

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF IRON ORE MINING-1,40,598 TPA AT VILLAGE LOHARADONGARI, TAL. BRAMHAPURI, DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/s. SUNFLAG IRON & STEEL CO.LTD., (LOHARA DONGARI IRON ORE BLOCK)

Date : 23/06/2022
Time : 1.00 noon
Place : At Project Site, M/s. Sunflag Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (Loharadongari Iron Ore Coal Block), Loharadongari, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur

Preamble:-

Project Proponent M/s Sunflag Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., (Loharadongari Iron Ore Block) Village Loharadongari, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to SEIAA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the proposed establishment of Iron Ore Mining – 1,40,598.0 TPA hector at Village Loharadongari, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The proposed project has been approved by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) on 03/09/2021 and Terms of Reference (TOR) was sanctioned. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report the environmental issues raised by the project affected people about the proposed project. As the proposed project falls under Category B 1(a), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra.

Project Proponent M/s Sunflag Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., (Loharadongari Iron Ore Block) Village Loharadongari, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 14/03/2022 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 23-06-2022. It is directed to conduct the Online public hearing. The meeting number and password was made available.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Punya Nagari for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India for English on 19-05-2022. An appeal is made to residents of the area, environmental organizations, residents to be displaced by the project or residents to be affected by the project in any other way to submit their views, comments, suggestions or objections about the proposed project in writing or by email to the local MPCB Chandrapur office till the date of public hearing.

Also copy of draft EIA report and executive summary in Marathi and English were made available at various notified offices of Government for the observation, study and comments of the local people as under:-

- 1) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur;
- 2) Environment & Climate Change Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Maharashtra Government, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032
- 3) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022
- 4) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 6) District Collector, Chandrapur;
- 7) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur;
- 8) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
- 9) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office Bramhapuri, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur
- 10) Tahsil Office- Bramhapuri Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur;
- 11) Gram Panchayat Office-Lohara Dongari, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur;
- 12) Gram Panchayat Office-Kitali, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur
- 13) Gram Panchayat Office-Kachepar, Tal-Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur
- 14) Gram Panchayat Office-Bodara, Tal-Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur
- 15) Gram Panchayat Office-Aalevahi, Tal-Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur
- 16) Gram Panchayat Office-Kharkada, Tal-Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur
- 17) Gram Panchayat Office-Gangasagar Heti, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.10 to 17 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E-35/2022 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-220530-FTS-0255, dated 30/05/2022 as under :-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Chandrapur
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate | Chairman |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai i.e.
Regional Officer, Chandrapur,
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer, Chandrapur
MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | Convener |

This office is in receipt 20 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any. complaints, statements, objections.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-I & II.**

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Atul Satfale, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Vishalkumar Meshram, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public

hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

Project Consultant informed regarding expansion of the project and Environment Management Plan in local language Marathi. Following points were explained in the meeting:-

Detailed Information of the Project -

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Submerged Area, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use, Earthquake Stability;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, development of farmers due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.

- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, biodiversity due to planned project
- Information on environmental management after project implementation
- Information on other environmental management

After reading the suggestions given by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Convener appealed to the participants to raise their environmental suggestions or objections about the proposed project. While raising questions, inform the full name, village. He also informed Project Environment Consultant and Project Proponent to give appropriate answers.

Shri Kundalal, a local resident gave a written statement about the lake.

