

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PROJECT OF M/S. ROYAL POTTERY CERAMICS INDUSTRIES, SR. NO. 111 & 115, VILLAGE MARKAGONDI, TAL. JIWATI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT OF MINING OF LATERITE FROM 1,25,000 TPA TO 6,19,030.40 TPA (33.03 HA.) LOCATED AT SR. NO. 111 & 115, VILLAGE MARKAGONDI, TAL. JIWATI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR PROPOSED BY M/S. ROYAL POTTERY CERAMICS INDUSTRIES, OLD SBI COLONY, MUL ROAD, CHANDRAPUR**

**Date : 03/11/2020**

**Time : 12:10 PM**

**Venue : PROJECT SITE, M/S. ROYAL POTTERY CERAMICS INDUSTRIES, AT SR. NO. 111 & 115, VILLAGE MARKAGONDI, TAL. JIWATI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR.**

**Preamble:-**

M/s. Royal Pottery Ceramics Industries, Old SBI Colony, Mul Road, Chandrapur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai for Proposed Expansion Project of Mining of Laterite From 1,25,000 TPA to 6,19,030.40 TPA (33.03 HA.) Located at Sr. No. 111 & 115, Village Markagondi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur. Project has got the Environmental Clearance for the production of 125000 TPA of Laterite by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in his 139<sup>th</sup> Meeting vide ref. no.: SEIAA-Agenda 000000792 Dated 28/09/2018 SEIAA EC-0000000460 Dated: 27/10/2018. Now, project proponent applied to SEAC/SEIAA, MoEF&CC, Govt. of Maharashtra for increase in production of Laterite from existing 1,25,000 TPA to 6,19,030.40 TPA. The matter regarding same was discussed in State Expert Appraisal Committee-1 (SEAC-1) in the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Department, GOM in its 178<sup>th</sup> meeting (Day-2) Agenda ref No. 0000003722 held on 18/02/2020. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 & copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Annexure-I. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that public hearing issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be included separately in EIA/EMP report.

Accordingly, project proponent had submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Loksatta" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 30/09/2020. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit



objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- (1) Environment Department, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032
- (2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- (3) Regional Office, and Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- (4) Collector Office, Chandrapur.
- (5) Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur.
- (6) District Industries Center, Chandrapur.
- (7) Sub-Divisional Office Rajura, Tal. Rajura, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (8) Tahsil Office Jiwati, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (9) Panchayat Samiti Office, Jiwati, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur.
- (10) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Pittiguda, Tal. Jiwati, Dist Chandrapur
- (11) Gat-Grampanchayat Office Markagondi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist Chandrapur.
- (12) Gat-Grampanchayat Office, Nandappa, Tal. Jiwati, Dist Chandrapur.
- (13) Gat-Grampanchayat Office, Ambezari, Tal. Jiwati, Dist Chandrapur.

The Authorities at Sr. No. 4 to 13 above, were requested to arrange vide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, M/S. Royal Pottery Ceramics Industries, At Sr. No. 111 & 115, Village Markagondi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-201023-FTS-0091 dated 23/10/2020 (Office Order no. E-58 of 2020 (**Annexure-I**) in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

1. Shri Manohar Gawhad,  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Chandrapur,

- **Chairman**



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| 2. Shri A. M. Kare<br>I/c Regional Officer,<br>MPCB, Chandrapur  | - | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3. Shri Ajit Patil,<br>Sub Regional Officer,<br>MPCB, Chandrapur | - | <b>Convener</b> |

The written submissions (4) were received is attached as Annexure-"II".  
List of four representations is stated further.

- i) Letter from Mr. Deepak Dikshit, Prakruti Foundation, Chandrapur dated 27/10/2020.
- ii) Letter from Deputy Conservator of Forest, Central Chanda Forest Department, Chandrapur dated 03/11/2020.
- iii) Letter from Mr. B. P. Bramhane, Bapat Nagar, Behind Hotel Sitara, Chandrapur dated 26/10/2020.
- iv) E-mail letter received from Mr. Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, President, Dharithri Paryavarana Parirakshana Sanstha, Nalgonda, Telengana State dated 01/11/2020.
- v) Letter from Yamunabai Gaikwad & 2 others dated 03/11/2020.

