

**The Minutes of Public Hearing in respect of Proposed expansion
Project of M/S UltraTech Cement Limited Naokari Lime Stone Mines
of Awarpur Cement Works its capacity from 5.0 MMTPA to 7.6
MMTPA at Awarpur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur (MS)
Conducted on 05.02.2016 at 11.30 a.m. at Project Site.**

The Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed expansion project of Naokari Lime Stone Mines of M/S UltraTech Cement Limited, Awarpur Cement Works {Mines Capacity from 5.0 MMTPA to 7.6 MMTPA (Limestone 7.3 & shale 0.3 MMTPA)} at Awarpur, Tal. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur (MS) Conducted on 05.02.2016 at 11.30 a.m. at Project Site – ACW Sports Club Hall.

The Public Hearing was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Deepak Mhaisekar, IAS, District Magistrate, Chandrapur. Shri Rahul Wankhede, Sub – Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Chandrapur was the Convener of the public hearing. Shri. P.M. Joshi, Regional officer M.P.C.Board, Chandrapur was the member of the public hearing Panel. Shri. Shantanu Goyal, Sub- Divisional officer, Rajura was also present during the hearing. The Public Hearing started at 11.30 pm with the permission of the chairman of panel.

First of all, the Convener welcomed to all who were present for the Public Hearing. He told that, the Public Hearing is being conducted as per the provisions of the EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006 and amended Notification dated 01/12/2009 of Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi. He told that the project proponent received Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed project from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India on 30.03.2015. Project proponent submitted their application to the Board on 09/11/2015 requesting for conducting the public hearing. The Public Hearing started at 11.30 a.m. with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance sheet was circulated and attached as **Annexure-I**.

BACKGROUND:

Shri. Anil Kawale, manager Mines of Ultratech narrated the background of M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd. is Flagship Company of Aditya Birla Group and it is the largest cement manufacturing company in India and the 10th largest in the world ranking with present annual capacity of 59 Million Ton Per Annum (MTPA) including 3 MTPA capacity outside India. The production units are spread across 12 integrated plants, 13 grinding units besides 5 bulk terminals in India. In the year 2011, the Group was ranked 4th globally and 1st in the Asia-Pacific region as top company for leaders in a study conducted by Aon Hewitt Associates, RBL Group and Fortune Magazine. In India, the group has been adjudged the best employer in India and among the top 20 in Asia by the Hewitt-Economic Times and Wall Street Journal Study 2007.

Awarpur Cement Works, a unit of Ultra Tech Cement Ltd. (UTCL) has an existing Cement plant of capacity 4.48 MTPA and Captive Mine of Limestone production capacity 5.0 MTPA. Now, UTCL has proposed expansion in Cement Plant (Clinker 3.3 to 4.5 MTPA and Cement 4.48 to 6.0 MTPA) within the existing premises and to meet the additional limestone requirement for the proposed expansion in the clinker and cement capacity, UTCL is now proposing expansion in Limestone and Shale production capacity from 5.0 to 7.6 MTPA at Naokari Limestone Mine (ML Area 1030.58 ha) at Villages, Awarpur, Bakardi, Naokari, Palgaon & Talodi, Tq. Korpana, Dist. Chandrapur (Maharashtra). As per EIA Notification dated 14th September 2016 and amended as on date, the project falls under S.No. 1 (Mining of Minerals), Project or Activity 1(a)-(3), Category "A" and therefore requires Environmental Clearance from MoEF, New Delhi. The project was considered by EAC (M) for TOR approval on 15/05/2013. Terms of Reference (TOR) have been issued by MoEF, New Delhi for preparation of EIA/EMP report vide letter no.J-11015/95/2013/LA-II(M) dated 30th March 2015.

