the renewal of the required permits

Notes

