

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED  
INSTALLATION OF 190 TPD SPONGE IRON PLANT, 4 MW  
CAPTIVE POWER PLANT AND 90,000 TPA IRON ORE  
BENEFICIATION PLANT AT PLOT NO.A-1, MIDC KONSARI,  
VILLAGE KONSARI, TAL. CHAMORSHI, DISTRICT GADCHIROLI,  
IN RESPECT OF PROJECT PROPONENT M/S LLOYD METALS  
AND ENERGY LIMITED, PLOT NO. A-1, MIDC GHUGUS, TAL.  
DIST. CHANDRAPUR.**

**Date : 20/08/2019**  
**Time : 11:00 AM**  
**Venue : Project Site, Plot No.A-1, MIDC Konsari, Village  
Konsari, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli**

**Preamble:-**

M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd., Plot No. A-1, MIDC Ghuggus, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment Department (MOEFCC), Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for proposed project of Installation Of 190 TPD Sponge Iron Plant, 4 MW Captive Power Plant And 90,000 TPA Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant at Plot No.A-1, MIDC Konsari, Village Konsari, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli. The matter regarding same was discussed in State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC-1) in the SEAC Meeting no. 149 (Day-2) held on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that in public hearing the issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be reported separately.

Accordingly, project proponent has 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 conduct public hearing in respect of the said project on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 with consultation of District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Loksatta"& "Deshonnati" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 19/07/2019. An appeal was made to the concern 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 was made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032;
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 3) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opp. Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 4) Collector Office, Gadchiroli
- 5) Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli
- 6) District Industries Centre, Gadchiroli
- 7) Area Manager, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Gadchiroli.
- 8) Sub-Divisional Office, Chamorshi, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 9) Tahsil Office, Chamorshi, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Chamorshi, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 11) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Somanpalli (Dharpur & Raipur), Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 12) Gram-Panchayat Office Jairampur, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 13) Gram-Panchayat Office Konsari, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 14) Gram-Panchayat Office Bahadurpur (Ramkrushnapur), Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli
- 15) Gram-Panchayat Office Kadholi (Rampur), Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 16) Gram-Panchayat Office Chandankhedhi (Umari), Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.

The above authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 16 above, were also requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the affected persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, Plot No.A-1, MIDC Konsari, Village Konsari, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli. 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 Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 14/08/2019 in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and as

amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

1. Shri Dhanaji Patil, - **Chairman**  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Gadchiroli,
2. Shri Madhukar Lad - **Member**  
Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur
3. Shri Umashankar Bhadule, - **Convener**  
I/c. Sub-Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur

The written submissions were received and attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-“II” and “III” respectively.

#### **MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING :-**

At the outset, on behalf of committee of the public hearing panel, Shri.Umashankar Bhadule, I/c. 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 of proposed project of Installation of 190 TPD Sponge Iron Plant, 4 MW Captive Power Plant And 90,000 TPA Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant At Plot No.A-1, MIDC Konsari, Village Konsari, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli and about the objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environmental aspects. 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 and the questions raised regarding the project should be addressed

Thereafter, Shri. Mohan Rahangadale, Environment Consultant on behalf of Project Proponent made a Power Point Presentation on the

Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The following grounds were mainly mentioned in the presentation

- Project Description.
- Project area, boundary, latitude, longitude, map, submerged area, area of benefit, forest area, project characteristics, importance of project, impact, land use, earthquake stability.
- Object of project, Social Condition, opportunity of employment, development of agriculturist due to project.
- Project analysis, Summary, Conclusion.
- Social and financial condition analysis.
- Information about Air, Water, Sound, displacement etc.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other information as to environmental management.

After the project proponent has delivered information regarding the environment, the convener of Public Hearing announced that herein after objection/ suggestion/question and answer would be taken and the project proponent to give relevant answers to it.

The questions, objections, comments, suggestions and the reply/assurances tendered by the project proponent in the discussions held during the public hearing are as below.

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES:**

**1) Shri. Chandrakant Bongirwar, Dy. Sarpanch**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>   | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>   |
|----------------|---|---|
| 1)             | Employment shall be given to the villagers of Konsari Village & surrounding villages. Don't have opposition to project. Project should be set up here 100%. | Project Proponent told that, priority will be given to the people of Gadchiroli, Konsari & Etapalli only. |

**2) Shri. Santosh Kudurwar, Etapalli, Tal. Etapalli, Dist. Gadchiroli**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>   | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>  |
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| 1)             | 80% employment shall be given to local people of Etapalli Area since the mine is located in Etapalli. | People of Etapalli and nearby vicinity shall get employment because mining is being carried out in Etapalli area and no outsiders will come. Priority will be given to the people of Etapalli & Konsari area only. |

**3) Shri. Anil Tidke, Yuva Garjana Foundation, Gadchiroli**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>   | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>  |
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| 1)             | Whether the waste water treatment plant will be set up or waste water be discharged in River? Which way green belt will be developed? | Project Proponent informed that, there will be no generation of waste water because water will be reutilised. Sewage effluent will be reused by process for plantation. Plantation will be done on 11 acres of land after finalisation of plant layout in consultation with local forest department. |
| 2)             | Mining work is closed since last 7 months. What is the meaning of basis pay scale? Company shall provide at least minimum wages.      | Administration is trying to regularize the work of mine. Mine operates only for 5 days. Mine is not operational since 8 months due to which industry is facing difficulty in its management. Minimum wages will be given once the mine operates on regular basis.                                    |

