

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED
CONVERSION OF ADASA UNDERGROUND TO OPEN CAST COAL MINE
EXPANSION IN PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 0.5 MTPA TO 1.50
MTPA(NORMATIVE) AND 1.85 MTPA(PEAK) OF M/s WESTERN COALFIELD
LIMITED, THE SIL SOANER, DISTRICT NAGPUR.**

M/s. Western Coalfields Ltd , Nagpur Area converting the Adasa UG Mines into open cast mine, expansion in production capacity from 0.5 Million tonne per annum to 1.5 Million tonne per annum (Normal) and 1.85 Million tonne per annum (Peak) and to increase land area from 226 Ha to 596 Ha, Tehsil Saoner, District Nagpur. Environmental Public hearing of the mining industry on February 06, 2018, Mine Manager, Adasa Underground Mining Expansion Project, Saoner Sub Area, Kotadi, Po. Pakkhedi, thesil Saoner, District Nagpur was taken at 12.00 pm. Proposed public hearing under the Chairmanship of Shri. Mr. Ravindra Khajanji, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur had been taking up the issue of extension of land, Shri. Rahul Wankhede, Regional Officer, Nagpur were present as member and Smt. Hema Deshpade, Sub Regional Officer, Nagpur-1, was the convenor of the public hearing.

Other officials, as well as the public, were present during the Public hearing. Attendance signature of attendees have been taken and attached. (Copy enclosed Annex-A.)

M/s Western Coalfields Limited according to the Terms of Reference issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forest Climate Change , Government of India for issuing environmental clearance and Terms of reference granted by the Ministry require public hearing for the above proposed project had given letter to the Board for conducting necessary public hearing. The application was submitted under letter dated 16/02/2017. Then MPCB, Headquarters was approved to start the process of public hearing vide letter / JD (WPC) / P. Hearing / B-7 9 2, dated. 23/02/2017. According to the Letter no. 160 dated 23/02/2018, WCL had requested for postponement of the public hearing and again requested to Board to conduct public hearing vide letter no. 225 dated 01/12/2018.

According to the Environmental Impact Assessment, notification dated. 14th September 2006 and as per provisions of Amended rules dated 23/02/2017, place of public hearing, date and time was decided with the approval Hon'ble Collector, Nagpur

According to the Office order of the MPCB Headquarters vide letter no BO / JD (WPC) / P. H./B-460, dt. 04/02/2019 has decided to conduct Public Hearing on dated 06/02/2019 at 12.00 pm at the Office of the Adasa Mine Manger under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble ADM, Nagpur. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith. (Annex-B)

Advertisement regarding public hearing were published in two widely circulated news paper namely The Hitwad (English) as well as the daily Loksatta (Marathi) on 05/01/2019 for any objection was sought for public regarding issue (Annex-C).

For information and study, copy of the executive summary and draft EIA report of the project were made available to the public by making these documents available in list of following offices.

- 1) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai
- 2) District Collectorate, Nagpur
- 3) Zilla Parishad, Nagpur
- 4) District Industry Centre, Nagpur
- 5) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai
- 6) Regional Office, M. Q. N Circle, Nagpur
- 7) Sub-regional office, M. Q. N Board, Nagpur-1
- 8) Gram panchayat office, Kotadi, Tal. Saoner, District- Nagpur.
- 9) Gram Panchayat Office, Erangaon, Tal. Saoner, District- Nagpur.
- 10) Gram Panchayat, Patkakhedi, Tal. Saoner, District- Nagpur.
- 11) Tahsil Office, Saoner, Tal. Saoner, District- Nagpur.
- 12) Sub-Divisional Officer, Saoner, Tal. Saoner district Nagpur.
- 13) Regional Offices, MoEF&CC, Bottom Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur 440001

Also, the copy of the study report was made available to the public on the website of the mpcb.gov.in.

