

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF MANGANESE MINING-4680 TPA (ML AREA 4.8 HA.) AT M/S. PALI MANGANESE ORE DEPOSITE, KH.NO.32, VILL.PALI, TAH-PARSEONI, DIST-NAGPUR.

Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed to production capacity of manganese -4680 TPA (ML Area 4.8 Ha.) at M/s. Pali Manganese Ore Deposit, Kh.No.32, Vill.Pali, Tah.Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri K.N.K. Rao, Additional District Magistrate (A representative nominated by the District Collector, Nagpur). Shri. Rahul Wankhede, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was the member of the public hearing panel and Shri.Kiran Hasabnis, I/c. Sub-Regional Officer-I, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur act as a convener. The Public Hearing started at 11.30 hrs. with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the People present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

BACKGROUND :

Pali Manganese Ore Deposit has granted manganese mine located at Village-Pali, Tah-Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur, Maharashtra. It is proposed to production capacity of manganese -4680 TPA (ML Area 4.8 Ha.). The proposed production will be achieved by developing this mining lease area by mechanized underground method. For this purpose Mining Plan has been approved by IBM.

An application for obtaining Environmental Clearance was made to the SEAC in accordance with the Notification of MoEF & CC S.O. 1533 dtd. 14.09.2006. Accordingly, the project was appraised by State Expert Appraisal Committee in its 137th meeting held on 15th October 2016 for determining Terms of Reference (TOR) for undertaking EIA study. The present summary is extracted from draft EIA/EMP report which is based on this TOR.

M/s. Pali Manganese Ore Deposit has proposed to production capacity of manganese -4680 TPA (ML Area 4.8 Ha.) at M/s. Pali Manganese Ore Deposit, Kh.No.32, Vill.Pali, Tah.Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur.

As per EIA Notification published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-II, Section-3, sub-section (ii) of Ministry of Environment & Forest dtd. 14/09/2006 and subsequent amendment in 16/11/2009, the proposed project fall in activity 1(d), Category-B of list of Project or Activities requiring prior Environmental Clearance. The project would require environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF), Government of India.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE :

With the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing the I/c. Sub-Regional Officer-I, MPCB, Nagpur has started Public Hearing by welcoming the Chairman and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens from the village and others present.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel stated that, this Public Hearing is for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project. The same will be communicated to the Government. He also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision for accordance of any approval to the project. He then appealed the participants to express their views.



Sub-Regional Officer-II, MPCB, Nagpur explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing that as per MoEF, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended on 14th September, 2006. The notices for the public hearing was published in two local widely circulated news papers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Sakal' (Marathi) on 4/08/2017 & 5/08/2017. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Copies of the executive summary / EIA containing salient features of the project & EIA both in English and in Marathi and other information/documents were made available to the public by making these documents available in various Govt. offices as well as local Gram Panchayat as per MoEF GOI Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing till before the date of Public Hearing from the publication of the notice. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E-62/2017 vide letter No. MPC/JD(WPC)/PH/B-3543 dtd. 06/09/2017. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Thereafter, I/c. Sub-Regional Officer-I, Nagpur and Convener requested the project proponent to give their detail presentation about the project and the Environmental issues related with it. Accordingly, representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in local language as under:

He has given information regarding project undertake by M/s. Pali Manganese Ore Deposit has proposed to production capacity of manganese -4680 TPA (ML Area 4.8 Ha.) in the Kh.No.32, Vill.Pali. Tah.Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur. He further explained regarding project location, benefits of proposed project, proposed facilities, fire fitting facilities, process description, description of environment and identification of anticipated impact, Land environment, climate and meteorology, Air Environment, water consumption, biological environment, socio-economic environment, impact on local infrastructure, environment management plan, air emission, preventive maintenance / inspection,

