

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF KACHURWAHI WADEGAON MANGANESE MINE PROJECT FOR PROPOSED PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF MANGANESE MINING-50000 TPA (ML AREA 78.50 HA) HELD AT M/S. KACHURWAHI WADEGAON MANGANESE MINE MOUZA-KACHURWAHI TAH-RAMTEK, DIST-NAGPUR

Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Kachurwahi Wadegaon Manganese Mine Project of M/s VEETRAG HOMES PRIVATE LTD. Nagpur for the proposed production capacity of manganese to the tune of 50000 TPA (ML Area 78.50 Ha.) was held at project site situated in Mouza-Kachurwahi, Tah-Ramtek, 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 & the member of the public hearing panel and Shri. Kiran Hasabnis I/c. Sub-Regional Officer-1, M.P.C. Board, Nagpur as a convener. The Public Hearing started at 12.00 noon with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the people present during the Public Hearing is attached as Annexure-1.

BACKGROUND:

Govt. of Maharashtra granted manganese mine over an area 78.50 Ha. located at Village-Kachurwahi-Wadegaon, Tahsil-Ramtek, District-Nagpur, to M/s. Veet Rag. Homes Pvt. Ltd. (VRHPL). The lease period is 30 yrs. Mining Plan and Progressive mining plan had been approved by IBM vide letter No. NGP/LST/MPL. 798/NGP dated 21.10.2015. Mining plan period is 2013 to 2018. Open cast and underground mining by "other than fully mechanized" (OTFM) "A" is proposed. Tree felling will not be required. Existing pits and dumps will be worked. Deposits within this lease are in the form of float ore/dumps and also insitu.

It is proposed to produce manganese to the capacity of 50000 TPA as per approved mine plan of mine by IBM in order to cater the overgrowing need of manganese ore in the market.

The land is private and will be procured by direct negotiations. Area is plain, with average elevation of 330 m above MSL. Slope is towards NE. Main drainage is by the River Sur, approx 2.5 km in N-NE direction.

The proposed production will be achieved by developing this mining lease by mechanized underground mining method. Deposits were worked earlier by a British company. There are pits and a few dumps in the lease area. Manganese deposits in the lease occur as float ore dumps and are in-situ. It was reported by PP that simultaneous OC and UG mining is possible in the lease. O/C workings will be taken up during the first year of the mining scheme period. The Underground mining will be developed for three years. Mode of entry will be by a vertical shaft with safety gadgets up to 150 m.

An application for obtaining Environmental Clearance was made to the ministry of Environment and forest in accordance with the Notification of MoEF & CC S.O. 1533 dated 14.09.2006 by the lessee. Accordingly, the project was appraised by the MoEF in its 3rd EAC meeting held on 23-25 February 2016 for determination of Terms of Reference (TOR) for undertaking EIA study.



Project Proponent proposes to produce manganese to the capacity of 50000 TPA from M/s. Kachurwahi Wadegaon Manganese Mine from Mouza-Kachurwahi, Tah-Ramtek, 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 category-A of list of Projects or Activities requiring prior Environmental Clearance. The project would require environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest.

PURPOSE OF 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 villages and NGOs were also present.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel stated that this Public Hearing is for informing the people about this upcoming project and to invite the views/objections/suggestions of the participants if any regarding environmental aspects of the project. Chairman also added that opinion of the people will be recorded and the same will be communicated to the Government. He also explained that this panel will not take any decision regarding granting any clearances to the project and appealed to the participants to express their views.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing as per the Notification issued by MoEF vide SO60 (E) OF 27th January 1994 and amendment on 14th September, 2006. The notices for the public hearing were published in two widely circulated local newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Sakal' (Marathi) on 14.8.17. Copies of the same are enclosed as Annexure-II. Copies of the executive summary /EIA containing salient features of the project and other information/documents both in English and in Marathi were made available to the public by supplying these documents in various govt. offices as well as local Gram Panchayat as per MoEF GOI Notification. Suggestions, Comments and objections of the public were invited in writing before the date of Public Hearing from the publication of the notices in various offices. The public hearing panel is constituted vide MPC Board Office Order No. E- /2017 and letter No. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-. 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 delivered detailed power point presentation of the project in local language.

Project Proponent briefed that M/s. Kachurwahi-Wadegaon Manganese Mine project has proposed to produce Manganese to the capacity of 50000 TPA from mining lease spread over an area of 78.50 Ha. situated in Mouza-Kachurwahi & Wadegaon, Tah-Ramtek, Dist-Nagpur. He further explained about the benefits of the proposed project, facilities, disaster management, process description, description of environment and identification of anticipated impacts on 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 etc..