Smt . Hema Deshpande, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-1 with the permission of the Chairman started the process of public hearing at 12.00 PM. During the introductory speech, this Public Hearing is to know the views/objections/suggestions of the public regarding the project and the same will be communicated to the Ministry. It is also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision for accordance any approval of Environment Clearance. Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-1 said during the speech that the history of public hearing, written objections and video recordings are being submitted to the Ministries for further action. Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-1 has invited representatives of the industry to present presentation about this project.

The technical presentation on mines of the proposed mines by the Mining Engineer, in Marathi language, provides information about environmental trauma and its measures.

Smt. Hema Deshpande requested the submission of the report before the committee if the objections / suggestions were made by the people.

Shri. Rambhau Bhujade Ex Sarpanch Kotadi

He asked that

1) On basis of which rules our irrigated land, which was acquired in 2014, was shown as barren land and those whose land is barren is shown as irrigated.

The Chairman has recommended to give the written complaint to the district administration and said that it will be resolved as per law.

2) How much land and where rehabilitation of Erangaon and Kotodi .

3) Provision of employment for the acquiring of house of Erangaon and Kotodi

4) There is no objection about the environment.

Shri. Chetan Nimbalkar, Sarpanch, Adasa

The project is good. According to the CSR, the nearby villages will be benefited and developed. Technically think about the damage due to the dust.

Shri. Baludas Mandapay, Sarpanch Kotodi

Properly adopt the pollution control measures.

Shri. Sandip Jivodode, Sarpanch Patkhedi

As on date due to mining crops were damaged by dust and open cast mining dust pollution increases. Losses may be compensated from CSR.

Shri. Pawan Bajirao Dhoke , Borgaon

The M/s WCL has planted trees surrounded villages.

Shri. Abhi Ghatalwar, Kotodi

Mines should be started as soon as possible and provided employment.

Shri. Bipin Chaudhary, Erangaon

When mine, will be started when the village will be rehabilitated, where overburden is being kept, where to put the overburden, land within 12km should be acquired and should be in one phase without taking the land in the phases. Listen to the words of the villagers. What will be the rate of the agriculture land and please answer when employment will be given ? Those whose land have been acquired, land ? compensation be given to them immediately. The complaints of farmers be resolved.

Shri. Kailas Kapse, Adasa

Immediate decision should be taken regarding farmers agriculture land.

Shri. Pankaj Gabhane, Borgaon

WCL developed near by villages and provided water for agriculture purpose. About 200 acres of land is irrigated through WCL water. Plantation has been done for Environment Conservation. Also acquire remaining agricultural land in Borgaon village.

Shri. Sheshrao Mankar, Ex. Sarpanch

1) Due to the coal transport dust creates pollution, there is a need to control it.

2) If there is agriculture land in case of one hectare, then he should also be given a job.

3 M/s WCL have done many things in our village.

Shri. Babanrao Hulde, Borgaon

1) Mine No-2 dust from a coal bunker should be controlled.

2) Give employment by acquiring agriculture land.

Shri. Pawan Bhongde, Up sarpanch Waghoda.

Run this project as early as possible and give job to unemployed so that the financial condition of everyone improves. Treated water should be discharged into the drain for drinking purpose of cattle. The villages should be developed by the CSR fund. For villagers pure water should be arranged for drinking purpose.

Shri. Suresh Mohod

- 1) Due to the project, dust will be formed and cause damage the agricultural land for which permanent arrangement should be taken.
- 2) Health facilities should be provided to the people of nearby villages.
- 3) Decision regarding the acquisition of agriculture land should be taken as soon as possible.

Shri. Dnyaneshwar Chaudhary

- 1) The items shown in the presentation should be followed.
- 2) Pasture area at Patakakhedi had been polluted due to disposal of plastic solid waste by WCL colony and therefore the animals are being effected.

Shri. Ananta Gajanan Mohod, Adasa

When will the land be acquired, What will be the reimbursement? M/s WCL has been developed Eco Park which enhance environmental conservation and it is the centre of attraction.

Shri. Reddy Social Worker

- 1) This project will lead to the development of nearby area. The government will also get revenue.
- 2) The rules for the use of CSR funds should be followed.
- 3) Trees should be planted and maintained.
- 4) Local people should be given permanent jobs.