Shri Ramesh Yashwant Baisare, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Ekaara, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur gave written statement.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent :-

1) Shri Sudhakar Madavi, Grampanchayat Member, Mendhaki, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	No information was made available to the Gram Panchayat in the project area at the time of commencement of this project. Eight days ago, a letter was received from the Mendki Gram Panchayat regarding the public hearing of this project. How do we file an objection, because when we object, we have to ask the villagers?	
2)	Similarly, the document made available to the Gram Panchayat was in English. So, the villagers did not get information about the project. The presentation was shown in Marathi here. All the information was given in a hurry during the	

	presentation. The participants did not understand it.	
3)	Hence the time limit be increased for registering the objections.	
4)	Here is the wildlife habitat. If the project affects their habitat and they come into human habitation, their lives are in danger. The locals should be informed about this in a language they can understand.	The Project Proponent said there is no wildlife in the area. Because the buffer zone report is also taken. However, the opinion and report of the Wildlife Board of the Government of India will be taken and made available
5)	What will be the share of Loharadongri village and other villages in the area in the excavation that you are going to benefit from? It should be explained.	
6)	This project will definitely affect the water resources under the hill. Therefore, water scarcity will occur in the area. Measures in that regard should be informed.	The Project Proponent said that deepening of lake will be done & water will be made available.

2) Shri Ramesh Yashwant Baisare, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Ekara, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur, He read the written suggestions

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	How much employment Gram Panchayat Ekara and other Gram Panchayats will get from this excavation?	
2)	The laborers here are in dire need of employment. If 50 laborers are employed in each village, then there are 500 laborers. The company should give work accordingly.	Suggestion is noted.

3) Shri Yogesh Madhavi, Loharadongari, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion / Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	We villagers should be given coolers, towers	Suggestion is noted.
2)	The village needs boar facilities	Suggestion is noted.
3)	The workers who are staying in our village should be given permanent job opportunities.	Local people will be given priority for the job opportunities
4)	The Gangasagar Road at Lohardongri village should be developed by the company.	Project Proponent said that the roads in the area would be developed in phases

4) Miss Shalini Madhavi, Asha Worker, Working-Loharadongri, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestions / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	All the members of the family in the village should be given work without giving work to one person in the family. In the same way, we should get the job as we say.	
2)	Once the project starts, the wild animals will come to the village, they will come to the house and attack the villagers. Please inform preventive measures about it.	The Project Proponent said there is no wildlife in the area. Because the buffer zone report is also taken. However, the opinion and report of the Wildlife Board of the Government of India will be taken and made available
3)	The project is about to start on the hill in our village. Hence, I expect that we should get 50% share.	
4)	Employment opportunities should be provided in the project according to the educational qualifications.	Suggestion is noted.
5)	Anganwadi is arranged for malnourished children in every	Suggestion is noted.

	<p>village. But why not in Loharadongri village? If Lohardongri does not have a mini Anganwadi, then an Asha worker should be hired for five thousand rupees to make the children malnutrition free. A solution must be found in this regard. No child should be malnourished here. So, they can be fed or cooked at home. Children should not be malnourished when women in rural areas go to work, for this there requires a woman.</p>	
6)	<p>In our village, if a person falls ill, it is very difficult to take him to the hospital. For this, Gangasagar road should be developed immediately.</p>	<p>The Project Proponent said that the roads in the area would be developed in phases. However, the No Objection Certificate of the Forest Department is to be obtained by the concerned Gram Panchayat only.</p>
7)	<p>We have a hilly area and a lot of wildlife. So, for the night, a big lamp, solar-powered lamp should be provided here.</p>	<p>Suggestion is noted.</p>
8)	<p>After starting of mining activities, if attempt is made to displace our village and surrounding villages, we will not accept it. We will oppose tremendously.</p>	
9)	<p>Pollution will increase once mining starts. Therefore, if children from Loharadongari village and other villages fall ill, the company should take responsibility.</p>	

5) Shri Patwari Laxman Dhumbare, Kitali Gram Panchayat Member, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I had submitted my statement to the Government of Maharashtra on 22-10-2016 for road works in Kitali Gram Panchayat area. Government of Maharashtra informed about the condition of roads at Kitali-Balapur, Kitali-Alat, Kitali-Lohara Dongri, Kitali-Rampuri. Nagbhid Panchayat Samiti, Taluka-Nagbhid, Murga, Avalgaon Bazarpeth road is blocked. However, the request for approval of this road. However, the government is requested to take note of our problem and speed up the roads here.	

