

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED  
PROJECT OF HIWARDARA LIMESTONE & DOLOMITE  
MINE AT VILLAGE-HIWARDARA, TAL-WANI, DIST-  
YAVATMAL FOR (area 27 hector PRODUCTION CAPACITY  
@ 0.6 MTPA LIME STONE / DOLOMITE) PROPOSED BY  
Prashant V .Deshmukh, Village-Hiwardara, Tal-Wani, Dist-  
Yavatmal.**

The public hearing for proposed project of Hiwardara Limestone & Dolomite Mine at Village-Hiwardara, Tal-Wani, Dist-Yavatmal for (area 27 hector production capacity @ 0.6 MTPA Lime Stone/Dolomite) proposed by Prashant V. Deshmukh, Village-Hiwardara, Tal-Wani, Dist-Yavatmal , was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 11.30 hrs at the site of the said unit.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per the Board's Office Order E-91 of 2016 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-3996, dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 :-

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

Shri Dhumal, I/c Sub Regional Officer, 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, as amended, on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Hiwardara Lime Stone & Dolomite Mine at Village-Hiwardara, Tal-Wani, Dist-Yavatmal for conducting public hearing for production activities of capacity @ 0.6 MTPA (Limestone/Dolomite)

The Convener further informed that, as per said Notification, the project falls under Category 'B.' 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 98<sup>th</sup> meeting. As per said Notification,

one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in Daily Hitawada for English.

He said 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, Yawatmal, , Additional District Magistrate, Yawatmal, Sub Divisional Office, Tal-Wani, Dist-Yawatmal, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, , Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur, and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Zilla Parishad, Yawatmal, , District Industries Centre, Yawatmal, , Grampanchayat, offices at Hiwardara, Tal- Wani, Dist- Yawatmal, 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, not a single objection in writing is received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur. He appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Rajesh Khavale, 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 has gave the presentation of the expansion project and Environment Management Plan in detail.

Shri P. M. Joshi, Member asked environment consultant of the project proponent to inform the present status of air pollution and baseline present status in the area by statistics. Shri Puranik, Environment Consultant gave the details.

After completion of presentation and detailed information, Chairman of the Committee appealed general public to ask any questions or give suggestions if any to the project proponent.

Shri TarkeshwarHiramanPazare, resident of Purad, Hiwardara, Tal-Wani, Dist-Yavtmal objected for the activities and informed that due to the mining activities, the agriculture fields in the vicinity of the mining plant are affected. He further stated that the project proponent will lift huge water from the borewell, which will affect the water level of nearby bore wells.

The water level from bore wells of the nearby farmers will decrease and their irrigated land will be affected. The farmers residing in the nearby area have suffered due to dust emissions from this process. Hence the project proponent should provide the dust emission control system.

Shri Sham Ramdas Bode of Purad village, Hiwardara, Tal-Wani informed that he has agriculture fields nearby the mining activities. They are cultivating the same on well water/bore well only. The water level of their wells will decrease as project proponent will lift huge water for their process. So also due to blasting activities, the stones may fall in the vicinity fields due to which the farmers will be wounded. The nearby roads have been totally damaged by the trucks which are carrying the materials of the quarry.

He also objected that most of the nearby local people are not aware of this public hearing. Due to dust emissions, the health of the domestic animals is affected. The management of this unit have not developed any green belt in and around the area. So also project officials is not using rain guns for prevention of dust. He expressed that due to this project, the nearby agriculturists should not suffer.

Shri Vasant Manohar Thite, resident of Purad, Tal-Wani informed that the people who will be affected due to this project will have to be informed in advance to attend the meeting. He informed that local people have observed that the mining activity is also carried at night time. The roads are totally damaged by the trucks of the project proponent. The fodders cultivation for domestic animals such as cows, buffaloes, goats may get destroyed. The company has not carried any development activities for the people of Nerad-Purad area. He also blamed that most of the residents are not aware of this meeting. The Kotwal of this area could have informed the same by voice procession. The management has not cultivated any medicinal saplings in the area. He also asked financial help for library.

Shri Subhash Ganapatrao Atram, resident of Kundra village, Tal-Wani, Dist-Yavatmal informed that he is Activist of Go-Raksha (Save Cows Activities) and Secretary of Goraksha Sangram Parishad. He opined that after mining, the project proponent should bring the soil from other area and should develop the dugged mining area for cultivation of grass, so that cows will not starved. He blamed that the project officials have

not carried any social forestry activities in the area. He further stated that said project proponent will not appoint local people for said project.

Shri Bhaurao Mahadev Chine, resident of Nerad informed that his agriculture field touches the Hiwardara boundary line. It is totally affected due to dust emissions of this company. Shri Pundalik Uddavrao Poyam, resident of Hiwardara stated that most of the nearby villagers are unaware of this public hearing.

