

Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed increase in production of Manganese Ore (86.0646 Ha.) from 0.063 MTPA to 0.1 MTPA by combination of underground opencast & dump mining method at Kandri Manganese Mine of MOIL Limited, Tahsil Ramtek, Dist. Nagpur in Maharashtra

Date of Public Hearing:

12/04/2016

Time:

12:00 Hrs

Venue:

Ganesh Ground, Officer colony,
M/s Kandri Manganese Mine of MOIL Ltd,
Village Kandri, Tahsil Ramtek, Dist. Nagpur

M/s. MOIL Limited has submitted an application for proposed increase in production of Manganese Ore from 0.063 MTPA to 0.1 MTPA from existing M/s. Kandri Manganese Mine, located at village Kandri, Tahsil Ramtek, Dist. Nagpur in Maharashtra.

As the proposed activity is related with Manganese Ore mining activity and the proposed project is categorized as 'A' of Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006, hence, it requires prior Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC. Accordingly MOIL Limited, Nagpur has submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on 05/01/2016 for conducting Public Hearing at Taluka Ramtek, Nagpur District. Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report in English and Marathi, Executive Summary of draft EIA in English and Marathi were submitted along with the application.

As per EIA Notification, MPCB published Public Hearing Notice in Marathi newspaper namely 'Tarun Bharat' and English news paper 'The Hitvada' on 10.03.2016 in which time and venue were mentioned. **(Annexure - I)** At the same time copies of the Executive Summary of the project in English and Marathi language and draft Environmental Impact Assessment study report were kept at the following addresses to appraise the public:-

1. District Collector Office, Nagpur.
2. Sub Divisional Officer, Ramtek, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur.
3. Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Ramtek, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur.
4. District Industries Center, Udyog bhavan civil lines Nagpur.
5. Zilla Parishad Office, Nagpur.
6. Garm Panchayat, Kandri, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur,
7. Garm Panchayat, Chargaon, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur,
8. Garm Panchayat, Khairy Bijewada, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur,
9. Garm Panchayat, Shitalwadi, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur,
10. Garm Panchayat, Bondri, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur,
11. Garm Panchayat, Patgowri, Tal - Ramtek, Dist - Nagpur,

12. Garm Panchayat, Saraki Borda, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur,
13. Garm Panchayat, Mahuli, Tal – Ramtek, Dist – Nagpur,
14. Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
15. Head Office, M.P.C.Board, Kalptaru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp.Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 22.
16. Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, 15 Floor, Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai –32.
17. Regional Officer, Ministry of Environment ,& Forest, Western Zone, Central Environment Bhawan , Link Road No.3,Ravishankar Nagar, E – 5, Arera Colony Bhopal (MP) 462016.
18. Sub-Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur

As per EIA Notification, 2006 Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Mumbai constituted Public Hearing Committee by the Office Order No. E-39 of 2016, dated 06/04/2016 **(Annexure - II)**. The following Public Hearing Committee members were present during the public Hearing:-

- 1) Additional District Collector, Nagpur
Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee
- 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur
- 3) Representative of Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur

Initially Shri. Mahesh Bhiwapurkar (Field Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-I) welcomed all the committee members, namely Dr. Kadambari Balkawade, IAS, Additional District Collector, Nagpur & Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee & Shree Ram Joshi, SDO, Ramtek, MOIL Limited representatives, NGO and all the people / residents present during public hearing. He further briefed that accordingly to provisions of MoEF notification dated 14/09/2006 Public Hearing is bound to be conducted before commencement of the project. Further he informed about publication of public hearing notices / advertisements in both language newspapers i.e. Marathi newspaper namely 'Tarun Bharat' and English paper 'The Hitavada' dated 10/03/2016 mentioning about proposed date, time and venue of Public Hearing.

Smt. Hema Deshpande, Convener explained to the people present regarding procedure of Public Hearing as per EIA Notification with permission of chairperson. She further explain that as per this office order Public Hearing is conducted on 12/04/2016 in presence of this committee. This committee will record the comments suggestions raised by the public about the proposed expansion project and are not authorized for making any decisions or recommendations. Minutes will be prepared and will be submitted to MoEF&CC after incorporating the issues raised by the public and response made by project proponent during the Public Hearing. Thereafter, MoEF&CC will consider the proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance. The list of the people present in the Public hearing is enclosed **(Annexure -III)**

She has mentioned that technical person of project proponent will make presentation and thereafter public / resident ask questions regarding the proposed project. She further mentioned that the minutes of the public hearing will be submitted to MPCB Head Office, Nagpur and Head Office, MPCB, Mumbai intern will send it to MoEF&CC, Delhi. She requested representative of project to make the presentation.

Accordingly, Mrs. Asawari Naware, Representative of MOIL Limited made presentation in Marathi /local language. The presentation included details of the project, mineral transport route, benefits of the project, baseline environment monitoring, environmental impact assessment and mitigation measures, risk assessment and control measures safety measures, environmental management plan, disaster management plan, plantation program proposed CSR activities and advantages of proposed expansion.

After the presentation made by representative of project proponent convener requested the public / residents to ask questions regarding the proposed expansion\ Chairman and Convener of the Hearing addressed to the participants that only one written representation was received regarding public hearing till the date of Public Hearing through email from Mr. Sunanda Reddy Dist. Nalgonda (AP).**(Annexure-IV)** Convener further appealed to the participants that, they can file their written objections / representations during public hearing and they could express their views orally after the power point presentation that will be given by the project proponent.

