

Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing.

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Environmental public hearing of M/s Gumgaon Manganese Ore Mine, MOIL, Vill, Gumgaon, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur, was conducted on 20th February 2020 at 12.00 noon within premises of Existing mine. Public hearing was conducted under the chairmanship of Shri Ravindra Khajanji, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur. Shri Atul Satphale Field Officer as a representative of Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was present as a member and Smt Hema Deshpande, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur -1 was convener of the said Public Hearing. Nearby public, & other officials attended Public Hearing enthusiastically; attendance register is attached herewith.

M/s Gumgaon Manganese Ore Mine, MOIL, Gumgaon, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur, has submitted proposal for underground mining activity over 126.84 Hectare mine lease area for production of Manganese ore from 102000 MTA, which requires Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India. As per Terms of Reference, issued by the Ministry, Mine authority vide letter dated 14/05/2018, had applied to the M.P.C Board to conduct public consultation along with draft EIA/EMP, Executive summary in English & Marathi. The Head office of the Board, vide letter no. MPCB/JD (WPC)/P.H/B- 4176 dtd 22/10/2019, had accorded approval to conduct public hearing procedure. Following guidelines stipulated under EIA Notification dated 14 Sep 2006, amended dtd 1/12/2009, venue, date and time was finalized after consultation with District Magistrate, Nagpur. The Board office vide letter no. MPCB/JD (WPC)/P.H/B- 925 dtd 30/01/2020 issued office order to conduct public Hearing within premises of Mine office, on 20th February 2020 at 12.00 noon under the chairmanship of District Magistrate, Nagpur, (copy enclosed).

Advertise of the said public Hearing was published in English daily "The Hitvada" & Marathi daily " Tarun Bharat" dtd 18th January 2020 with thirty days period to receive objections of the concerns. (Copies enclosed).

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment/Environment Management Plan reports along with Executive summary in English and Marathi with soft copy were placed at following offices for information and study by the people.

- 1) Environment Department, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
- 2) Collector Office, Nagpur.
- 3) Zilha Parishad, Nagpur.
- 4) District Industry Center, Nagpur.
- 5) Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
- 6) Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur.
- 7) Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-1.
- 8) Grampanchayat Office, Gumgaon, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur.
- 9) Grampanchayat Office, Tigai, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur.
- 10) Grampanchayat Office, Khodegaon, Tq Saoner, Dist Nagpur.
- 11) Tahsil Office, Saoner, Nagpur.
- 12) Sub-Divisional Office, Saoner, Dist Nagpur.
- 13) Regional Office, MoEF, climate change, at ground floor, East wing, New secretariat Building, Civil lines, Nagpur.

Said documents were also made available on Board's website mpcb.gov.in

No written objections/ were received before Public Hearing however; four objections/representations were received during hearing. (copies are attached herewith)

Public Hearing proceedings started at 12.00 after due permission of the Chairperson. Convener Hema Deshpande during her introductory speech explained procedure of public hearing and cleared that, public hearing committee doesn't have right to recommend or to approve project. The proceeding of public hearing along with received written objections/memorandums and video recording will be submitted to the Ministry for further needful action. She then invited industry representative to give power point presentation of proposed expansion project.

Shri Mudliyar , representative of a Technical Consultancy M/s WolKem India Limited for said mine authority has given power point presentations in Marathi regarding details of proposed project, Present Environmental status, Impact of proposed project & Environmental mitigation measures.

Smt Hema Deshpande, convener of the hearing invited present people to put their views, objections etc. regarding project.

Points discussed are as under.

Shri Chagan Goude, Ex. Corporator, Municipal Council, Khapa said;

MOIL has carried out extensive tree Plantation in surrounding villages for conservation of Environment. Since it is underground mine there is no Environmental issues.

Shri Waman Masurkar, Khapa said;

- 1) MOIL is always helping to villagers but condition of Khapa –Wakodi road is very worst and it is requested MOIL authority shall look for it.
- 2) Proposed mine will provide employment to local people and clearance may be issued to said project subject to Environmental Laws.
- 3) He further insisted to discuss the assurances and their compliance given during previous public hearing of Gumgaon Underground expansion project.

