

**The minutes of Public Hearing in respect of Chilai Dolomite Mine of Project
Proponent M/s Mohammadi Minerals, Village Chilai, Tal. Wani, Dist.
Yavatmal having production capacity 12000 Tons/Year and mine lease
area of 61.91 Ha. conducted on 08/01/2013, 11.00 am at
Tahsil Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal**

The Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Chilai Dolomite Mine of Project Proponent M/s Mohammadi Minerals, Village Chilai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal having production capacity 12000 Tons/Year and mine lease area of 61.91 Ha. was held on 08/01/2013, 11.00 am at Tahsil Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. The public hearing was conducted under the Chairmanship of **Shri Rajendra Deshmukh**, Additional District Magistrate, Yavatmal.

Shri S. D. Patil, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB Chandrapur was the Convener of the Public Hearing. **Shri N. G. Nihul**, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur was the Member of Public Hearing Panel, **Shri M. P. Barhanpurkar**, District Mining Officer, Yavatmal, **Shri. L. S. Varhade**, SDO, Wani and **Shri. Ashok Misal**, Tahsildar, Wani were also present during the public hearing. The Public Hearing started on 11.30 am with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel.

First of all, the Convener welcomed to all of present for the Public Hearing. He told that, the Public Hearing is being conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification dtd. 14th September 2006 and amended Notification dtd. 1st December 2009 of Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi. He told that the project proponent received TOR (Terms of Reference) for this project from Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi on 06/04/2010. Project Proponent submitted their application to the Board on 25/04/2012 requesting for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, the Board has issued public notice on 05/09/2012 in Daily Lokmat (Marathi) and Daily Hitwada (English) stating date, venue and time of public hearing. The public hearing was scheduled on 09/10/2012, 03.00 PM at Tahsil Office, Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. The said public hearing was postponed due to some unavoidable reason at that time. The notice about postponement of public hearing was published in Marathi Daily Lokmat and English Daily Hitwada on 08/10/2012. Afterwards the public hearing was scheduled on 08/01/2013 and the public notice was published on 03/12/2012 in Daily Lokmat (Marathi) and Daily Hitwada (English) stating date, venue and time of public hearing. The copies of draft EIA/EMP and Executive Summaries in English and Marathi were made available to the offices of District Collector, Yavatmal, District Industries Centre, Yavatmal, Zilha Parishad, Yavatmal, M. P. C. Board (HQ), Mumbai, Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur, Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai, Tahsil Office, Wani and concerned Grampanchayat Chilai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal for the knowledge of concerned. Also, through this notice it was requested to file their objections/suggestions within 30 days from the date of public notice to the Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur. The Member Secretary, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai has issued the panel order no. E-141 of 2012, dated 28/12/2012 for the Public Hearing.

Convener of the Public Hearing further informed to the participants that, no written representation was received regarding public hearing to be conducted. He further appealed

to the participants that, they can file their written objections/representations during Public Hearing and they could express their views orally after the power point presentation that will be given by the project proponent. He further clarified to the participants that the Public Hearing panel is not here to accord/recommend Environmental Clearance to the project, but for recording the objections/suggestions of the participants, which will be video graphed and will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi through Head Office, of M. P. C. Board along with minutes of public hearing for further necessary action. During public hearing no written representation was submitted by the people.

The convener, with the permission of Chairman, then requested the project proponent to give information about their project through power point presentation in local language.

Shri. Bhushan on behalf of Project Proponent gave the presentation on the proposed project of Chilai Dolomite Mine of M/s Mohammadi Minerals.

Thereafter, **Shri A. N. Katole** (Field Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur) appealed people to express their queries, objections, suggestions or comments regarding the proposed project.

The details of the questions raised by the people during the public hearing and the replies given by project proponent are given below.

1] Shri Mahadev Ramdev Bobade (Resident of Chilai) said that his farm is beside the mine for which public hearing is being conducted and crops will be affected due to the pollution which will be created by mine in future.

2] Shri Dadaji Ladke (Resident of Chilai) said that his farm is beside the mine for which public hearing is being conducted and expressed concern over the effect on crops due to pollution which will be created by mine in future. He complained that existing lime kiln is creating air pollution and demanded that permission should not be given to the mine.

3] Shri Sunanda Reddy (Dharitri NGO, Hyderabad) said that mining will be carried out in 61.91 Ha of land and enquired that green belt will be developed on how much land. He suggested that minimum 50 % to 60 % of the total land shall be used for development of green belt. He said that rule of plantation on 33 % of the total land was made considering the population at that time. However, population has increased drastically and hence plantation should be carried out on more land. Mining activities disturb the land and hence it is the responsibility of mine authorities to protect the land and natural resources. He further demanded that Project Proponent should increase the funds for CSR activities as compared to project cost. Rs. 50 to 60 Lakhs/Year should be provided for CSR activities. He said that 2001 census is considered for the project study, while 2011 census should be considered.