The proposed site is located at Awarpur, Bakardi, Naokari, Palgaon & Talodi, Tq. Korpana, District Chandrapur of Maharashtra State between latitude 19°47'00" N to 19°48'01" N and longitude 79°07'30" E to 79°11'00" E. The State Highway no. SH-236 in SW direction passes about 5 km away from site, and National Highway No. 7 passes about 60 Kms away from the site on the West direction. The Gadchandur railway station is located 5kms. away from the project site and Manikgarh Railway Station located on the Kazipeth-Ballarshah section of the South Central Railway is located 27 Kms. away from project site on East direction. Nearest Village Naokari is 200 m. in South direction and Palgaon is 200 m in North direction. Nearest Airport Nagpur is 150 Kms. away in NW direction. Manikgarh Reserved Forest within 10 Km. radius exist at 6.65 Km from mine in South direction. Nearest Water Body - Penganga river 5.5 Km in North West direction, Wardha River 9.0 Km in NW direction, Bop Nalla flows across the mine lease area on East A Block, Amal Nalla 2.5 Km in South West direction, Amal Nalla Dam 9.5 Km in South direction, Chandanwayi Nalla 8.0 Km in South East direction, Tutranalla 8.0 Km in South East direction, Lokhandi Nalla 5.0 Km in South direction. No archaeological important site within 10 Km radius. Proposed expansion will be done within the existing mine lease area of 1030.58 ha. No additional land will be acquired for the proposed expansion.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE :

Shri Rahul M. Wankhede, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur and Convener of the Public Hearing Panel welcomed the Chairman and Member of the Public Hearing Panel, local citizens from the villages and others present. He explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing that as per MOEF, GOI, Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended on 14th Sept. 2006. The notices of the public hearing were published in two local widely circulated news papers i.e. the "Hitavada" (English) and "Lokmat" (Marathi) on 3rd Jan. 2016. Copies of the advertisement are enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Copies of the executive summary / EIA summary containing salient features of the project and EIA both in English and in Marathi and other information / documents were made available to the public by making these documents available in various Govt. Offices as well as local Gram Panchayat as per MoEF GOI, Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing till before the date of Public Hearing from the publication of the notice. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board's Office Order No. E-17/2016 vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-314 dtd. 20/01/2016. A copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Shri Rahul M. Wankhede, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur and Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel further informed that no written complaint / representation received regarding Public Hearing till the date of Public Hearing and requested the project proponent to give their detail presentation about the proposed project and Environmental issues related with it. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent present detailed power point presentation of the project in local language as under:-

The representative of the project proponent explained in local language regarding Project Profile, Introduction, Location Map, Existing Clearances, Status of Lease, Map Showing 10 Km Radius Study Area of Mine Site, Photographs of Existing Mining Lease, Environmental Settings of the Area, Requirement of the Project, Extent of Mechanization, Physiography and Drainage Pattern, Geology of the Area, Surface Geological Plan, Mining Details, Process Flow Chart, Climatology, Wind Rose Diagram, Key Plan AAQ and Noise Monitoring Locations, Locations of Ambient Air & Noise Quality Monitoring Stations, Environment Management Plan Graph Showing Concentration of PM 10, Graph Showing Concentration of PM 2.5, Graph Showing Concentration of SO₂, Graph Showing Concentration of NO₂, Graph Showing Concentration of Noise at Day Time, Graph Showing Concentration

of Noise at Night, Key Plan Showing Ground Water and Soil Monitoring Location, Location of Ground Water and Soil Monitoring Location, Surface Water Sampling Locations, Key Plan Showing Surface Water Monitoring Location, Environmental Baseline Study, Year Wise Proposed Production of Limestone, Air Quality Management, Photographs Showing Air Quality Management, Noise Quality Management, Photographs Showing Noise Quality Management, Measures to Minimize Impacts of Ground Vibration, Fly Rock Due to Blasting, Water Quality Management, Water Harvested in the Lower Bench, Solid Waste Management, Proposed Waste Generation Details, Land Reclamation & Restoration, Environmental Impact Land - Stage wise Land Use and Reclamation Area, Post-Mining Land Use Pattern of Mine Lease Area, Conceptual Plan Map, Green Belt Development / Plantation, Stage Wise Cumulative Plantation, Photographs Showing Plantation in Existing Mines, Photographs Showing Plantation in Existing Mines, Occupational Health and Safety, Occupational Health Check Up Facility, Socio-Economic Development, Corporate Social Responsibility, Rural Infrastructure Development, Sustainable Development & Livelihood, Health and Family Welfare, Social Welfare.

