

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED STONE QUARRY PROJECT OF TOTAL PROPOSED AREA - 59 HECTARES (I.E. INDIVIDUAL 16 LEASE AREAS IN THE TOTAL CLUSTER EXTENT OF 205.97 HA.) OF M/S. UTI STONE QUARRY CLUSTER PROJECT, UTI, HALADGAON, PARSODI, SAYKI, PARADGAON & MASALKUND, TAH.UMRED, DIST-NAGPUR DTD. 29/04/2025.

As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 amended notification dated 1.12.2009. M/s. Uti Stone Quarry Cluster Project, Uti, Haladgaon, Parsodi, Sayki, Paradgaon & Masalkund, Tah.Umred, Dist-Nagpur has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed stone quarry project of total proposed area - 59 hectares (i.e. individual 16 lease areas in the total cluster extent of 205.97 Ha.)

Sr. No.	Code No.	Name of the Lessee	Survey Nos.	Village	Area (Ha.)
1	P1	Shri.Maniram Yadav	114	Haladgaon	7.50
2	P2	Shri.Ajay Jeswani	209/, 209/2	Haladgaon	3.15
3	P3	Shri.Sanjay Tidke, Mrs. Kavita Tidke & Mrs. Jyoti Vivek Tidke	31/1, 37/2	Haladgaon	3.51
4	P4	Shri.Sanjay Tidke & Mrs. Kavita Tidke	44/2, 44/4	Haladgaon	3.63
5	P5	Shri.Dilip Sambare	61 (P)	Haladgaon	2.85
6	P6	Shri.Vishal Jeswani, Shri.Sandesh Jeswani & Mrs.Kanak Jeswani	81(P),82/2(P), 83(P),89/2 & 89/4(P)	Haladgaon	4.25
7	P7	Shri.Mayur Musale	96	Uti	4.92
8	P8	Shri.Amol Pillare	154, 155	Paradgaon	4.47
9	P9	Shri.Ashwin Mehta & Shri.Arvind Mehta	149(P), 147/1, 147/2	Paradgaon	4.00
10	P10	Shri.Tejindar Singh Jassal	24	Masalkund	1.30
11	P11	Mrs.Pratibha Kishor Kanhere	23	Masalkund	1.76
12	P12	Shri.Rahul Yadav	126 (P)	Parsodi	3.70
13	P13	Shri.Rahul Yadav	130/1, 130/2	Parsodi	2.48
14	P14	Shri.Murlidhar Wadhwani, Shri.Ram Wadhwani & Shyam Wadhwani	133	Sayki	2.25
15	P15	Shri.Murlidhar Wadhwani, Shri.Ram Wadhwani & Shyam Wadhwani	131, 132	Sayki	2.65
16	P16	M/s.Bestone Minerals & Precast Solutions through Dinesh Pagariya	37, 40	Masalkund	6.58
Extent (Proposed Project)			59.00 Ha. (i.e. Total of 16 Individual Lease Areas)		
Land Type			Private Land (Non Forest Land)		
Taluka & District			Umred & Nagpur		

The Public Hearing was held at **Kanha Imperial Resort, Vill.Uti, Umred Road, Behind Nayra Petrol Pump, Near VIT College, Nagpur** under the Chairmanship of Shri. Anup Khande, Additional District Magistrate. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur attended as a Member of the public hearing panel, and Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-II as a Convener. The Public Hearing started at 11.00 am with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the citizens present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

Public Hearing procedure was initiated with the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing panel. The Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II welcomed the Chairman and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens and others.

The Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, the Public Hearing is conducted for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project, and the same will be communicated as it is to the Government. Chairman also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision regarding accordance of approval to the project and appealed the participants to express their views and suggestions orally or in writing.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-II explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing and that as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended on 14th September, 2006 notices for the public hearing were published in local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Navrashtra' (Marathi) on 27/03/2025. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Copies of the Environment Impact Assessment & executive summary containing salient features of the project in English & Marathi and other information/documents were made available to the public before 30 days in various Govt. offices as well as local Gram Panchayats as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing during the notice period of the publication of the notice. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E-19/2025 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-250403-FTS-0273 dtd. 03/04/2025. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**. No suggestions were received to MPCB in the notice period and 63 nos. of suggestions were received during public hearing. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-II and Convener requested the project proponent to give a detailed presentation about the project. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in Marathi language. Project proponent explained regarding project location, benefits of proposed project, proposed facilities, fire-fighting facilities, manufacturing 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 etc.

After the presentation Sub-Regional Officer & Convener Shri. Sushilkumar Rathod requested the citizens to express their views, comments, concern & suggestion after mentioning their name & name of the village.

FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC HEARING AND RAISED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS. THE DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW:

1) Shri. Amol Chavhan, Mhasala, Tal.Umred, Dist.Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Crusher units around the village of Bhiwapur(Uti) are located at a distance of 200 to 300 meters, which should be more than 500 meters. Crusher units are operating right next to the road, how do these crusher units get permission?	There is no proposed project within the village limits of Bhiwapur (Uti) and 16 proposed projects are more than 1.00 km away from village Bhiwapur (Uti).
2	The capacity of the road in the village is 12 tons, and trucks with a capacity of 40 tons ply on this road, due to which the condition of the road is very poor.	No village roads will be used in the proposed project. WBM road is proposed to be constructed from proposed quarry to MDR. Cost for this is mentioned in the EMP.
3	The trucks move at a very high speed, which generates lot of dust on the road. The uniforms of school children traveling on this road get stained due to the dust emissions. Also, the safety of school children is a concern due to the fast-moving trucks.	The roads to be used are MDR (Champa to Saiki / Saiki-Paradgaon), State Highway (Makardhokara to Butibori) and National Highway (Umred-Nagpur).
4	Water is not sprinkled during operation of the stone crushing units, water is not sprinkled in the premises, trees are not planted. Crushers are operated 24 hours. Is operation of stone crushing units allowed for 24 hours?	The proposed quarry is limited to operating hours of 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM (i.e. 12 hours a day).
5	How far should stone crusher units and quarries be from the village and the road?	The proposed 16 projects are in accordance with the guidelines of the Mines Act, 1952, Maharashtra Minor Mineral Extraction rules, 2013, and the Siting Criteria for Stone Quarries in the State of Maharashtra dated 03/08/2020 issued by MPCB.

2) Shri. Sikandar Pawar, Champa, Tal.Umred, Dist.Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	<p>The amount of dust generated by the stone crushing units in the village Uti is very high.</p> <p>Dust deposition is causing damage to the crops in the fields. When sowing starts, dust accumulates on the plants, due to which production is affected. The terms and conditions in the consent should be followed.</p> <p>How many quarry owners currently operating have planted trees? How many stone quarries have carried out fencing work? The administration should take actions on the quarries operating without fencing and MPCB should be vigilant to control air, water and noise pollution.</p>	<p>The question raised is about the currently operating stone quarry. MPCB has taken action against some of the currently operating stone crushing units.</p> <p>Regional Officer Smt. Hema Deshpande said that, even in future, action will be taken against stone crushers that do not comply with the terms and conditions mentioned in the consent issued by the Board.</p>

3) Shri. Sunil Pohankar, Sarpanch, GP, Haladgaon, Tal.Umred, Dist.Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	<p>The condition of road passing through Champa, Haldgaon Parsodi is very bad, one can't even wear a white shirt. The quarry owners are temporarily repairing the road but we request you to make provision for the permanent road.</p>	<p>The project proponents said that it is a fact that the current condition of the Champa Haldgaon Parsodi (MDR) road is very bad and the quarry owners in this area repair the roads by filling ballast on the roads, but that is not enough. A request has been made to the Public Works Department for concretization of the road.</p>

4) Shri. Shankar Vitthal Hate, Haladgaon, Tal.Umred, Dist.Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	<p>The Haldgaon-Saiki road needs to be concretized, water spraying should be carried out from time to time, employment is generated due to the quarry, fencing needs to be done, trees needs to be planted. All these works should be done by the project proponent.</p>	<p>As per the Executive Summary of the project a provision of Rs. 81,30,300/- has been made for plantation of 27101 trees.</p> <p>A provision of Rs. 32 lakhs has been made for wire fencing around each quarry. The proposed project will generate 351 direct and 233 indirect employment. Priority for employment will be given to the local youth.</p>

5) Shri. Pushkar Buti, At Nagpur (Farmer at Champa)

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	<p>My farm in Champa has 6000 orange trees. Due to the suspension of dust on the Champa-Haldgaon road, not even a single rupee of oranges was produced in the last 4 years. Before this, I used to produce oranges of Rs.40 lakh annually.</p> <p>Truck drivers are using Champa-Haldgaon Road for plying of 30 ton to 40 ton capacity trucks, instead of using Paradgaon Road to save tolls. Barricades should be installed on both the sides of the road.</p>	<p>Champa-Haladgaon-Parsodi (MDR) road is in very bad condition. Once the road is concretized, the dust emissions will reduce. Till then, water will be sprinkled on the road daily.</p> <p>Truck drivers will be given training on the harm of overloading of trucks, adherence to speed limits and following marked routes through seminars/training. Provisions will be made for this in the EMP.</p>

