MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECT OF WCL YEKONA-I & II OPENCAST AMALGAMATION PROJECT (WCL MAJRI AREA) FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 2.75 MTPA (NORMATIVE) AND 3.44 MTPA (PEAK) AND LAND AREA FROM 1701.32 HA LOCATED AT WCL MAJRI AREA, PO. PANZURNI, TAL. WARORA, DIST.CHANDRAPUR PROPOSED BY AREA NODAL OFFICER (ENV.), WCL MAJRI AREA, PO. KUCHANA, TAL. BHADRAWATI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR

Date : 14/06/2019 Time : 11:00 AM

Venue: MINE MANAGER OFFICE PREMISES, WCL

YEKONA, TAL. WARORA, DIST. CHANDRAPUR

Preamble:-

Area Nodal Officer (Env.), WCL Majri Area, Po. Kuchana, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for proposed project of WCL Yekona-I & II Opencast Amalgamation Project (WCL Majri Area) For Production Capacity Of 2.75 MTPA (Normative) And 3.44 MTPA (Peak) And Land Area From 1701.32 HA. The matter regarding same was discussed in Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA-II (Coal Mining) Division, New Delhi in its 47th meeting held on 30th November-1st December, 2015, 53rd meeting held on 17th-18th March, 2016 and 55th Meeting held on 11th-13th May, 2016. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved on 6th June, 2016. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that public hearing issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be included separately in EIA/EMP report.

Accordingly, project proponent had submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 26/03/2019 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. However, due to some untoward reason, this scheduled hearing has been postponed & informed to the concern by publishing a public notice on 19/03/2019 in leading newspapers. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 14th June, 2019 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Losatta" & "Deshonnati" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 09/05/2019. The

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appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- 3) Regional Office &Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 4) Collector Office, Chandrapur
- 5) Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur
- 6) District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
- 7) Sub-Divisional Office, Warora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur
- 8) Tahsil Office, Warora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur
- 9) Panchayat Samiti Office, Warora, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
- 10) Gram-Panchayat Office Yekona, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur
- 11) Gram-Panchayat Office Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur
- 12) Gram-Panchayat Office Wanoja, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur
- 13) Gat-Grampanchayat Office, Mohbala (Naidev), Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.
- 14) Gat-Grampanchayat Office, Charurkhati (Nagala Rith), Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur.

The Authorities at Sr. No. 4 to 14 above, were requested to arrange vide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Mine Manager Office Premises, WCL Yekona, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharahstra Pollution Control Board in accordance with the EIA

Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

 Shri Ghanshyam Bhugaonkar, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur, - Chairman

 Shri Raju R. Vasave I/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur

- Member

3. Shri Pratap Jagtap, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur Convener

This office has not received any written submissions regarding objections, suggestions, complaints, comments from the concerned persons. The attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-"I" & "II".

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:-

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri Pratap Jagtap, Sub-Regional Officer Chandrapur, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections & comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept and objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environment aspect. He stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that the presentation about the proposed projects will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/ objections shall be raised by participants. He made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name & address before raising any query/objections so that the name of the participant along with views will be included in the proceedings of meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. Rajendra Harde made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in

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Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri Liladhar Pimpalshende, Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	As the Marda village is going to	Project Proponent informed that, as
	be rehabilitated, remaining 300	per the provision, minimum land is to
	Acre land should also be acquired by WCL.	be acquired for any of the project.
2	Provide the number of	Out of 365 employment generated
	employment given in Yekona I	over the acquired land for the project,
	& II mine. Preference in	309 employment has been given to
	employment shall be given to	the land owners, 56 cases are pending
	the local people. The proposed	due to lack of proper documentation
	905 nos. of employment	of land of the land owner. After
	generated shall be given to the	commissioning of amalgamated
1000	local people. Land	Yekona-I & II Project, proposed
	compensation shall be given at	employment will be given. Total 965
	the rate of the irrigated land.	no. of employment will be generated
		in the proposed project.
3	As per the R & R policy, the	Project Proponent informed that,

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	person who hold 2 acres of land	employment and monitory
	get job opportunity for one	compensation is being given as per
	member of family and the	Company R&R policy.
	person who holds 10 acres of	
	land also get job opportunity for	
	only one member of family. The	, and the second
	policy must be modified and for	
	10 acres land owners shall get	
40	job opportunities for at least 2	
	members of family.	
4	Remaining land should be	Project Proponent informed that, as
	acquired before rehabilitation of	per the provision, minimum land is to
	village.	be acquired for any of the project.
5	The mine is not commissioned	Project Proponent informed that, till
	on the land acquired for existing	now the possession of 767 acres of
	project due to which there is no	land is towards farmers and they can
	job opportunity. In this	do farming on the same land till the
	situation, how a person shall	notification.
	maintain their livelihood.	

