

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED
PROJECT OF M/S MARKAGONDILATERITE MINE, FOR
(area 33.3 hector PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 0.125 MT/PA
AT VILLAGE-MARKAGONDI, TAL-JIWATI, DISTRICT-
CHANDRAPUR BY ROYAL POTTERY CERAMICS,
CHANDRAPUR**

The public hearing for proposed project of M/s Markagondi Laterite Mine for area 33.3 hector production capacity of 0.125 MT/PA at Village-Markagondi, Tal-Jiwati, District- Chandrapur proposed by Royal Pottery Ceramics, Chandrapur was conducted on 23rd November, 2016 at 12.00 noon at the site of the proposed unit.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per the Board's Office Order E -103 of 2016 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-4469, dated 16th November, 2016:-

- 1) Shri Vaibhav Navadkar, **- Chairman,**
Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur
(Representative of District Magistrate,
Chandrapur)
- 2) Shri P. M. Joshi, **- Member**
Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur
(Representative of the MPCB, Mumbai)
- 3) Shri P.N.Dhumal **- Convener**
I/c Sub Regional Officer, MPCB
Chandrapur

Shri Dhumal, I/c Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur, Convener of the said meeting welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Members of Public Hearing Panel, company representatives, general public and informed that, as per EIA Notification of GoI, MoEF dated 14th September, 2006, as amended, on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur was in receipt of application of M/s Markagondi Laterite Mine, Village- Markagondi, Tal – Jiwati, Dist-Chandrapur for conducting public hearing for production capacity 0.125 MTPA.

The Convener further informed that, as per said Notification, the project falls under Category 'B1.' The aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra has recommended the proposal for ToR for conducting EIA studies in SEAC-I in its 85th meeting held on 11th and

12th March, 2014. As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers on 14th October, 2016 in Daily The Hitavada for English and in Daily Loksatta for Marathi.

Convener further informed that copies of EIA report and executive summary were also made available at Ministry of Environment & Forest Office, Bhopal and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office, Chandrapur, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur, Sub Divisional Office, Tal-Jiwati, Dist-Chandrapur, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur, District Industries Centre, Chandrapur, Grampanchayat, office at Markagondi, Tal- Jiwati, Dist-Chandrapur, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. The public in general were appealed to send any objection/ suggestion regarding the above project. The Convener further informed that, one objection in writing is received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur and the concerned person was asked to attend this meeting. He

appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Vaibhav Navadkar, Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details about pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He further appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any, about the project after technical presentation of the unit.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the company gave the presentation of the project and Environment Management Plan in detail.

After the presentation, Chairman of Committee informed general public to ask any questions for the proposed project in respect of environmental angles only.

Shri Khemchandra Meshram, resident from Chandrapur objected for the project and informed that he has already given his objection in writing dated 16-11-2016 to Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur regarding the project. He said that the proposed project location is declared as "Reserved Forest." Hence mining for proposed project cannot be carried. He further said that due to mining, heavy air pollution may occur in

the vicinity. Chandrapur is already declared as "Heavy Air Polluted City." Hence the health of the people of Chandrapur will be in danger.

Shri Bandu Lambhaji Rathod, former Sarpanch of Pallezari village opined that the grampanchayat of Markagondi falls under PESA Act which aims "Amache Gaon, Amache Rajya (Our village, Our Rule). He said that the local youths should get the job opportunities in the project. He further informed that the people from other area are appointed instead of sons of soil. He said as the project is on hilly area, as directed by the project officials, he alongwith others have sprinkled the water for the trees on the project site. As the project is on hilly area, and due to blasting, if at all water level decreases, the project proponent should supply water to the local people.

Shri Bandu Rathod further informed that as Grampanchat is under PESA Act, the amount from mining royalty should also be transferred into Grampanchayat account. Hencethe Grampanchayat will get enough funds for socio-economic upliftment.

Shri Sayyed Sadik Sayyed Mir, resident of Markagondi informed that the people from other Regions are

getting job opportunities instead of local people. Hence local people should get job opportunities. He further said that people of this Region have no objection for the project and it should be started as early as possible. He further informed that he himself alongwith others have taken active part for sowing the saplings and watering it.

Shri Jalim Sab Soyam, resident of Matadi and Sarpanch of Mathadi Godgunda village informed that there is no objection for commencement of project. He further said that local people should get job opportunity.

Shri Sunanda Reddy, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad informed that in India the youths especially in the age group of 18-35 are unemployed. This may further disturb our social system. Hence more and more industries should come and youths should get the job opportunities. Shri Reddy suggested that the study in the area of 10 k.m. radius should be carried for the health status. The committee should be constituted by the District Administration. The youths should be given skilled training to stand on their own feet. He further suggested that Mining should be carried out hector by hector

and after mining, the empty dug space should be developed for preservation of rain water and also for green belt.

Shri Abdul Kadar Abdul Subhan, the project proponent replied to the suggestions and objections made in the meeting. He informed that it is objected that the project place is a Forest Land, to which the Court has already upheld our Prayer and given Judgment and allowed to carry the project. We are appointing local people only in the project and helped financially in many local social development projects. We are going to appoint local people only. He further informed that project proponent has already carried the scheme of providing water supply to the local people in the past and if required, it will be carried in the future also.

Shri Pravin Joshi, Member suggested project proponent that the river Bapur is 9.0 k.m. away from the project. As the project proponent has to use ground water, the permission from Central Ground Water Authority (i.e. CGWA) also be sought in due course of time. So also sprinkling water system should be carried to avoid dust pollution. The trucks carrying out materials out the project be covered with tarpaulin.

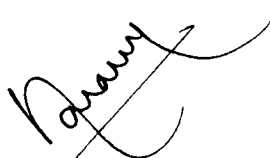
Shri Joshi, Member further informed that the City of Chandrapur was declared as "Heavy Air Polluted City." We all do not want the same situation. Hence, all should follow the strict guidelines.

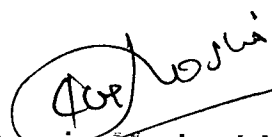
Shri Vaibhav Navadkar, Chairman of the public hearing committee informed that the project proponent has made available the certified copy of the Judgment of the Court regarding the issue of Forest land. Chairman of the Committee further informed that all the objections and suggestions made in this meeting have been noted and will be included in the proceedings. After finalization, it will be sent to Environment Department, Govt of Maharashtra. Chairman of the committee further opined that the people who desires to have public hearing proceedings, may visit mpcb website after few days. But if at all any local people desires to get the minutes of meeting, it may be considered.

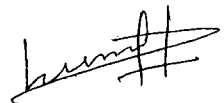
Chairman of the Committee thanked all government officials, project officials and local people who were present in large numbers for attending the hearing.

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