PROCEEDINGS :-

1. **Shri. Sanjay Satyakar, Patrakar, Dist.Nagpur.**

- Local Grampanchayat has not given wide publicity of EIA Report & public hearing to be conducted.
- There is buffer zone & Pench Dam is located at about 800 to 900 meters from proposed site. Due to blasting activity of proposed project, there are chances of damage to Pench Dam.
- Due to heavy vehicle movement of trucks, there are chances of damage to Roads.
- Project proponent shall provide alternate road arrangement as per the demand of local people.
- He pointed out the mistakes made by project proponent while preparing EIA Marathi Executive summary like, instead of Pali Mining activity, mentioned as ~~Kathwani~~ Mining project. As project proponent has made such mistakes in EIA & which is published, hence this public hearing should be cancelled.
- Which type of facility will be provided to local affected people is not mentioned in Executive summary.
- Due to dewatering activity of project, there are chances of damage to agricultural field.

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2. **Shri. Anant Pradhan, Pali, Tah.Parsioni, Dist-Nagpur.**
 - Due to mining activity, there are chances of damage to nearby villages.
 - Due to disposal of overburden of project. There are chances of damage of crops in the nearby area.
3. **Shri. Sunanda Reddy, NGO.**
 - He congratulated project proponent for setting up the mining activity.
 - Project proponent shall carried out the detail study of ground water and crops.
4. **Shri. Dhanraj Waluka, Umred, Dist.Nagpur.**
 - Project proponent has not given briefing about project & not consult ^{ed them} with local people.
 - Due to blasting activity of project. There are chances of damage to Pench Dam.
 - Job opportunities shall be provided to project affected peoples.
 - Project proponent shall provide educational facility to poor people in the nearby area.
5. **Shri. K.N.K. Rao, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur.**
 - He said that, all the question arises during public hearing is noted by committee.
 - Project proponent shall provide alternate road in consultation with local people if existing road gets damaged due to vehicle movement, also periodical & maintenance should be done by project proponent.
 - It is noted that project proponent has reserved Rs.5.0 Lacs under CSR Scheme. This fund shall be used in consultation & as instructed by local committee.
 - It is noted that project proponent shall provide employment to the tune of 34 local people. This shall be categorized as skilled & unskilled. The list to be published. Training shall be provided.
 - The Local Committee shall be constituted to address & mitigation measure w.r.t. pollution problems.
 - Disposal of solid waste shall be ^{in a} scientific manner.

PROJECT PROPONENT :

The authority of the project proponent congratulate the people present in the hearing for their valid suggestions and questions arises in the hearing and submitted their submission w.r.t. the questions and suggestions as below:-

- Project proponent assured that, due to mining activity there shall not be any habitation problems to existing villages.
- Overburden of the mining activity will not be disposed off in the nearby villages.
- The capacity of the mining project is 4680 Tons. Hence, per day 15.6 Tons mining will be carried out. Therefore, per day 02 nos. trucks will be dispatched form the site. Hence, there are less chances of damage to the existing roads, however If the roads damage due to heavy truck movement then the maintenance will be carried out by project proponent.

- Pali Village not 10 KM radius of Pench National Park.
- Modern technology will be adopted for drilling and blasting. So that, there should not be any problem to nearby villages and due care will be taken while blasting.
- Skill and unskilled employment to the tune of 34 nos. people will be given to local people only. The training program will be carried out for local people.
- Project proponent accepted the mistake in the EIA report & assured that, it will be rectified.

Shri. Rahul Wankhede, Member of the panel (Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Nagpur).

Representative of the project proponent has given full information regarding project i.e. Water, Air & Green belt, their benefits, impact and management. Project proponent shall give details of scientific disposal of fly ash generation from their proposed activity and also provide information w.r.t on and off site disaster management plan. During this public hearing 01 no. of objection/suggestion was received and which will be sent to Government.

Shri. K.N.K. Rao, Chairman, Public Hearing Panel (Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur).

He said in the concluding speech that, people present in the public hearing expressed their views/opinion. The project proponent has given explanation w.r.t. the point raised by the people present in the public hearing. The public hearing is completed in friendly atmosphere some good points are come out i.e. provision of roads, school bus for children's and provisions of Air Pollution control devices etc. Project proponent also present their views and time bound program regarding question raised in the public hearing. Thus, He declared the public hearing is ended.



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