Hon'ble District Collector, Chandrapur and Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel appealed people to express their queries, suggestions, objections or comments on the presentation of the proposed expansion project of Naokari Lime Stone Mines present recently.

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Shri Purushottam Nilkanth Nibrat, Village Nanda : He congratulated the proposed expansion of the project. He also thanked to the company to implement water conservation programme. The demand of the village people is that, industries should be established in this area so as to get employment to the local residents/villagers. Company should make conversation with the farmers. He suggested to share some per cent expenses incurred for water conservation and to increase ground water level. He demanded that the industry should provide employment to local candidates. He requested the industry for construction of concrete roads in nearby villages. He further stated that there is no objection for the proposed expansion project.

2. Shri VishwanathUdhav Katkar, Village KhairgaonTalodhi :He said that the industry should provide concrete roads in nearby villages. He added that additional measures should be taken by the industry for the development of the village and

demanded that industry should adopt khairgaonTalodhi village also other than 10 villages and carry out development works in the village.

3. Shri Subhash Raut, Village Naokari : said that the industry should provide employment to local candidates and supported the project expansion.

4. Smt. SarojMunot, Village Nanda :said in the favour of the industry stating that the industry is working under different sectors like education, business, women empowerment, e-learning education for the villagers. She added that the industry has provided MSCIT education to the student of nearby villages. She supported this expansion.

5. Shri Shashikant Dive, Village Awarpur : said that the industry should use waste rock material (o.b. dump) for carrying out roads in the fields. Supported for the expansion of Mines capacity. He further stated that upto 2014 unit has spent Rs. 1.0 crore for CSR activities in and around villages. However how much expenses are incurred on his village, He demanded for details of expenses incurred on his village.

6. Shri HaridasShaligramJenekar, Village Bakhardi : said in the favour of the industry that industry has made 400-500 meters concrete road under the CSR activity. He demanded that industry should make check dam in the nearby villages for irrigation purpose in lean season. He demanded that the local people should get the opportunity as apprentice and training in the proposed unit and expressed there is no objection for this expansion.

7. Shri Ashish RamdasDarekar, Village Bibi : said that the road condition needs improvement and safety awareness programmes should be done in villages. Unit does many safety initiatives for their employees, the same awareness to be extended to surrounding also. Also expressed the unit expansion brings the prosperity to the nearby area also. Road widening work outside the unit premises and beautification work to be taken up in the adjoining villages. Due to large scale moment of traffic, there is damages to public road and unsafe to public. Also, suggested to take up road from ACW to Bibi village.

8. Shri SainathBuche, Village Awarpur : demanded that industry should give employment to the local 250-300 employees. He demanded that the roads in the nearby villages are in very bad condition and should be developed by the industry. He stated that there is no objection for this expansion. He further stated that, company should be used BO dump material to construct road to the villages.

9. Shri ArunKeshavraoNimje, Gadchandur Z.P. Member :appreciated that the public hearing is being conducted at the Project Proponent site. He said that CSR

activities should be done as compared to the production capacity and mitigation measures should be undertaken to increase the ground water level. He stated that there is no objection against this expansion.

10. Shri ArunVijayraoRagit, Palgaon : said that the unit undertakes CSR developments activities in the village in consultation with village authorities. Industry should undertake measures to recharge ground water. He stated that, unit has provided 10 Bore-wells and check dam in his village. He further stated that the development in the nearby villages is appreciable. He said that the industry should provide employment to local candidates concrete roads to the villages. Expressed his support to this expansion.

11. Shri PramodChatrapatiKodape, Sarpanch Village Hirapur : said that the industry should provide employment to local candidates and additive measures should be taken for the development and upliftment of local persons. Suggested to adopt Hirapur village also other than 10 villages. Adequate measures to be taken up for dust emission from roads due to traffic and construct road from Awarpur to Sangoda village. Unit must spare their ground for students who are preparing themselves self for police recruitment. He supported this project expansion.