Shri. Adv. Prakash Tekade, Borgaon

- 1) Welcome to the project.
- 2) If the execution is done as per the presentations, then no one can be suffered.
- 3) Provide the proper system for the purified drinking water to the affected villages from CSR fund
- 4) If you take proper precautions that this mine will not harm the land and health, then no one will be complained.
- 5) Farmers' compensation should be given as soon as possible according to the rules.
- 6) Local people should be given permanent job.
- 7) We are cooperating with this project.

Shri. Chetan Nimbalkar, Sarpanch Adasa

- 1) The criteria for giving job should be clarified.
- 2) Proper planning should be done for the discharge of water from the mine for agriculture purpose and for conservation of ground water level.

Shri. Gokhale, M/s W.C.L, Area General Manager, Nagpur Area.

- 1) The provision of funds for implementation of the items shown in the presentation has been made in the project and will be implemented fully.
- 2) Consent has been granted by Central Government for this project. Hence compensation will be given immediately after 15th of February.
- 3) Planning for the development of the village will be prepared through village Sarpanch and Gramsabha under CSR fund.
- 4) W.C.L health facilities will be provided.
- 5) There is a plan to encourage children for sports.
- 6) Empowering education will be provided under skill development.
- 7) Registered Corporative society of villages has distributed upto 2lakhs.

Hon'ble Regional officer, MPCB

According to the demand of villagers the project should plan CER fund at the beginning.

Shri. Gokhale

For drinking water in the project affected villages RO plant will be installed. Drinking water will be provided to the cattle.

Shri. Regional officer

- 1) M/s WCL Disposal of solid waste from colonization should be disposed off technically.
- 2) Their should not be loss to agriculture due to coal transportation for which water sprayers and rectification of pot holes of roads should be done from the CER fund.

M/s W.C.L

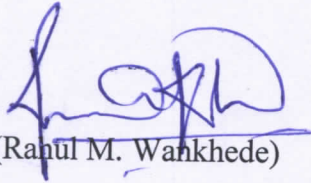
- 1) Water supply to villages will be provided through Patanswangi RO Plant machinery and maintenance of RO Plant in the village will be done by WCL.
- 2) As per Revenue Record of 2014, land compensation will be given.
- 3) One employment will be provided as per their educational qualifications. A permanent job of 650 people will be given.
- 4) With the consent of District Administration and Village for rehabilitation of Kotodi and Erangaon village will be done.
- 5) Those who do not desire a job will be given one time settlement money as per law .
- 6) Measures will be taken to control the dust due to coal transport and control measures will be taken

Chairman.

Everyone has presented their views. There will be some confusion about the acquisition of land. Talk to the officials and fix them. If not satisfied, the district administration will try to resolve it.

According to the Government rules, the rate of land will be paid. The list of employment will be checked by the district administration. Both the villages will be accorded with the consent of Gram Sabha with appropriate facilities as per the laws. The appropriate measures will be taken for improvement of environment. of the land .M/s WCL will give priority to the land compensation. As per above, efforts will be made to resolve the problems by M/s WCL and district administration.

Public hearings ended with thanks to the chair.



(Rahul M. Wankhede)

Member, and

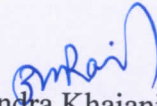
Regional Officer, Nagpur



(Hema Deshpande)

Organizer, and

Sub Regional Officer, Nagpur-1



(Ravindra Khajanji)

President, and

Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur

Hon'ble MLA Shree. Mr. Sunil Kedar has submitted a letter regarding re-conducting public hearing of M/s. Western Coalfields Ltd , Nagpur Area for converting the Adasa Mines into open cast mine, expansion in production capacity from 0.5 Million tonne per annum to 1.5 Million tonne per annum (Normal) and 1.85 Million tonne per annum (copy enclosed) He is local MLA of this area and he told this office that he not properly informed by project proponent regarding occurrence of public hearing specifically day, date and venue, therefore he could not attend the said public hearing with his objections.