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Date:- 25/07/2022

To,  
The Joint Director (WPC),  
M.P.C. Board, Mumbai.

Sub: - Submission of minutes of Environmental Public Hearing in respect of M/s. Chikla Manganese Mine (M.L.Area- 150.65 Hectare) (Forest Land =70.07 Ha; Non Forest Land=80.58 Ha.) Near Vill-Chikla, Yedurbuchi & Sitasaongi, Tah Tumsar, Dist Bhandara  
Proposed Expansion Project total production/ROM: Existing-1,80,000 TPA after Expansion-4,00,000 TPA as per EIA Notification, 2006 and amendment time to time.

Ref:- 1) Application received for conducting Public Hearing dtd.19/05/2022.  
2) Board's Office Order No. E-41 of 2022 Dtd.17/06/2022.

Sir,

The Public Hearing of M/s. Chikla Manganese Mine (M.L.Area-150.65 Hectare) (Forest Land =70.07 Ha; Non Forest Land=80.58 Ha.) Near Vill-Chikla, Yedurbuchi & Sitasaongi, Tah Tumsar, Dist Bhandara Proposed Expansion Project total production/ROM: Existing-1,80,000 TPA after Expansion-4,00,000 TPA. Was conducted on 29/06/2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the hall of project site Chikhala manganese mine as per Office Order No. E-41 of 2022 Dtd.17/06/2022.

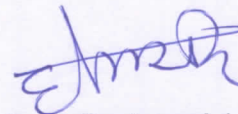
The minutes of said public hearing alongwith following documents are submitted herewith in duplicate for further necessary action please.

1. Hard & Soft copies of EIA & Executive Summary.
2. Soft copies of video shooting.

As per the provisions of the EIA Notification under reference, it is requested to display the proceedings of Public Hearing, which are sent E.I.C. through e-mail on Board's website for general information.

This is submitted for information & further necessary action, please.

DA:- As above in duplicate

  
(Hema Deshpande)  
Sub-Regional Officer,  
M.P.C.Board, Bhandara

Copy Submitted to:-

1. District Collector, Bhandara.
2. The Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur.
3. E.I.C. M.P.C. Board, Mumbai.
4. Chikla Manganese Mine Near Vill-Chikla, Yedurbuchi & Sitasaongi, Tah Tumsar, Dist Bhandara.

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/s. MOIL LTD.  
CHIKHALA MANGANESE MINES TA. TUMSAR DIST. BHANDARA  
DATED.29/06/2022.**

Environment public hearing of proposed expansion Project of Chikala Manganese Mine having lease area 150.65 Hector (Forest land 70.07 Hector & non forest land 80.58 Hector) and production capacity from 180000 TPA to 400000 TPA. was conducted on 29.06.2022 at 2.00 p.m. in the hall of project site Chikhala manganese mine, Under the chairmanship of Mr. Mahesh Patil Additional District Magistrate and Resident Deputy Collector Bhandara. Mr. Ashok Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nagpur Members of Environmental Public Hearing Panel joint the Public Hearing Online, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Tumsar and Assistant Collector Smt. B. Vaishnavi was present at the public hearing. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Bhandara was convenor of said public hearing, About 100 people attended the public hearing. (Copy of attendance sheet enclosed)

Joint General Manager (Safety & Environment ) M/s. MOIL Ltd. Nagpur Vide letter dated 19/05/2022 has submitted application for carrying out Public Hearing of Chikhala Manganese Mining expansion from the 180000 TPA to 400000 TPA per annum The project requires environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forests clement change, Government of India. Head Office of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide e-mail dtd. May 26, 2022 accorded approval to conduct public hearing procedure. Following guidelines stipulated under EIA Notification dtd. 14.09.2006, amended dtd. 01.12.2009 venue date, and time was finalized after consultation with the District Magistrate, Bhandara. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide Letter no. MPCB / BO / JD (WPC) / PH / B- 220617 FTS 0082 dt. 17/06/2022 issued office order to conduct Public Hearing at project site Chikhala Manganese mine on 29 June 2022 at 2.00 p.m. (Copy enclosed ).