The details of discussion including points raised by participants and remarks by Government Officials, project proponent are as under :-

Sr. No.	Name and address of question ask person	Question details	Remark
1.	Shri. Umashankar Mishra, Kandri, Taluka Ramtek, Dist., Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOIL Limited is in operation since last 35 years. • In fact the current proposed expansion could have proposed much earlier so that more employment opportunities and development work would have been achieved by now. • The company has provided good employment potential. • The roads have been constructed by the company. There is no pollution harm from this project. • The company has proposed for expansion in production capacity. This would be beneficial for local people of Kandri village. The developmental activities carried out by MOIL Limited are in progress. • I am very thankful to the MOIL for this expansion project of the Mine. 	
2	Shri. Gurunath Kataute, Kandri, Tal. Ramtek, Dist. Nagpur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project is very helpful to the near by people of this mine. • Due to the enhancement in production of manganese ore, there will be increase in employment. • As per the requirement, the company provides water to the villagers. The company has also installed hand pump. He has supported this proposed expansion fully. 	—

3	Shri. Laxmi Prasad, Kandri, Tal. Ramtek, Dist. Nagpur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around this project villages namely Hivra, Heti, Chrgaon etc., are located at about 5 to 7 km. this expansion project will be very beneficial to these villages, MOIL Limited has undertaken mining operation as well as Environmental protection measures in a well planned manner. • Due to this expansion in production there will be chances of getting employment to villagers of Bondri, Hiwra and Chargaon villages. • The villagers are also to involve in the plantation programme. There is no harm due to the proposed expansion. It would be beneficial to all. There is no harm due to pollution from this mine. 	-----
4	Shri. Madhukar Vadan, Kandri, Tal. Ramtek. Dist. Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to this expansion Employment will be created for the poor people & also supply of water arrangement to the villages. • There is no effect of pollution as due care is being taken by MOIL Limited for protection of environment. • Regular water supply has been provided by MOIL Ltd. as & when required. 	-----

5	Shri.Tiku Shravan Yadav, Munsar, Taluka Ramtek. Dist. Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was working in the MOIL since last 38 years. From this period standards of people around the mine has increased & also people is getting supply of water from the MOIL authority. • MOIL Limited has carried out various social development activities besides environmental protection. The company provides help whenever required by the local villagers. • The officer of MOIL Ltd. keeps a watch on various activities related to environment management. • The enhancement in production will also increase the possibility of more employment and hence, I support this expansion in production. 	
6	Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environment, Nalagonda (AP) had handed over letter to Public Hearing committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sunanda Reddy read out the letter (copy enclosed). 	Response by Mr. Deepankar Shome Executive Director (Technical) appreciated the suggestion given by Mr. Sunanda Reddy and assured that all the suggestion shall be dully taken care.
7	Mr. Ramesh Durve, Kandri, Taluka Ramtek, Dist., Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to this expansion project production will be increase & people will get employment. • There is no pollution because of this mining project. The local people would get employment. He supported the proposed expansion project. 	

8	Mr.Narayan Gedam Kandri, Taluka Ramtek, Dist., Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plantation programme is undertaken from MOIL authority employment to the local people & water arrangement is created due to this expansion project. • He informed that to control the pollution due to mining and transportation, the plantation is regularly carried out. • Kandri Manganese Mine is helping local villagers. MOIL is also providing primary health care and also providing water. 	
9	Mrs. Rekha Shalik Chinchulkar, Sarpanch, Kandri, Taluka Ramtek, Dist., Nagpur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She informed that some officials under ' Paryavarn Swachha Bharat Abhiyan' had assured about providing facilities such as bus stop, provision of water, installation of water pipeline, dust bins but nobody had turned up. • She demanded for the help regarding water supply to four villages namely Kandri, Bondri, Chargaon and Hiwara. 	Mr. Deepankar Shome assured about resolving water problem and had asked her to submit an application to Mine's Manager.

10	Mr Chandrakumar Paunikar, Police Patil, Kandri, Tahsil Ramtek, District Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He informed that the plantation is regularly carried out by MOIL Limited. MOIL Limited has also provided tree guards but most of them are damaged. • MOIL Limited should take the initiative for provision of Library at Kandri Village. 	Mr Dipankar Shome, Executive Director (Technical) informed that MOIL Limited has undertaken plantation of 66000 trees within the mining lease besides plantation of 15000 trees outside the mining lease. He also informed that MOIL Limited had signed an MOU under National Skill Development Programme. Under this scheme a 3 tier skill development programme is implemented. At its first level MOIL employees are given skill upgradation training, at the second level the contractual employees are provided skill development programme. At the third level, the local villagers nearby mines are given training in various trades in order to easily absorb them either at MOIL Limited or can get employment in other industry.
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After the discussions, Mr. Dipanker Shome, Executive Director (Technical) assured that all issues raised by the participants will be noticed and shortly solve by the company. Shri Joshi, SDO Ramtek suggested to the officials of MOIL to plant bigger trees instead of saplings in order to get higher survival rate.

The Chairperson enquired that whether anyone has to ask more questions or what? Thereafter nobody came forward to express their views / questions. Hon. Chairman of Committee said that participants expressed their views regarding the proposed project. She instructed project proponent to follow all environmental rules and regulations. She further assured that all issues raised by participants will be incorporated in the minutes of Public Hearing & project proponent will implement them. Thereafter public hearing was concluded with thanks to the chair.



(Hema Deshpande)
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Nagpur,
Member of the Public Hearing
Committee



(Dr. Kadambari Balkawade, IAS)
Additional District
Collector, Nagpur
Chairperson of the Public
Hearing Committee