6) Shri. Ashish Pawar, Ex.Sarpanch, GP, Champa, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	<p>The condition of road passing through Champa-Haldgaon-Parsodi is very bad. The uniforms of school children traveling on this road get stained due to the dust emissions</p> <p>The quarry owners here do not follow the rules. The Government gets a lot of revenue from this area, but the village do not get what it deserves in return.</p> <p>It is necessary to build a cement road, so that the problem can be solved, the quarry owners do not sprinkle water regularly, the trucks ply on Haldgaon Road every day, they should be given an alternative road, the environment in this area is damaged due to dust emissions. Compensation for agriculture should be given from the District Mineral Fund (DMF).</p>	<p>Champa-Haladgaon-Parsodi (MDR) road is in very bad condition. Once the road is concretized, the dust emissions will reduce. Till then, water will be sprinkled on the road daily.</p> <p>Truck drivers will be given training on the harm of overloading of trucks, adherence to speed limits and following marked routes through seminars/training. Provisions will be made for this in the EMP.</p> <p>Out of the proposed 16 projects, only 7 are proposed to be connected via the Champa to Haldgaon MDR route.</p>

7) Smt. Manisha Mongse, Uti, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	<p>Quarry owners are not sprinkling water on the road. Quarry owners should be given an alternative road, quarry owners are not spending CSR funds in the nearby villages.</p> <p>Truck traffic is a big problem and drivers misbehave with citizens. The department should pay attention to this.</p>	<p>Uti Cluster Mine Owners Association will formulate a plan to control dust emissions generated from stone crushing units & the roads and the same will be implemented. Financial provision will be made for its cost in the EMP.</p> <p>Truck drivers will be given training on the harm of overloading of trucks, adherence to speed limits and following marked routes through seminars/training. Provisions will be made for this in the EMP.</p>

8) Smt. Vaishali Sadmake, Sarpanch, GP, Uti, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	There is a lot of dust emissions due to traffic and water sprinkling on the road is not carried out from time to time. The road is damaged. The department should pay attention to this matter.	Uti Cluster Mine Owners Association will formulate a plan to control dust emissions generated from stone crushing units & the roads and the same will be implemented. Financial provision will be made for its cost in the EMP.

9) Shri. Chandrashekhar Narule, Bhiwapur, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Trucks are plying on village road and pandan roads to avoid road toll tax. An alternative route passing from outside the village should be provided for transportation.	Truck drivers will be given training on the harm of overloading of trucks, adherence to speed limits and following marked routes through seminars/training. Provisions will be made for this in the EMP.

10) Shri. Sukhram Lajurkar, Sayki, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	The condition of Champa to Sayki road is very bad and trucks are overloaded. When the stone crushers are in operation, a layer of dust is visible in the air. The agricultural land is located nearby and dust settles on the leaves of the trees, which affects farm production. Also, during blasting vibrations are observed in the village.	<p>The above-mentioned measures will be implemented to control dust generated by stone crushers and roads.</p> <p>Out of the 16 proposed projects, 3 projects will be without blasting (excavation using rock breakers) and 13 proposed projects will use controlled blasting (controlled blasting system). The vibrations caused by blasting will be measured and mining will start only after the permission of the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS).</p>

11) Smt. Rekha Dhote, Sarpanch, GP Parsodi, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	Trucks ply through Parsodi village, causing dust emissions. Due to this it is difficult to see anything on the road. The quarry owners are supposed to spray water on the road 3 times, but they spray water only once. There are potholes on the road, water accumulates in them, and the villagers are suffering a lot due to vehicle traffic. The quarry owners should fill the potholes on the road.	<p>The above-mentioned measures will be implemented to control dust generated by stone crushers and roads.</p> <p>The road repair work will be carried out by the Uti Cluster Mine Owners Association and financial provision will be made in the EMP for its recurring expenses.</p>

12) Shri. Rambhau Champatrao Dhote, Haladgaon, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	I am Vasant Rao Shirbhate's Diwanji and live in his farm. Due to dust emissions, the cotton in the field turns black and does not fetch a good price. Dust causes black spots on cotton, tur, and vegetables, plants do not grow, crops do not get value, the problem of dust should end.	The above-mentioned measures will be implemented to control dust generated by stone crushers and roads.

13) Shri. Jeevan Dhote, Sayki, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	There is a lot of road dust, the cotton turns black.	The above-mentioned measures will be implemented to control dust generated by stone crushers and roads.

14) Shri. Sachin Tulaskar, Umred, Tal.Umred, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	There is smoke in Umred MIDC due to tire burning companies. You should take concrete action against them.	Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, Nagpur said that this question is not related to the proposed public hearing and a written representation should be given to the MPC Board in this regard.

Shri. Anup Khande, Chairman of Environment public hearing panel and Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur appreciated the public for peacefully raising the suggestions and objections. He further said that the opinions and suggestions put forward by citizens will be incorporated in the minutes and will be sent to the Government. Also, if anyone wants to record their views in writing they are advised to submit them to the committee or submit them to the MPC Board, Office, Nagpur/Collector Office, Nagpur by 30/04/2025. He also thanked the public present for the public hearing. After that, it was declared that the public hearing was over.



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