PROCEEDINGS:

1. Shri. Ramlal Jairam Golhar.

- Project proponent has not submitted detail information about the project in their report, hence requested to submit the detail information and brief the project by conducting Gramsabha.
- Project proponent shall give compensation to the tune of Rs.1.0. Crore per Acre.
- Project proponent shall give employment to the local people and if the same is not possible shall give the compensation of Rs. 10.0 Lacs.
- Project proponent shall acquire the land of affected people and also the nearby land of farmers.

2. Shri. Jivan Hood

- Project proponent shall give the employment to the qualified persons in the nearby villages and also give training program for skill development.
- Weather the land will be acquired by revenue department or by project proponent.

3. Shri. Dyaneshwar Thakre.

- Weather the mine is open cast?
- Due to mining activity weather the water level will increase OR decrease?
- The Grampanchayat issued an NOC to project proponent without any consultation with the affected people.
- Revenue department shall give jobs to the affected people in Govt. of Maharashtra.

4. Shri. Ravindra Mohankar, Sarpanch.

- Due to mining activity weather the water level will decrease or not.
- Project proponent shall take due care with respect to control of pollution.
- Project proponent shall take due care regarding blasting.
- Project proponent shall take due care so that there shall not be decrease in water level of nearby water bodies.
- Project proponent shall carry out skill development program for nearby affected people.

5. Smt. Meenakshi Waghdhare, Sarpanch, G.P.Kirnapur.

- Project proponent shall provide water supply scheme under CSR fund.
- Project proponent shall provide employment to affected people.
- Project proponent shall give compensation to the affected people and also to nearby farmers.

6. Shri. Ravindra Mohankar, Sarpanch.

- The project proponent has not been issued any NOC from G.P yet. This point may please be noted.
- Bye-pass road shall be provided by project proponent to avoid dust emissions.



7. Shri. Sunanda Reddy.

- He congratulated project proponent for opening of mining project in this area and supported the project.
- He also congratulated project proponent for carrying out the detail survey of Water, Air & Land in the nearby area.
- He suggested to give employment to affected people and to carry out skill development program.

8. Shri. Ashok Wadibhasme.

- Project proponent and Revenue department has illegally measured our land for the project and therefore we are opposing to the proposed project.

9. Shri. Aakash Sahare.

- Project proponent shall provide employment to affected people.
- Project proponent shall provide alternate arrangement of roads to avoid dust emissions arises from heavy vehicle movement.

10. Smt. Aarti Pankhraj, Social Worker.

- Project proponent shall provide water recharging & distribution, skill development program, alternate option for heavy truck movement, huge tree plantation & development program under CSR funds.

11. Shri. Shrikant Bawankule.

- Project proponent shall provide permanent arrangement for roads, water supply and operation & maintenance of roads.
- Project proponent shall provide insurance scheme for accident occurs due to heavy truck movement.

12. Shri. Sanjay Satyakar, Patrakar.

- Project proponent shall provide permanent arrangement for roads, water supply and operation & maintenance of roads.
- Project proponent shall provide insurance scheme for accident occurs due to heavy truck movement. He congratulated project proponent for their project and shown his support.

13. Shri. K.N.K. Rao.

- Project proponent shall reserve minimum Rs. 5.0 Lacs for development of local villagers.
- Project proponent shall give amount based on their profit for the development of local people.
- Project proponent shall carry out skill development program before project starts.
- Project proponent shall prepare detail plan of bypass road, tree plantation in consultation with the local villagers.



PROJECT PROPONENT

An authority from the project proponent thanked the people present in the hearing for listening to the presentation peacefully and to raise their suggestions and questions to improve the mining environment. The answers to the questions raised by the people in public hearing areas under

- Due to mining activity water table will not be disturbed.
- Compensation will be given to affected people as per the Govt. rules and regulations.
- The skill development program will be carried out to educate affected people.
- As per the demand of local villager's water supply will be provided.
- The employment will be given to the local people only.
- If, the land will be made available by local Grampanchayat, then bye-pass road will be constructed.
- Our trucks will not be overloaded.
- As per the mining capacity only 12 nos. trucks per day will ply.
- Huge tree plantation will be carried out.

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

Representative of the project proponent has given all the information regarding project and environmental aspects like Water, Air & Green belt, project benefits, impact and management. During this public hearing 01 no. of suggestion was received and the 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 in the public hearing expressed their views/ opinion. The project proponent has given explanation w.r.t the point raised by people present in the public hearing. The public hearing is completed in friendly atmosphere. Few more good points are also came out i.e. provision of roads, school bus for children and provisions of Air Pollution control devices etc. project proponent had also expressed their views regarding question raised in the public hearing. Thus, he declared that the public hearing is over.



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