Chairman Shri. Rajendra Deshmukh said that 2011 census data is not yet published and instructed Project Proponent to consider 10 % increase in 2001 census.

Shri Sunanda Reddy further said that transparency should be maintained during the project and rainwater harvesting should be done in all nearby villages. Wages should be paid to labours as per provisions of Minimum Wages Act

4] Shri Anup Maruti Bobade (Resident of Chilai) said that Chilai to Ganeshpur road is damaged and same should be repaired by Project Proponent.

5] **Shri Jeevan Gajanan Zade (Resident of Chilai)** stated that farms located beside mine will be affected by mining activities. Chilai to Ganeshpur road is already damaged. He said that permission should not be given to mine and if given, villagers will not allow the mine to start.

6] **Shri Abdul Qadir Abdul Samad (Resident of Wani)** stated that there is no pollution due to mines and plantation is done by mine authorities. However, Chilai to Ganeshpur road is damaged and should be repaired.

7] **Shri Pappu Gowardhan Jagtap (Resident of Wani)** said that it is explained in the presentation that 100 to 110 employments will be created in the proposed mine project and enquired about the nature and specification of employments.

8] **Shri Ganpat Maroti Ledange** said that there are some dolomite mines in Chilai village for which Public Hearings were conducted during last year for few of them. Agreement was made between mine authorities and Nerad Grampanchayat for providing developmental funds but the funds are not yet provided and when Grampanchayat demands the funds mine authorities state that mine is not started. He alleged that during public hearing every project proponent agrees to provide funds but afterwards they don't fulfill the commitments. He said that villagers will not allow the mine to start.

Chairman Shri Rajendra Deshmukh stated that if provisions of written agreement are violated by Project Proponent then Grampanchayat may initiate suitable action at their end against Project Proponent.

Shri N. G. Nihul (Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur) enquired whether anyone has to express views / opinions / objections regarding the proposed cement project. Thereafter nobody came forward. Then he instructed Project Proponent to reply on the issues raised by people so far.

Shri Thakkar on behalf of Project Proponent replied on the issues raised by people so far as below.

- Every precaution will be taken to control dust during blasting and mining activity. Wet drilling will be carried out to control dust while drilling.
- Suggestions given by people will be definitely considered. Wages will be paid to labours as per the provisions of Minimum Wages Act.
- Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) governs the mine. Mine plan is according to the norms of IBM.
- Suggestions regarding increase in the funds will be definitely considered.
- Dolomite is present layer-wise under the land. Drains will be constructed and rainwater will be stored in pits.
- Presently mine is not in operation. Villagers' demand regarding repairing of Chilai to Ganeshpur road will be considered after mining starts.
- Every proper care will be taken to control pollution from the mine. Water will be sprayed on transportation roads by tanker to control dust.
- Health camps will be conducted regularly at Village and medicines will be supplied free of cost to villagers.
- Murum will be supplied to villagers free of cost, if required.

- Mineral Development Fund is provided by Government for developmental works Project Proponent will work at his level to implement utilization of this fund.
- Any kind of agreement is not made between Project Proponent and Nerad Grampanchayat. Nerad village is far from Chilai Dolomite Mine.
- Roads in the village will be constructed / repaired, water supply will be provided, and preference will be given to locals for employment in mine and kiln.

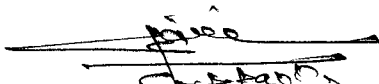
Thereafter **Shri N. G. Nihul (Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur)** enquired as to whether anybody has to express views/opinions/objections regarding the proposed mining project. Thereafter nobody came forward. So he requested Hon'ble Chairman to have his concluding remarks.

Chairman Shri Rajendra Deshmukh stated that Grampanchayat Chilai and Project Proponent should made agreement regarding the commitments made during the public hearing. Plantation should be made along the mine to control dust generation as well as all precautions should be taken to suppress dust during transportation. Blasting should be carried in controlled manner to achieve less noise, vibrations and dust. Drilling should be wet to control dust generation. Trucks should be covered to avoid spillage of minerals during transportation. Medical camps should be organized and medicines should be supplied for villagers. Mineral development fund and CSR funds should be utilized according to villagers' demand.

Shri Jeevan Gajanan Zade (Resident of Chilai) stated that farms located beside the mine are under threat due to mining and blasting activities as blasting will damage the tube of bore-well and it will be lapsed. He demanded that permission should not be granted to the mine.

Shri Thakkar on behalf of Project Proponent replied that farms beside the mine will be purchased in future and controlled blasting will not damage the bore-wells of nearby farms.

Chairman Shri Rajendra Deshmukh stated that public hearing committee is not the authority who gives permission to the mine. Views expressed by people will be incorporated in minutes, which, along with video-graphy of public hearing will be sent to Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi for further necessary action. He then summarized all discussions made during the public hearing and declared that public hearing is completed.



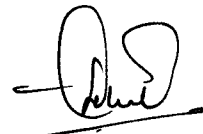
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