**4) Shri. Shankar Akareddiwar, Panchayat Samiti Member, Ashti, Tal. Chamorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>   | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>  |
|----------------|---|--|
| 1)             | Company should see that local people shall get employment and avoid filing of pollution related complaint.                          | Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur assured that, this industry will be established here. Project affected people will be given priority. |
| 2)             | Farmers have given their land for this industry & became destitute. Hence, this industry shall be established in Konsari area only. |  |

5) **Shri. Rajendra Mittalwar:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>   | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>  |
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| 1)             | Farmer in the radius of 2 kms shall be given employment. What should the farmers do if they do not get employment & their farms get affected? | There will be no loss of agriculture due to this industry. On the contrary an amount of Rs. 2 crores will be spent for organic dairy farming projects under CSR programme. There will be no discharge of polluted water outside the industry premises. Rs. 1240 Lakhs will be spent on air pollution control equipments. |

6) **Shri. Swapnil Wairagade:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>  | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>  |
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| 1)             | A person has to travel 15 kms. Distance to work in mine. When we will be made permanent? | Project Proponent informed that, mining is shut down in maximum time. After regular working of mine, industry may consider it. |

7) **Shri. Devendra Jaikar, Jairampur:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>  | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>   |
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| 1)             | Local people shall get priority. Outsiders such as Agra people shall not be given priority as given by the paper mill. | Project Proponent informed that, priority shall be to the local people. The necessity of technical experts if any will be sourced from outside. |

8) **Shri. Madhukar Lad, Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur.**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>               | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>   |
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| 1)             | Project Proponent shall sent local people to trainings. | There is programme run under the Skill Development by Government in ITI. The people shall take admissions in ITI. |

**9) Shri. Mithun Joshi, Resident of Pipligoti Village:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>  | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>   |
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| 1)             | We return from place of work i.e. mine. When the company will provide us permanent employment? | Project Proponent informed that, mining work is often closed. Whenever the mining operation is regularized, the company will do something about it. |

**10) Shri. Madhukar Lad, Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Suggestion</b>  |
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| 1)             | If mining is closed, the company should inform the public first so that it will save the cost of transportation. |

**11) Shri. Ravindra P. Ambadwar Tate:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>  | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>                          |
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| 1)             | The Trucks, poelain etc. Machinery used for the project should be given to the each unemployed and unemployment should be eliminated. Engineers and Boiler operators should be from this area and they shall be provided with training and given employment. Contractors & labors shall be from this area. | Project Proponent informed that, mine will be made operational as early as possible. |

**12) Shri. Santosh Kudurware:-**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Objection/Suggestion/<br/>Question</b>   | <b>Answer/Commitment given by the<br/>Project Proponent</b>  |
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| 1)             | Mine is not in operation since last seven months & I am unemployed. Tell me something about it. | Project Proponent informed that, due to administrative constraints the system is somehow different here due to which mine work is closed. Efforts are being taken to start the mine at the earliest. |

**13)Smt. Rupali:-**

| Sr. No. | Objection/Suggestion/<br>Question  | Answer/Commitment given by the<br>Project Proponent   |
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| 1)      | How much reservation will be available to women in the project and what is the percentage of women employment? | There is no provision of reservation for women in the project. The work is assign to them as per merit. Local women will be given employment after proper training. |

**14)Shri. Prasad Shrihari, Etapalli:-**

| Sr. No. | Objection/Suggestion/<br>Question   | Answer/Commitment given by the<br>Project Proponent  |
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| 1)      | Mine Project work is stopped since last 4 months because Govt. is not with the project. Is not the Govt. willing to give us employment?   | Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur informed that, Govt. is with the industry & people and there is no any hurdle from M. P. C. Board regarding the said project. |
| 2)      | If Govt. will give protection to the industry then we will get full time job. Presently, project proponent is giving only 3 hours' work. Who is responsible for the closure of mine since 7 months and non payment of salary? | Additional District Magistrate, Gadchiroli informed that, security will be provided to industry & issue of closure of mine work will be solved.                            |

**15)Shri. Abhay Punvamurtiwar, Etapalli:-**

| Sr. No. | Objection/Suggestion/<br>Question  | Answer/Commitment given by the<br>Project Proponent   |
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| 1)      | Whether Govt. or Industry has decided to set up plant in Konsari? Does the Public Hearing will be conducted in affected Etapalli area? | In the year 2008, the Govt. by letter intimates that there is no land available in Etapalli for setting up this project. As the Lands have got in Konsari, it was purchased. Land is not available in Aheri. The plant will be in 125 acres of land of mouza Konsari and therefore Public Hearing will not take place in any other place. |
| 2)      | We are ready to give our land. Public Hearing shall be conducted for all 11 project affected villages and employment shall be given to | Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur has requested Additional District Magistrate, Gadchiroli to express himself. Addl. District Magistrate informed that,  |



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| them. We must get permanent employment. I assure you that project will be operational 365 days a year. | the issue of police protection required for the industry will be solved. |
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**16) Shri. Rakesh Dandigwar, Gram Panchayat, Member:-**

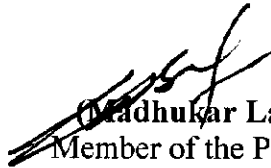
| Sr. No. | Objection/Suggestion/ Question   | Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent  |
|---------|--|---|
| 1)      | 40 farmers of Konsari Village have given their land for employment purpose. In how many months they will get employment? | Project Proponent informed that, after all sanctions & approvals, project will be started and permanent employment will be given to those farmers who have given their lands. |

The Chairman of the Public Hearing called the people to ask any more question/objection/suggestions if any. But, nobody come up with any question/suggestion/objection. Thereafter Member of Environmental Public Hearing Committee has announced that the note of the suggestions and objections made at the meeting has been recorded and a copy of the Minutes of meeting and recordings of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in 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 has reviewed various points raised in public hearing and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.

  
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