Advertainments of Public Hearing were published in in the English daily "The Hitwad" and the Marathi daily "Maharashtra Times" on 28/05/2022 and on Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's website [mpcb.gov.in](http://mpcb.gov.in) with a period of thirty days for study and to raise views, objections etc of concerns. (Copy enclosed)

Draft executive summary in English and Marathi along with soft copy were kept in the following offices for information and study of concerns.

- 1) Collector, Bhandara.
- 2) District Industries Center Bhandara.
- 3) Zilla Parishad, Bhandara.
- 4) Sub-Divisional Officer, Tumsar Taha. Tumsar Dist. Bhandara.
- 5) Panchayat Samiti, Tumsar Tah. Tumsar Dist. Bhandara.  
Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 5th Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.  
Department of Environment and climate change, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
- 6) M.P.C. Board (Headquarters) Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
- 7) Chief Officer Municipal Council, Tumsar Tah. Tumsar Dist. Bhandara
- 8) Gram Panchayat Office, Chikhala Tah. Tumsar Dist. Bhandara
- 9) Gram Panchayat Office Sitasawangi Tah. Tumsar Dist. Bhandara
- 10) Gram Panchayat Office Yadurbuchi Tah. Tumsar Dist. Bhandara
- 11) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's website [mpcb.gov.in](http://mpcb.gov.in)

No objections, memorandums, were received before Environmental Public Hearing.



Environmental Public Hearing proceeding were started at 2.00 p.m. after due permission from the Chairman. Convenor Smt. Hema Deshpande, Sub-Regional Officer, Bhandara, in her introductory speech explained procedure of public hearing and cleared that, public hearing committee doesn't have right 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 representative of Project Proponents i.e. M/s. MOIL Ltd. to give power point presentation of proposed project.

Officials of M/s. MOIL Ltd. gave the background of the proposed mining proposal. Explained the details of the proposed project and asked technical consultant to give a power point presentation in Marathi. He gave details of the proposed project, current environmental conditions, results of the proposed project in a power point presentation.

Smt. Hema Deshpande, Convenor of the hearing, with the permission of the chairman, the invited participants to put up their views, suggestions, comments, objections etc. regarding the project.

Chairman Shri. Mahesh Patil appealed to the people to put there views, suggestions, comments, objections etc. regarding the project and ask questions related to environment as this was Environment Public Hearing.

#### Points discussed during Environment Public Hearing are as under

##### 1) Mr. Rohidas Gaikwad, Deputy Sarpanch, Chikhala

Objection / Information / Question	Answers / feedback given by the project holder accordingly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people in our village will get employment in this expansion project? Will the job be temporary or permanent? If permanent, how many people are you going to be permanent? How many people from chikhala village will get jobs?</li> <li>How will be the excavation done? CSIR fund are used elsewhere. The people of chikhala village dose not get benefits. our village should get these fund. Skill development and livelihood training in chikhala village shall be plan</li> <li>Roads in vicinity have been damaged due to the transport of trucks. Roads should be repaired and widened to reduce road accidents. Plant trees on both sides of the road to enhance the beauty of your area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority will be given the to the local people for recruitment in expansion project. Currently 650 employees are wreaking with MOIL When the project will produces 4 lakh tonnes of minerals per year, it will accommodate an additional 290 people, on some technical and non-technical positions. Employment will be given as per the educational qualifications.</li> <li>The proposed mining project will be mainly underground mining and some of the mining will be done in an open manner and some work will be done to extract minerals from surcharges.</li> <li>Moil has spent Rs 7.13 crore from CSIR fund in the last five years. CSIR Fund is utilize as per the guidelines of the Government Of India. Educational amenities, health amenities, pollution monitoring and control facility etc. CSR funds are also us for the Skill Development Scheme, appropriate trainings are arranged for</li> </ul>