2) Shri. Ghanshyam Chawle, Dy. Sarpanch, Yekona Grampanchayat, Tal Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1		Project Proponent informed that, the
		wild vegetation will be removed so that there will be no threat of wild animals to the nearby farmers.

3) Shri Chandrashekhar Pahapale, Yekona, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
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No.		Proponent/ MPCB
1	The public hearing is for which	Project Proponent informed that, th
	project?	public hearing is for Yekona I&I
		Amalgamated project.
		project.
	The detail information regarding acquisition of land has not been provided to concerned gram Panchayat.	acquisition of land from the concerned Grampanchayats was given in the meeting held at the office of General Manager, Majri Area with Sarpanch and Dy. Sarpanch of all concerned gram panchayats. Also during presentation, all detailed information regarding acquisition of land has been provided. Chairman, Public Hearing Panel directed the project proponent to submit in written to the concerned
		Grampanchayats regarding
	In this section is	acquisition of land.
	In this project, there are 13 to 14	Project Proponent informed that, in
	contractors. But the contractors	the proposed expansion project job
	has given job opportunities to	opportunities on daily basis will be
	outsiders and not given any	given to local people.
	opportunity to local people.	
	As overburden is 100 meters	Project Proponent informed that, as
	away from Yekona village, due	per study, there is no need of
	to which pollution problem will	rehabilitation of Yekona village.
	be created and villagers may	
	suffer. Also due to overburden	
1	river water will enter in village	
. (causing damages hence, Yekona	
1	Village shall be rehabilitated.	
	7	Project Proponent informed that,
p		necessary action as per rule will be
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		Project Proponent informed that, Bituminous road will be constructed

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constructed by depositing overburden. Existing WBM road to be converted to bituminous road for coal transportation and regular water sprinkling should be done.

depositing at the earliest and regular water WBM road sprinkling is being done over existing bituminous WBM road.

4) Shri. Santosh Uddhavrao Jiwtode, Naidev, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	The road between Naidev Village to Warora is not constructed. The road is constructed by local people's contribution. This road is used for coal transportation. Dust emissions are observed due to coal transportation resulting problems for local people causing frequent accidents. Also crops are damaged due to dilapidated condition of this road. The capacity of the road shall be increased by repairing the road & only then coal transportation shall be done on this road.	Project Proponent informed that, Water sprinkling is being done on old road for suppression of dust. New tar road will be constructed and necessary care of pipe line will be taken at the time of construction of new road.

5) Shri. Sheshrao Jiwtode, Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1	Surrounding agricultural land of	Project Proponent informed that, Skill
	the mine is affected due to mine.	Development Programme will be
	Hence, the land where survey is	carried out for the unemployed
		persons at Majri VTC & priority will
	acquired and included in the	be given to them while providing
	project. Then & only then our	
	grampanchayat will give NOC.	
	Employment shall be given to the	



	unemployed whose land has not been acquired in the project.	
2	CSR fund should be utilized for only project affected villages.	Project Proponent informed that, priority will be given to the Project Affected Villages.
3	Appropriate compensation shall be given to the PAPs whose land has been acquired.	Project Proponent informed that, appropriate compensation will be given to the PAPs as per Government Rules.
4	Records of land which is going to be acquired should be taken from the land owner and not from the Talathi.	Project Proponent informed that, the records of land are acquired from the State Govt. as per Govt. rules.

6) Shri. Dhananjay Pimpalshende, Village Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1	Due to increase in depth of mine to 525 mtrs. the water table of the area will go down and will affect the agricultural field. What measures will be taken to overcome this situation?	Project Proponent informed that, the depth of the mine is 150 meters. Water extracted from the mines will
2	Will the WCL provide water at their own cost or the farmers will have to pay for this.	Project Proponent informed that, WCL will provide water at their own cost.
3	WCL has informed that Skill Development Programme will be implemented. What action regarding the same has been taken by the WCL in last 1.5 years?	Project Proponent informed that, necessary action will be taken to generate indirect employment.
4	Canteen is proposed in the project. Employment shall be provided to the villagers in the canteen.	Project Proponent informed that, priority in employment will be given to the local people as per rules.
5	Work of plantation should be given to local Bachat Gats so that	Project Proponent informed that, priority in employment will be given

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	local people will get the employment.	to the local people as per rules.
6	Water table will be depleted after commissioning of the mine. The extracted mine water shall be discharged into the canals.	Project Proponent informed that, extracted mine water will be treated and made available for irrigation to the farmers. The issue regarding discharge of mine water in canal will be discussed with Irrigation Department, GOM and then decision will be taken accordingly.

7) Shri. Rahul Dhoke, Village CharurKhati, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	provided on acquired land and	Project Proponent informed that, the information will be provided after holding of land under Section 9(i)

8) Shri. Gajanan Balaji Gandhare, Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I own a farm which is located adjacent to this project. What measures shall be taken regarding dust pollution?	Project Proponent informed that, water spraying is always done on mine haul roads and in mine and it will be carried out in future also. Bushes grown in the acquired land
	Nuisance of wild animals in the area have increased. Also there is no water to bore-wells.	will be removed. Necessary care will be taken so that farmers will not suffer.