The attendance sheet i.e. signature of the public who were physically present at public hearing venue is attached as Annexure-"III".

#### **MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING :-**

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri. Ajit Patil, Sub-Regional Officer Chandrapur, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections & comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept and objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environment aspect. He stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that the presentation about the proposed projects will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/ objections shall be raised by participants. He made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name & address before raising any query/objections so that the name of the participant along with views will be included in the proceedings of meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. Rajesh Mankar, Environment Consultant made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient



features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB. The summary of issues raised, and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

**FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE**

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES:**

**1) Shri. Laxman Rathod, Mathadi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	What benefits will our village get due to commissioning of the proposed project?	Environmental Consultant informed that, this project has already commissioned & this public hearing is conducted for expansion of the Laterite mine i.e. enhancing production capacity of the mine. Project Proponent is using local vehicles for transportation of laterite mineral to the nearby cement industries due to which local people are getting employed. Also, Rs. 1,80,000/- have been proposed for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER). After receiving approval from Hon'ble District Collector, Chandrapur the CER funds will be utilized for different purposes and surrounding villages will get benefited.

**2) Shri. Sunil Ade, Mathadi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent</b>
1)	Priority shall be given to local villagers while providing employment.	Environmental Consultant informed that, priority will be given to local people only while providing employment opportunities in which skilled & unskilled labour will also be included. If any skilled labour is not available in the 10 km radius area of the project, then the same will be employed from outside. Otherwise priority will be given to local people only.

**3) Shri. Abhay Shinde, Pallezari, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent</b>
1)	What benefits will our village get due to commissioning of the proposed project & how will we get the benefits?	Environmental Consultant informed that, this project has already commissioned & this public hearing is conducted for expansion of the Laterite mine i.e. enhancing production capacity of the mine. Project Proponent is using local vehicles for transportation of laterite mineral to the nearby cement industries due to which local people are getting employed. Also, Rs. 1,80,000/- have been proposed for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER). After receiving approval from Hon'ble District Collector, Chandrapur the CER funds will be utilized for different purposes and surrounding villages will get benefited.



4) **Shri. Sayyed Sadik, Social Worker, Markagondi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	What pollution control measures will be implemented for control of pollution from mines to environment?	Environmental Consultant informed that, during presentation it was told that green belt has already been developed by the Project Proponent & pictures of the same were also shown. Also, information regarding proposed tree plantation has been given. For pollution causing due to excavation of laterite around 21878 trees will be planted & Project Proponent assures that, it will help in controlling pollution from mines.

5) **Shri. Sheikh Salim, Ex-Sarpanch, Ambezari Grampanchayat, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	A lot of people are employed due to the said project such as JCB operators, JCB Drivers, etc. Therefore, I support this project & request the Public Hearing Panel to give permission for commissioning of the project at the earliest.	Environment Consultant informed that, the project Proponent acknowledges the support toward the project.

6) **Shri. Ramrao Rathod, Dy. Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Ambezari, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	Will the Grampanchayat get the royalty generated from the proposed expansion project?	Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Panel informed that, Pradhanmantri Khanij Kalyana Yojana is implemented in every district of Maharashtra State. A Committee is constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Guardian



	Minister & Hon'ble District Collector is Member Secretary in the said committee which looks after the royalties deposited under the scheme. Some part of the above-said royalty is distributed & utilized for health & sanitation of local people, surrounding environment & developmental projects of the are depending upon the need & local issues and decision regarding the same is taken at District level.
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**7) Shri. Vitthal Chavhan, Patan, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/Question</b>	<b>Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent</b>
1)	It is requested to grant permission to the said expansion project so that educated unemployed people would get employment in the said project.	Environment Consultant informed that, priority will be given to local people only while providing employment opportunities in which skilled & unskilled labour will also be included. If any skilled labour is not available in the 10 km radius area of the project, then the same will be employed from outside. Otherwise priority will be given to local people only.

