

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED MANUFACTURING OF MINERALS BENEFICIATION PROJECT MANGANESE DI-OXIDE-5000 MT/ANNUM AND MANGANESE OXIDE-5000 MT/ANNUM OF M/S. VIDHYA MINERALS AND PROCESSORS, PLOT NO.B-19/1, BHANDARA INDUSTRIAL AREA, VILLAGE-GADEGAON, TAH-LAKHANI, DIST-BHANDARA DATED 26.02.2020.

Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Manufacturing Of Minerals Beneficiation Project Manganese Di-Oxide-5000 MT/Annum and Manganese Oxide-5000 MT/A of M/s. Vidhya Minerals And Processors, Plot No.B-19/1, Bhandara Industrial Area, Village-Gadegaon, Tah-Lakhani, Dist-Bhandara under the Chairmanship of Dr.Shrikrishnanath Panchal, Assistant Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer (A representative nominated by the District Collector, Bhandara). Shri.Ashok Kare, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was the member of the public hearing panel and Shri.Anand Katole, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Bhandara act as a convener. The public hearing conducted on 26/02/2020 at Project site Plot No.B-19/1, Bhandara Industrial Area, Village-Gadegaon, Tah-Lakhani, Dist-Bhandara. The Public Hearing started at 11.30 hrs. with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the People present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

BACKGROUND:

M/s. Vidhya Minerals And Processors, Plot No.B-19/1, Bhandara Industrial Area, Village-Gadegaon, Tah-Lakhani, Dist-Bhandara proposed Manufacturing Of Minerals Beneficiation Project Manganese Di-Oxide-5000 MT/Annum and Manganese Oxide-5000 MT/A Coal shall be used as a reducing agent for Conversion of Manganese Ore to Manganese Oxide.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

With the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Bhandara has started Public Hearing by welcoming the Chairperson and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens from the village and others present.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel stated that, this Public Hearing is for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project. The same will be communicated to the Government. He also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision for accordance or any approval to the project. He has appealed to the participants to express their views/comments regarding this proposed project.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Bhandara 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 September, 2006. The notices for the public hearing was published in two local widely circulated news papers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Loksatta' (Marathi) on 23/01/2020. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Copies of the executive summary / EIA containing salient features of the project & 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. This office has online received representation during the public hearing. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E-17 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-732 dtd.24/02/2020. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, Bhandara and Convener requested the project proponent to give their detail presentation about the project and the Environmental issues related with it. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in local language as under:

Project proponent has given detail presentation regarding salient features of the proposed project for manufacturing of Manganese Oxide And Ferro Alloys (By Thermit Process). He further explained regarding project location, benefits of proposed project, proposed facilities, fire fitting facilities, process description, description of environment and identification of anticipated impact, Land environment, climate and meteorology, Air Environment, existing water quality, water consumption, biological environment, socio-economic environment, impact on local infrastructure, environment management plan, air emission, preventive maintenance / inspection,

PROCEEDINGS:-

1. Shri. Suresh Sarve, Up-sarpanch, GP, Gadegaon.

- The existing plant is operating since last one year and there is no nuisance from this plant.
- Industry shall provide basic amities to the Gadegaon Village and shall provide 2% CSR fund to the village for the development work.

2. Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist.

- He welcomed the proposed project.
- Industrial development is essential for the economy and the employment generation. The industry has provided detail report regarding air, water & waste generation.
- EIA report prepared by industry is very good.

3. Shri. Chhaganlal Rathi

- There will be employment generation opportunities, if project is approved.

4. Shri. S. Vyankateshwaram, Environmentalist.

- He has extended his support for the proposed project.

5. Dr. Ashish Bansod, Bhandara.

- He has extended his support for the proposed project.

6. Dr. D.R. Lanjewar, Dhargaon.


- Industry shall provide massive tree plantation for the betterment of the Environment and clean air. Industry shall provide free saplings to the villagers for the plantation.
- Basic infrastructure such as road development shall be provided by concerned authorities.

PROJECT PROPONENT :

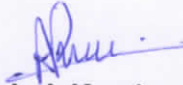
Shri. Aditya Jain, Project proponent has appreciated the local villagers for showing their concern regarding employment generation and pollution control. He expressed his commitment towards Environment Protection and replied to the questions raised during public hearing which is as under;

- Preference will be given to local people for the employment.
- Yearly Rs.2.0/- Lacs will be allotted for CSR activities.
- Necessary infrastructure will be installed so that, Environment will not be damage.

Dr. Shrikrishnanath Panchal, Chairamn, Public Hearing Panel (Assistant Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer, Bhandara) has informed to public that all views and comments are noted and recorded. He further instructed local villagers to submit their representation regarding pollution related matters to Pollution Control Board and District Administration for further investigation. This proceeding will be submitted to the Environment Ministry for further consideration. Finally, Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel has summarized the proceeding of public hearing in detail and **Shri. Anand Katole, SRO, MPCB** thanks all the officials, public and local villagers present in the public hearing. The public hearing is concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.



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Convener of the Public
Hearing Panel



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