9) Shri. Ravindra Buradkar, Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

	Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
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No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1		Project Proponent informed that, the indirect employment will be given to the local persons and PAPs will get job as per rule.

10) Shri. Ganesh Chawale, Yekona, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1		Project Proponent informed that, CSR fund will be implemented for development of villages.

11) Shri. Kamlakar Matte, Wanoja, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Which is main coal transportation road?	Project Proponent informed that, road from Wanoja to Mohbala is the main coal transportation road. Same will be provided black topped.

12) Shri. Ganesh Manohar Jambhulkar, Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Why my land in survey no. 449	Project Proponent informed that,
	has been left in section 4?	information about this can be given
		from Area office.



13) Sau. Yogita Pimpalshende, Sarpanch Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1	Marda village shall be included in CSR & developmental works	Project Proponent informed that, developmental works under CSR will
	shall be carried out.	be carried out in Marda Village.
2	Project Proponent shall inform about how & where Marda Village will be rehabilitated.	Project Proponent informed that, Rehabilitation of Marda Village will be done as per LAR Act, 2013. Also a committee will be constituted for the same and as per the location proposed by the Committee, village Marda will be rehabilitated.
3	Women of Marda village shall be given employment.	Project Proponent informed that, equal job opportunities will be given to men & women after acquisition of land. Women will be given employment under Skill Development Programmes.

14) Shri. Sheshrao Jivtode, Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1	Why my land has been left in section 4?	Project Proponent informed that, information about this can be given from Area office.

15) Shri. Narendra Adkine, Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1		Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, M/s. WCL shall take appropriate action in this matter at the earliest.

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16) Shri. Bhanudas Asutkar, Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	has not been included in the project. Appropriate decision shall	Project Proponent informed that, appropriate decision will be taken in this regard and employment will be given as per requirement of the

17) Sau. Sunanda Jivtode, Zilla Parishad Member Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1	The land which is in between acquired land shall be acquired.	Project Proponent informed that, as per the provision, minimum land is to be acquired for any of the project.
	Water supply arrangement shall be provided to Charur khati village by WCL.	Water supply arrangement will be provided to Charurkhati village by WCL.
	PAPs shall be given employment in the same project for which land is acquired.	An appropriate decision will be taken in this regard.
	Employment shall be given to the unemployed of the village.	Local people will be given priority while giving employment.
	Road and bridge going to CharurKhati village shall be constructed.	The proposed work will be done under CSR. A proposal for the same should be given by the villagers to the company.



Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Why my land has been left i section 4?	Project Proponent informed that, information about this can be given from Area office.

19) Shri. Maroti Modak, Wanoja, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	It takes lot of time for notification, acquisition, compensation and employment which must be reduced.	Project Proponent informed that, WCL will try to improve the whole
2	Some land is located adjacent to Warora-Madheli road and some land is located adjacent to canal. Compensation of these land shall be given as considering irrigated land and land which is located adjacent to highways shall be given compensation as per highway rates.	Project Proponent informed that, compensation will be given as per Govt. Rules.
3	Employment shall be given as per education qualification.	Project Proponent informed that, employment shall be given as per education qualification.
4	Plantation should be done on OB dumps after levelling.	Project Proponent informed that, plantation will be done on OB dumps.

20) <u>Shri. Bhupendra Meshram, Charurkhati, Tal. Warora, Dist-</u> <u>Chandrapur -</u>

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Employment is not given to literate people of the village Charurkhati.	Project Proponent informed that, land of



21) Shri. Rakesh Bothele, Yekona, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	There is no approach road for my field due to mine.	Project Proponent informed that, Work of road construction is in progress and will be completed shortly.

22) Shri. Bandu Dhengale, Yekona, Tal. Warora, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr.	Objection/Suggestion/	Comments / made by Project
No.	Question	Proponent/ MPCB
1	Why the land having S. No. 106 has not been acquired?	Project Proponent informed that, information about this can be given from Area office.

23) Sau. Mira Balaji Nannaware, Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Employment is not provided even after 3 years of acquisition.	Project Proponent informed that, information about this can be given from Area office.

24) Shri. Liladhar Pimpalshende, Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Whether land acquisition will	Project Proponent informed that, land
	be done as per R & R Policy,	acquisition will be done as per R & R
	2012 or any other policy?	Policy.

25) Shri. Vitthal Bodhe, Marda, Tal. Warora, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	PAPs got their compensation but	Project Proponent informed that, the compensation has been given as per Govt. rates after receipt of approval from the PAP.



The Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee called upon the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question, announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in the MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Pratap Jagtap)
Convener of the Public
Hearing Committee &

Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur (Raju Vasave)

Member of the Public Hearing Committee & I/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur (Ghanshyam Bhugaonkar)

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee & Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur &