

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR MANUFACTURING OF MANGANESE OXIDE AND FERRO ALLOYS (BY THERMIT PROCESS) OF M/S. JANKIJI MINERALS, PLOT NO. A-2 MIDC AREA GOREGAON, TAH-GOREGAON, DIST-GONDIA DATED 12.02.2020.

Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Projects for Manufacturing of Manganese Oxide and Ferro Alloys (By Thermit Process) in respect of M/s. Jankiji Minerals, Plot No.A-2 MIDC Area Goregaon, Tah-Goregaon, Dist-Gondia under the Chairmanship of Smt. Smita Belpatre, Resident Deputy Collector & Additional District Magistrate (A representative nominated by the District Collector, Gondia). 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 at Project site Plot No.A-2, MIDC area, Goregaon, Tah.Goregaon, Dist.Gondia. 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:

The factory "M/s. Janakiji Minerals" was established on 17/06/2016 whose Registered Office is at – Asati Dharamkata Chowk, Lanji Road, Amgaon, Dist. Gondia has been registered with the small-scale industry, registered with (Udhyog Adhar) having registration UAN No. MH1 1A0023752 with main object to be pursued by the factory is Trading, Processing and Manufacturing unit of Manganese Ore/Powder, Manganese Dioxide Powder in first phase and shortly going to start processing & manufacturing of Manganese Oxide and Ferro Alloys (Thermite Process) Ferro Manganese Medium Carbon & Low Carbon, Ferro Titanium, Ferro Vanadium, Ferro Molybdenum In Second phase. The present and proposed– manufacturing facility of the Company is situated over 0.36 Ha area at Plot No. A-2 M.I.D.C. Area Goregaon, TahsilGoregaon, District- Gondia, Maharashtra. The proposed project is manufacturing of Manganese Oxide and Ferro Alloys (By Thermite Process) at Plot No. A-2 M.I.D.C. Area Goregaon, Tahsil-Goregaon, DistrictGondia, Maharashtra. Coal shall be used as a reducing agent for Conversion of Manganese Ore to Manganese Oxide.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

With the permission of Chairperson 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.

Chairperson 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 09/01/2020. 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 not received representation during the public hearing. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E-13 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-851 dtd. 11/02/2020. 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. Sujit Somaji Harinkhede, Member of GP, Hirdamali.**
 - He supported the project and expected employment opportunity from this project.
 - Industry authority will maintain amicable relationship with the labours and villagers.
 - Industry shall provide suitable health facility in case of emergency.
 - The CSR fund shall be utilized for the beneficitation of local middle school so that, education facility will be improved.
2. **Smt. Ranjana Warekar, Sarpanch, GP, Hirdamali.**
 - Employment opportunity will be generated due to this project.
 - Industry should provide suitable measures so that, there shall be no pollution related problem. Industry shall give adequate compensation to villagers and labour in case of any health-related issues.
3. **Shri. Tejram Patle, Up-Sarpanch, GP, Hirdamali.**
 - Industry shall take corrective measures in case of any adverse effect due to pollution.
 - Health insurance cover shall be provided to labour.

PROJECT PROPONENT :

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;

- There will be minimal impact of air, water & noise pollution due to operation of the proposed project. Industry will provide suitable air pollution control arrangements.

- As per the MoEF & CC guidelines, CER fund will be utilized towards educational, health & environment management activity. CSR fund will be utilized incorporation with local body and suitable fund will be utilized for upliftment of local school.
- Health insurance policy will be provided to workers.
- Suitable compensation will be given to workers in case of accident or casualty.

Smt. Smita Belpatre, Chairperson, Public Hearing Panel (Resident Deputy Collector & Additional District Magistrate, Gondia) 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, Chairperson 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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MPC Board, Nagpur &
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Hearing Panel



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Resident Deputy Collector &
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Panel