Shri Kishor Gajbhiye, sarpanch Kodegaon, said;

- 1) No Environmental Issues.
- 2) Employment shall be provided to local people.
- 3) Source of water for drinking is ground water, which is salty, Moil authority has not taken cognizance of our demand of R.O Plant for drinking water which was made made during previous public hearing conducted for expansion project and requested to consider the same.
- 4) Requested to carry out village development works under CSR fund.

Shri Loknath Narnawre, Khapa.

- 1) MOIL authority shall take adequate measures to control air pollution due to blasting carrying in their underground mine to prevent health hazard.
- 2) Truck parking area is inadequate, and Moil shall take appropriate measures to prevent air pollution due to truck parking and transportation of Manganese ore.
- 3) Employment shall be provided to local people.

Gajanan Titre, Khapa,

- 1) Welcomed proposed project and said that no danger to Environment and expected generation of employment.

Shri Prefulla Mohte, Khapa.

- 1) No objection to proposed mine project.
- 2) MOIL has developed green belts and carried development works in nearby villages under CSR activities.

Smt Sangeeta Bawaiskar, Sarpanch, Tigai.

- 1) No Environmental issues.
- 2) Having shortage of Drinking water in village. Demanded to provide drinking water arrangement & individual toilets in the village.
- 3) Requested for contribution towards development works in village under CSR activities and employment to local youths.

Shri Lokesh Bhagat, Tigai.

- 1) Welcomed upcoming expansion project.
- 2) Suggested to provide mine water treatment facility before discharge.
- 3) Demanded for individual toilets in Tigai village.

Shri Devidas Nagrale.

- 1) Suggested to review survival rate of tree plantation carried by the MOIL authority.
- 2) Demanded employment to people under five K.M radius from proposed project based on their skills/ capacity.
- 3) Demanded to explore maximum indirect employment for local unemployed people.

Shri Janrao Bawiskar, Tigai., has present problem of Kochi Barrage an Irrigation project which was irrelevant to said project and Hon,ble chairman asked to contact concerned department for their issue.

Shri Madhubabu, submitted written suggestion to forward at MoEF.

Shri Manekar, General Manager, MOIL assured that we will try to fulfill demands of villagers expressed during this public hearing.

Shri C.V Atulkar Ex. Director (Tech) has given following commitment;

- 1) Employment and compensation will be given to project affected person.
- 2) R.O Plants will be provided in villages for pure drinking water to villagers.
- 3) Adequate measures will be taken to control air pollution due to blasting into underground mine, he further explained that, there will be no impact of surface due to underground blasting activities.
- 4) Manganese ore transportation & parking activities will be controlled to prevent any kind of nuisance.
- 5) Individual toilets will be provided as per demand with due approval procedure of the management.

- 6) Priority will be given for local employment as per policy under non-technical work.
- 7) Regular monitoring of tree plantation under mine lease is carried out. He further assured that; efforts will be taken by MOIL for survival of trees in non-lease area.
- 8) He further said that, as per commitment made in previous public hearing a proposal of Rs 2.0 Crs for various developments works in nearby villages are submitted to the Hon'ble District Collector for approval and will be completed within one year.

Smt Hema Deshpande, convener of public hearing asked to furnish fund details under CER/CSR.

Technical consultant explained details of CER works which are still proposed and that will be finalized as per scope of public hearing issues.


In the concluding remark chairman of the public hearing said that, all the suggestions, views presented during public hearing are recorded. He summarized suggestions of people and said that, mine authority has replied to all suggestions & demands and asked to take help of District administration to sort out villagers problem regarding road construction/maintenance. He further suggested that, MOIL authority shall carry out skill development work to promote indirect/ self-employment for surrounding area of project.

Public Hearing ended with thanks.



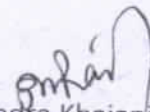
(Ashok Kare)

Member & Regional Officer



(Hema Deshpande)

Convener & Sub-Regional Officer



(Ravindra Khajanji)

Additional District Magistrate,

Nagpur.