

Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing.

Environmental public hearing of M/s Kawtha Manganese Mine, Vill Kawtha, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur, was conducted on 19th October 2018 at 12.00 noon within premises of Grampanchayat Office, Kawtha. Public hearing was conducted under the chairmanship of Shri Ravindra Khajanchi, Additional District Collector, Nagpur, Shri Rahul Wankhede, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was present as member and Smt Hema Deshpande, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur -1 was convener of the said Public Hearing, District mining officer other officers & nearby public have attended Public Hearing enthusiastically; attendance register is attached herewith.

M/s Kawtha Manganese Mine, Vill Kawtha, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur, have proposed Manganese ore mine over 26.67 hect lease area for 2732 TPA manganese ore extraction by open cast method, which requires Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Climate change, Govt. of India. As per Terms of Reference, issued by the ministry, industry vide letter dated 09/11/2017, had applied to the Board to conduct public consultation along with draft EIA/EMP, Executive summary in English & Marathi. The Head office of the Board, vide letter no. MPCB/JD (WPC)/P.H/B- 2190 dtd 07/07/2018, had accorded approval to conduct public hearing procedure. Following guidelines stipulated under EIA Notification dated 14 Sep 2006, amended dtd 1/12/2009, venue, date and time was finalized after consultation with District Collector, Nagpur. The Board office vide letter no. MPCB/JD (WPC)/P.H/B-3564 dtd 24/09/2018 issued office order to conduct public Hearing within premises of Grampanchayat Office, Kawtha, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur, on 19th October 2018 at 12.00 noon under the chairmanship of Hon'ble District Collector, Nagpur, (copy enclosed).

Advertise of the said public Hearing was published in English daily "The Hitvada" & Marathi daily "Loksatta" dtd 18th September 2018 with thirty days period to receive objections of the concerns. (Copy enclosed).

Draft EIA/EMP reports along with Executive summary in English and Marathi with soft copy were placed at following locations for information and study by the people.

- 1) Environment Department, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
- 2) Collector Office, Nagpur.
- 3) Zilha Parishad, Nagpur.
- 4) District Industry Center, Nagpur.
- 5) Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
- 6) Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur.
- 7) Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-1.
- 8) Grampanchayat Office, Kawtha, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur.
- 9) Tahsil Office, Saoner, Nagpur.
- 10) Sub-Divisional Office, Saoner, Dist Nagpur.
- 11) Regional Office, MoEF, climate change, at ground floor, East wing, New secretariat Building, Civil lines, Nagpur.

Said documents were also made available on Board's website mpcb.gov.in

Eight written objections were received before Public Hearing and Eight were during hearing. (copies are attached herewith)

Public Hearing proceeding was started at 12.00 after due permission of the Chairperson. Convener Hema Deshpande during her introduction speech explained procedure of public hearing and cleared to public that, public hearing committee doesn't have right to recommend or to approve project. The proceeding of public hearing along with received written objections and video recording will be submitted to the Ministry for further needful action. She then invited industry representative to give power point presentation of mining project.

Shri Bellorkar on behalf of Smt Rachna. A. Bellorkar, Project Proponent has explained mining details. Representatives of Anacon Labs technical consultant for said company carried power point presentations in Marathi regarding EIA/EMP and explained status of Water. Air & Noise pollution.

Smt Hema Deshpande, convener of the hearing invited objections from the present people.

Mrs. Sushma Devidas Pachpute, Kawatha Village, Saoner, Nagpur said Agriculture crop productivity may get damage as my Field in the vicinity of ML area.

Shri Kashiram Marotrao Bhojne, Kawatha Village, Saoner, Nagpur, said as following;

- 1) My agriculture land is about 1 to 1.5 K.M from the said mine area & it be will get affected by mining activity.
- 2) Crushing activity will pollute the air & dust will be spread on crops.
- 3) Existing village road is already damaged due to movement of heavy trucks of sand mining, ore crushing plants and villagers are facing dust problem, in spite of repeated complaints no one is taking care of that.
- 4) Employment shall be given to local people only as per their qualification.
- 5) Not opposing mine in the interest of development of village, however adequate measures shall be taken to control pollution.

Mrs Manjusha Chavan, Nagpur,

She has submitted written objections which is attached herewith. However, during visit she said, Project Proponent doesn't own any land in the Mine Lease area of 26.67 hect. Area under mining lease is belongs to me & my family & we have planned an Agricultural project on our land. We therefore opposed to this proposed Mining project and we will not give our land for this mine.