12. Shri Bharat Kawduji Atram, NGO. Village Bibi :said that, the unit has constructed the roads in nearby villages. Provided drinking water through many Bore Wells under their CSR activities in nearby Talodi villages. Water bodies should be created by the industry for irrigation purpose. He said that Sewing machines should be provided for widows in adopted villages under CSR activities for promoting women empowerment. He openly supported the project.

Hon'ble Collector, Chandrapur and Chairman Environmental Public Hearing Panel - it is observed that nobody has opposed the expansion of the project. If there is any complaint / oppose then only come forward and speak in short, he stated.

13. Shri PurshottamAtmaramAswale, Village Nanda :said that the industry should provide employment to the adopted villages. He said that concrete road has been made by the industry from Nanda Fata to Nanda Village. Expressed no objection for the expansion. He also stated that there were no roads prior 1983, However due to this unit roads are constructed.

14. Shri AbhayMunot, Village Nanda : said that concrete road has been made by the industry from Nanda Fata to Nanda Village. He requested to utilize Mining

Royalty funds for the development of our Village. Expressed that there is no objection for the proposed production enhancement of Mines.

15. Shri Sunanda Reddy, Hyderabad. : At the outset congratulated the unit for their CSR activities in the surroundings. He heartily welcomed the Mines production capacity enhancement. Also said that project proponent is doing good work towards environment and CSR activities. He gave few suggestions regarding CSR expenses activity should be done as per local people demand. Also more focus should be on health awareness, water recharges, green belt developments etc. The unit must concentrate on people culture, health etc. Must grow more number of trees, avenue plantation, medicinal trees, which are very useful public or villages. There is no objection for expansion of the Mine.

16. Shri PandurangBapuraoSonwane, Village Bakhardi : Spoke about admission to the students in the school of the organization residing in the surrounding areas. He said that water level is reduced so water bodies should be created in nearby areas for irrigation purpose. He stated that there is no objection against this expansion. He stated that unit have deceived 42 farmers and submitted written objection to the panel of Public Hearing.

17. Shri Shyam Sunder Raut, Village Nanda : He stated that, he does not have objection to this project, However due to mining activity there is a water problem & water level gets depleted & therefore he demanded for check dam/K.T. weir to resolve said problem.

18. Smt. Manisha Chennurwar, Upsarpanch Village Naokari :said that industry has made 100-200 meters concrete road in Naokari Village under the CSR activity and requested further to extend such activities useful to the villagers. She also said that care should be taken to avoid dust fall in the nearby areas. Supported the Mines expansion.

19. Smt. Ranjita Anand Kumbhare, Village Talodhi :said that check dams should be created in nearby nallas by the industry for agriculture purpose and for the recharge of ground water level. She said that semi English medium school should be started in the villages by the industry for the development of the village students.

20. Shri MarotiDadajiDatade, Village Palgaon : said that the mining area is 100 meters away from the village due to which the water level has gone down and there is no other source of water. Unit must help villages and supported the project.

21. **Shri Shivchandra Kale, Awarpur (Working Union President)** : said that the water level in the villages has increased under the CSR activities. Unit can spare their waste material (O.B. Dump) for village road construction. Unit must take steps for ground water recharge. Unit has extended help in construction of road and other CSR activities. Must give employment to locals and supported the expansion of Mines capacity.

22. **Shri Anil Kumbhare, Village Talodhi** : said that the industry should provide compensation for the agricultural crops. The industry should provide concrete roads under the CSR activity.

23. **Shri Vitthal Maroti Nimsarkar, Village Palgaon** :said that the industry should provide employment to the local candidates and industry should spare the waste material (O.B. dump) for construction of village roads.

Hon'ble Collector, Chandrapur and Chairman Environmental Public Hearing Panel - He again stated that if there is any complaint / oppose then only come forward and express views about the proposed expansion. It is observed that the main point is ground water level, which is noted. Other points are also noted i.e. Road construction / repairs, local employment on which required action will be taken. For the purpose company should look into the matter. Then he requested Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur to announce that the Public Hearing is concluded.

Shri P.M. Joshi, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur and Member of the Public Hearing Panelwith the permission of the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel thanks to the people present concluded with thanks to the chair.



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