		<p>people of the villages like training for increasing the productivity of agriculture, training for animal husbandry etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted suggestions. Damaged Roads within the min limits will be repaired by Moil. But the roads which are within the limits of the state government. state government is responsible of state government. Trees will be planted in the vicinity of the mine boundary.</li> </ul>
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**2) Mr. Azad Qureshi, Gobarwahi**

	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / feedback given by the project holder accordingly</b>
	<p>I welcome this proposed project as it will provide employment to the people of our village. People from other villages are migrating to cities for employment but since the company came, people in our area have never had to migrate. The youth in our area will get employment. Also, employment is not available due to work stoppage. A request for early environmental clearance for this proposed project.</p>	<p><b>Thanks</b></p>

**3) Mr. Shahbaz Khan, Chikhala**

	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / feedback given by the project holder accordingly</b>
	<p>I welcome this proposed project as it will provide employment and health facilities to the people of the surrounding villages, development of the people of the surrounding villages, employment to the youth.</p>	<p><b>Thanks</b></p>

**4) Mrs. Nitu Madavi, Sarpanch, Chikhala**

	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / feedback given by the project holder accordingly</b>
	<p>Welcome to this proposed project. The village of Chikhala should have a new Moil colony, as well as a community building, solar powered street lights.</p> <p>Tribal folks should be given priority for work and drinking water facilities should be provided. There are no Environmental issues in the Chikhala mine area. The local women in Chikhala should get</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of New colony in Chikhala village will be decided as per the guidelines and administrative approvals.</li> <li>• We assure you that the priority for the colony will be in Chikhala. Community building, solar powered streetlights in Chikhala will be provided from in CSR work.</li> </ul>



	employment. Due to Moil colony uneducated women who have no other job can get same small business.	
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**5) Mr. C. B. Varghese, Sitasawangi**

	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / feedback given by the project holder accordingly</b>
	As the proposed expansion capacity will be increased from 180,000 tonnes per annum to 400,000 tonnes per annum, the proposed project will provide additional CSIR funds which will increase employment, develop the surrounding villages and provide adequate amenities to all people. Moil has also built a hall in the village of Chikhala. Requested for granting environmental clearance for the proposed project.	<b>Thanks</b>

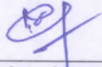
**6) Ravi Nikhare, Chikhala**

	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / feedback given by the project holder accordingly</b>
	What are the effects of explosives you are going to use for the blasting in this proposed project. Whether houses in near by villages will be affected and what are plans of compensation if the damages caused by it?	Moil will use controlled blasting method while blasting. we will use sophisticated instruments to measure blasting frequency and vibrations as control blasting method used while blasting, and the population is at a distance of 3 to 4 kms from blasting area no population is at risk from it.

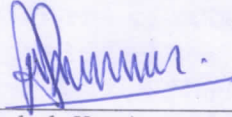
**7) Mr. Ajit Thackeray Dongri.**

	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / feedback given by the project holder accordingly</b>
	<p>1. dose people working in mines are likely to suffer from sickle cell disease? there are three to four mines around this area mine and percentage of people heaving sickle cell is high in the area?</p> <p>2. However, ambulance facility should be provided to our village and information should be given about the measures taken against sickle cell disease.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manganese mining has nothing to do with sickle cell disease. It make was manganese positioning.</li> <li>An ambulance has been provided from the CSR fund and we will work on the disease of Sickle Cell through a non-governmental organization.</li> </ul>

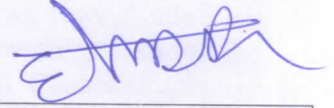
Additional District Magistrate, Bhandara and the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel reviewed the questions and queries raised by the citizens present for the Public Hearing also replies given by project proponents Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee Shri. Mahesh Patil express that points raised by people are valid and has to be taken care of Environmental Public Hearing concluded with thanks to the chair and and presents.



(Mahesh Patil)  
Additional District Magistrate Bhandara  
& Chairman,  
Public Hearing Panel



(Ashok Kare)  
Regional Officer,  
MPC Board Nagpur  
& Member  
Public Hearing Panel



(Hema Deshpande)  
Sub-Regional  
MPC Board Bhandara  
& Convenor  
Public Hearing