**8) Shri. Lala Sheikh, Dy. Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Markagondi, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/Question</b>	<b>Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent</b>
1)	Due to commissioning of the aid project, surrounding villagers & residents of Jiwati Taluka have got employment but till date no royalty has been received to the Gram Panchayat and also CSR funds are also not received to our Grampanchayat till date. It is requested to inform about when	Environment Consultant informed that, as the said project is Expansion project only 1% amount of the total capital investment of the project has been proposed under CSR activities. Now, the terminology has been changed as CER i.e. Corporate Environmental Responsibility. If new projects are proposed then they should propose 2% amount of the total capital investment of the project



	our Grampanchayat will received these funds?	for CER & if the project is expansion project then only 1% amount of the total capital investment of the project has to be kept reserved for CER Activities. Accordingly, the project proponent has made provision for the same & they will implement it.
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**9) Shri. Bandu Rathod, Pallezari, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	As this area is a backward area, information about advertisements of this public hearing has not reached to most of the villagers. Employment opportunities have been given to the local people. Also, villages in the surrounding area have also been benefited due to this project. But as per the statement of Dy. Sarpanch, Grampanchayat possesses first right on the royalty generated from mining activities. If royalty is directly received to the Grampanchayat then it can be utilized for development of villages. We do not oppose the said expansion project but it is requested to directly deposit the royalty in Grampanchayat's accounts.	Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Panel informed that, Pradhanmantri Khanij Kalyna Yojana is implemented in every district of Maharashtra State. A Committee is constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Guardian Minister & Hon'ble District Collector is Member Secretary in the said committee which looks after the royalties deposited under the scheme. District Mining Office supervisions these funds. Some part of the above-said royalty is distributed & utilized for health & sanitation of local people, surrounding environment & developmental projects of the are depending upon the need & local issues and decision regarding the same is taken at District level.

**10) Shri. Rajaram Atram, Belgam, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	Priority shall be given to local villagers while providing employment.	Environmental Consultant informed that, priority will be given to local people only while providing employment opportunities in which skilled & unskilled labour will also be included. If any skilled labour is



		not available in the 10 km radius area of the project, then the same will be employed from outside. Otherwise priority will be given to local people only.
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**11) Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Tal. Dist. Hyderabad, Telangana:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	I support the said project & request to grant permission to the said project without any stringent conditions.	Environmental Consultant informed that, we praise your support on behalf of Project Proponent.

**12) Shri. Suresh Kendre, Ambezari, Tal. Jiwati, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	I support the said project. Local people are benefitted due to said project. I request the Public Hearing Panel that if royalty is directly received to Grampanchayat then it will help in overall development of the area as it is included in backward areas of District.	Environmental Consultant informed that, we praise your support on behalf of Project Proponent. Local people are benefitted from the said project. Earlier farming was only source of income in this area but nowadays due to commissioning of the said project, income source of people has changed from only farming due to employment opportunities given by the Project Proponent.

**13) Shri. A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur:-**

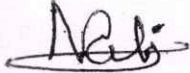
Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	Project Proponent shall give information about source of water for the said project. Also, Project Proponent shall give information about whether CGWA NOC is obtained by them or not?	Environmental Consultant informed that, Project Proponent has obtained NOC from Central Ground Water Authority for use of groundwater for domestic purpose of 4.5 KLD. For industrial purpose, local private water tankers are deployed for dust



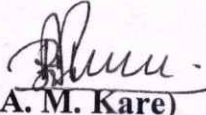
		suppression due to mining activities & on haul roads.
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The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.



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Convener of the Public  
Hearing Committee and  
Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur



**(A. M. Kare)**  
Member of the Public  
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**(Manohar Gawhad)**  
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Magistrate, Chandrapur &  
Chairman of the Public  
Hearing Committee