Shri Bhaskar Nagavrao Pimpalkar, resident of Ganeshpur, Khadki stated that the nearby agriculturists should not suffer due to this project. But due to this project, the job opportunities will be available to the local people. So also Government will be get the revenue. Hence the project should be allowed.

Shri Sudhakar Bhaurao Gore, resident of Kundragaon expressed that there should not be any financial loss to nearby agriculturists. So also it is observed that the trucks are overloaded of the material which is not at all covered by tarpaulin. He further informed that the Yavatmal District is declared as

“Worst Affected District due to suicide of agriculturists.” Hence due to this project, the local farmers should not suffer. He also further stated that project proponent should take utmost care and see that there should be no agitation by farmers and if any damage causes by said project, compensation should be given as applicable.

Shri Sunandan Reddy, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad expressed the opinion that the project proponent should implement Environment Management Plan (EMP) wholeheartedly. He further suggested that the mining activities should be carried by hector by hector way. After mining, the dugged area should be developed for preserving rain water or can be developed for Agriculture Lake (Shet Tale). The preserved rain water can be used for agriculture fields. So also green belt can be maintained well throughout the year by this stored water. The local youths should be given the training for skill development. He wished success for this project.

Shri Vishwas Mahadevrao Nagture, resident of Purad informed that most of the local people are not aware of this meeting. The project officials do carry the materials through



the open trucks, due to which the area is affected by dust emission, accidents takes place, etc.

Shri Ashok Pandurang Milmile, Sarpanch of Purad Grampanchayat informed that the residents of Nerad-Purad have already given their Say regarding the activities of this project. Due to over-loaded trucks of this project, there were number of accidents.

Shri Shankar Dadaji Nikhade, Dy. Sarpanch of Kundra Grampanchayat informed that there are number of mining activities in Hiwardara area. The Mining Project Officials does not carry the sprinkling arrangement system. Hence action should be initiated against them and they should be warned for their negligent attitude. Otherwise, the NOC will not be granted by Grampanchayat, Kundra for this project.

Shri P. M. Joshi, Member asked the project proponent and environment consultant to clarify the objections made by the general public. Shri Dattu Murlidhar Gandhi, representative of the project proponent and Shri Puranik, Environment Consultant of the project clarified the objections.

Shri Dattu Murlidhar Gandhi, representative of the project proponent explained the new scientific method which will be adopted by the project proponent. Shri Gandhi informed that Control Blasting Method will be strictly followed. He stated that the socio-economic development projects will be taken in hand in the area. So also plantation drive will be carried on the both sides of roads. He informed that with prior intimation, the blasting will be carried in the morning time (06.00 am to 08.00 am). He further stated that if financial or any kind of loss is caused by said project, on behalf of the project proponent compensation as applicable will be borned by project proponent. He further stated that local people/youth will be trained as a MINING MATE/BLASTER, if they have requisite qualification.

Shri S. N. Mishra, Sub Divisional Magistrate, asked project proponent to provide tarpaulin cover to the trucks for which the project proponent agreed.

Shri Puranik, Environment Consultant of the project proponent informed that as suggested here, the soil will be brought from outside area and grass fields will be developed for the fodder of domestic animals. The schools at Nerad-

Purad area will be helped under CSR Fund. He requested local people to co-operate for the success of the project.

Shri Gosavi, District Mining Officer, Yewatmal informed that as per the new guidelines issued on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016, it is mandatory to use 30% royalty for social developmental activities at the requisite area, where mining activities are carried out.

Chairman of the Committee informed that the Government has given an opportunity to local people to expressed their views and give suggestions to project proponent for their socio-economic programme. The suggestions made here will be communicated to the Competent-Authority.

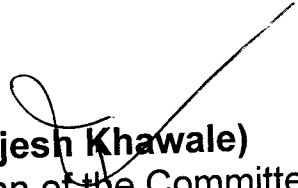
Chairman of the Committee Shri Rajesh Khawale again appealed to the general public to ask any objections if any about environment management plan of the project. He further informed that, the factory has promised to implement environment management plan and social development schemes.

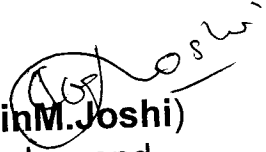
Chairman of the Committee thanked all government officials, company officials and particularly general public who attended the public hearing/meeting and stated that the said public hearing is concluded.

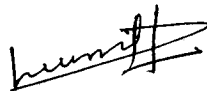
The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

A soft copy of Public Hearing Meeting recorded in CD is enclosed herewith.



  
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Chairman of the Committee  
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Addl. District Magistrate,  
Yawatmal,  
Dist – Yawatmal

  
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