Mrs Gauri Desai, Pune.

She has submitted written objections which is attached herewith. However, during visit she said land within mine lease and adjacent area is belongs to our family and we have a plan of agriculture project on this land & we oppose to this mine project.

Mr. Atmaram Sukhlal Kumre, Dudhala (Khurd), Po.Sawanga, Tq Sounsar, Dist Chindwada, has submitted written objection and said that, we are tribal people resident of Village Dhudhala in Madya Pradesh which is about 1.0 K.M from mine and land under mine lease area is belongs to me & my family we opposes to said mining project. Mine Lease area application was made by me in 2008 prior to Rachna Bellorkar but we could not understand how they got mine lease permission.

Mr Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist & President, Dharithri Paryavarana Parirakshana Samstha, Shivaji nagar, Nagpur

Has submitted written suggestion and read out during hearing. He said that, conditional NOC may be given to Project.

Mr. Ashok Rajendra Bhagwat, Kawatha Village, Saoner, Nagpur, said

- 1) My Field in the vicinity of ML area & Agriculture crop productivity may get damage due to mining.
- 2) Village road is already damaged due to heavy truck traffic of existing mining & industrial activities & this mine activity will further add nuisance.
- 3) Water for mining activity will be used from village & villagers will face water scarcity due to depletion of GW level.
- 4) Local people will not get employment

We oppose to said mining project.

Sharad Jaysinghrao Chavan, Nagpur submitted written objection & said that we own about 50-hectare land in mining lease & surrounding area. We have a plan to start an Agricultural Project which will provide employment to the local people and hence opposed to proposed Mining project.

Mr Ritesh Patil asked how project proponent will maintain road condition.

Mrs. Jamgade, Maintenance of road should be done before start of vehicular activity related to this project & pollution from the mining activity shall be controlled.

Mr. Manoj Pachpute, Kawatha demanded employment to the local people.

Mr. Ashok Rajendra Bhagwat, Kawatha Village, Saoner, Nagpur, asked;

1. What will be done first, Road or Mining activity? What is the specification of road to be developed & who will maintain the road?
2. How much quantity of material will be transported from the village road?
3. Mine owner will use water from village and villagers will face water scarcity.
4. Details of Grampanchayat NOC shall be furnished.

Regional Officer Shri Rahul Wankhede said that, All the written & oral objection have been taken on record. Minutes of this hearing with Video shooting and received objections will be submitted to the competent authority. He further cleared that, this committee doesn't have any power of recommendation.

Project Proponent while answering to raised question during hearing submitted as following;

- 1) Daily production of mine will be hardly about 10 to 12 Mt i.e one truck will be moved from mine per day & mining will be carried manually.
- 2) Mining will be carried as per DGMS guidelines.
- 3) Regular water sprinkling will be carried to mitigate air pollution.


- 4) There will be no effect on surrounding agriculture land due to mining.
- 5) Internal roads will be maintained.
- 6) Employment will be provided to 20 to 25 no. local persons as per their qualification.
- 7) Sorting & grading of mineral will be carried manually & no crusher will be provided which will minimize air pollution source.
- 8) Daily one tanker water will be required for water sprinkling & no water from Kawatha village will be used.
- 9) Only one truck per day will be passed from mine which will not affect to road condition.
- 10) Under Corporate Social responsibility (CSR) 1.3 Lacs per Year & under Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) 2% of project cost will be used for development of village and maintenance of road.
- 11) After obtaining surface right or acquiring of land etc then only we will start mining activities.

Mrs Manjusha Chavan, said project proponent has not obtained NOC from Forest department and from land owners.

Regional Officer said project proponent has to obtain all the necessary NOCs from the concerned before starting of mine.

Chairman of committee in the concluding remark said that, due to proposed mining employment opportunity will generate. It is obligatory on PP part to obtain all the necessary NOCs from the concerned. PP shall take care of pollution due to proposed mining and adequate measures shall be taken to avoid ground water depletion. All the objections have been recorded & video shooting of the proceeding is taken and will be submitted to Competent authority for the needful.

Public Hearing ended with thanks.


(Hema Deshpande)

Convener & Sub-Regional Officer


(Rahul Wankhede)

Member & Regional Officer


(Ravindra Khajanji)

Additional District Collector, Nagpur.