

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECT FOR M/S. GAURALA LIMESTONE MINES – 3.62 HA, 333TPD, VILLAGE: GAURALA, TAL. MAREGAON, DIST. YAVATMAL PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. MAHARASHTRA STATE MINING CORPORATION LTD., PLOT NO. 7, AJNI SQUARE, WARDHA ROAD, NAGPUR.**

**Date : 29/05/2019**  
**Time : 03:00 pm**  
**Venue : Project Site, Village Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.**

**Preamble:-**

M/s. Maharashtra State Mining Corporation Ltd., Plot No. 7, Ajni Square, Wardha Road, Nagpur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai for proposed project of M/s. Gaurala Limestone Mines-3.62 Ha, 333TPD, Village: Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal. The matter regarding same was discussed in State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai in its 150<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018. 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 Maharashtra. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in consultation with District Collector, Yavatmal. However, due to some untoward reason, this scheduled hearing has been postponed & informed to the concern by publishing a public notice on 14/03/2019 in leading newspapers namely "Sakal" & "Deshonnati" and English newspaper "The Hitvada". In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 29/05/2019 in consultation with District Collector, Yavatmal. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspapers namely "Lokmat" & "Loksatta" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 02/04/2019. The 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, 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, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, UdyogBhavan, Opp. Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 4) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 1st Floor, UdyogBhavan, Opp. Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) District Magistrate Office, Yavatmal;
- 6) Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal;
- 7) District Industries Center, Yavatmal;
- 8) Sub Divisional Magistrate Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 9) Tahsil Office Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 10) Tahsil Office Maregaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 11) Panchayat Samiti Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 12) Panchayat Samiti Office, Maregaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal;
- 13) Gat-Grampanchat Office, Akapur (Net), Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 14) Gat-Grampanchayat Office, Bhandewada (Bodad), Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal
- 15) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Nimbala (Kh.) (Somnala), Tal. Wani Dist. Yavatmal
- 16) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Warud (Salebhatti), Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 17) Grampanchayat Office, Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal
- 18) Grampanchayat Office Rajur, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 19) Grampanchayat Office Kolgaon, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 20) Grampanchayat Office Mangrul, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.

All the Authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 20 above, were also requested to arrange vide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, Village Gaurala, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal, Maharashtra. 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 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 Lalitkumar Varhade, - **Chairman**  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Yavatmal.
2. Shri Raju R. Vasave - **Member**  
I/c Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur
3. Shri Pratap Jagtap, - **Convener**  
Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur

Shri. Raju Vasave, I/c. Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur was unable to attend the Public Hearing. Only one written submission was received and attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-"I" and "II" respectively.

#### 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 and 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 and 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 and 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. Prashil Shukla, Environment Consultant 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 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 answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES:**

**1) Shri Suresh Nanaji Kale, Ex Sarpanch, Gaurala Gram Panchayat:-**

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	At the proposed mining area of 3.62 Ha., earlier there was mine in operation. Due to this mine, there will be adverse effects on mental & physical health of surrounding Gaurala Camp people. What measures will be taken regarding this issue?	<p>Project Proponent informed that, as the work of mining activity will be carried out as per the guidelines of Director General of Mines Safety Department, there will not be any adverse effect on surrounding people.</p> <p>Plant will be installed for the supply of fluoride-free water to the surrounding people.</p> <p>Proposal to provide ambulance is under consideration to overcome any mishap during mining activity.</p> <p>Health camps will be organized for local people.</p>
2	During mining activity, water level of the bore-wells is reduced and scarcity of water arises in Grampanchayat Area. What measures will be taken for	<p>Project Proponent informed that, in this area the water table is at about 20 m. below and mining activity will be carried out not beyond 7-8 m. due to which there will be no any adverse</p>

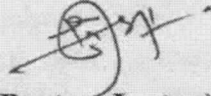
	the same?	<p>effect on groundwater level. Mining will not be carried out below 10 m.</p> <p>The mine pits formed while carrying out mining activity will help in increasing the water level.</p> <p>The impact of blasting will not be more than 15 meters as it is a controlled blasting.</p> <p>The cracks developed due to blasting will help to percolate the water in land and will help in increasing the groundwater level.</p>
3	Our existing bore-wells have stopped functioning due to blasting activities. Is there any remedy from your side?	Project Proponent informed that, if there is any impact on existing bore-wells due to blasting, we will provide new bore-wells.

2) Shri Shriram Kisan Dhengale, Mangrul, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments made by project proponent/ MPCB
1	MSMCL has purchased and acquired my land. But not given compensation.	Project Proponent informed that, after verifying the documents, appropriate decision will be taken. Project Proponent also informed that, possession cannot be taken without providing compensation.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing 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 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.



**(Pratap Jagtap)**  
Convener of the Public Hearing  
Committee and  
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB,  
Chandrapur



**(Lalitkumar Varhade)**  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Yavatmal and Chairman of the Public  
Hearing Committee