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, appealed to the participants to raise their environmental suggestions, and objections only.

6) Shri Nilkanth Zore, Former Sarpanch, Kitali Gram Panchayat, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	There is a public hearing on environmental issues for mining at Lohara Dongri. It is a rural area and the people in the area are not educated. They only do other work on the farm or to fill their stomachs. Will mining affect the natural resources here? The temperature in Chandrapur has risen and it affect lives. Will that be the result?	

2)	This Lohara Dongari village is in a forest affected area. Hence, there is a large amount of wildlife here. After starting mining in the mountains, they will come to the village and attack the animals and people. Who will take responsibility for it?	The Project Proponent said there is no wildlife in the area. Because the buffer zone report is also taken. However, the opinion and report of the Wildlife Board of the Government of India will be obtained and made available
3)	The fresh air here will be spoiled by mining. Further action should be taken only after studying whether it will have any effect on other natural resources.	
4)	The company should provide employment opportunities to local youth. Even though it is a private company, the minerals here are being deposited with the Government. So, don't do injustice to the local people. Local people should be given permanent jobs.	Project management will give priority to local people in employment.
5)	It has been so many days since independence, but we have no road. This is our downfall. In our village, people are not connected to the road. So, the children here have to be kept elsewhere for education.	
6)	Opportunities should be given to the local people, and Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the project while implementing the project. The forest wealth here is ours. We have a right for it. So, it is not going to work if the company goes out of business.	
7)	After mining in our area, the local people and local area should get the same benefits as the company and government.	
8)	Agriculture has been our livelihood for generations. It should not be affected by this mine. In the same way, mining should not adversely affect forest resources, wildlife and animals here.	Agriculture will not be adversely affected.

7) Shri Pramod Nagapure, Tantamukti President, Gitari, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I reject / oppose this project, because this project will cause a lot of damage. In summer, the water in the lake is completely dries. The lake at the bottom of the hill is filled by the water from the hills. Wild animal come here to drink the water in any season. If there is no water in the lake at the bottom of the hill after mining, so there will be no water for wildlife and agriculture. Those lakes are not deep enough to store the water for whole year.	The lake will be deepened, and system will be provided to use the water.
2)	I understood that only raw material would be taken from here and the next action would be elsewhere. Therefore, the unemployed in our village will get employment opportunities even if they are well educated. Moreover, modern machinery is now used in all projects.	
3)	The blasting in the project is going to cause trouble. Hence, I am opposing this project.	Control blasting will be carried in the project, so the local people will not suffer.

8) Shri Dhanraj Madavi, Residence -Lohara Dongri, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Participants here have asked a lot of questions about the project. But the local people desire this project. Because the unemployed in the village will get employment opportunities. However, the project management should take care not to cause pollution. Similarly, the laborers in the surrounding villages should be given jobs. Now the project, there is going to be blasting. Project Proponent should take all the precautions. The project should start as soon as possible.	Control blasting will be done in the project, so the local people will not suffer.

- 9) One of the Participants suggested that there are three villages in this gram panchayat. This is Group Gram Panchayat, but other villages should also be considered without thinking of Lohara Dongari alone. When this project will start, consider the deepening of the lake and the waste, then consider whether to start the project or not. If the project starts here and the company starts here, then one in every family can get a job. However, the project should start soon.

10) Shri Jayant Vinayak Zore, Kitali, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Jobs should be given according to the educational qualifications in the project. The higher the educational qualification, higher the post should be given.	Suggestion is noted
2)	Explain the adverse effects of this project on agriculture.	Agriculture will not be adversely affected.

11) Shri Sudhakar Madavi, Residence –Taluka ----- District ----

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Where the project will be developed, a large number of trees will be cut down. So the number of trees that are going to be cut down, the age of the tree should be calculated and the compensation should be given to the respective Gram Sabha or Gram Panchayat.	Suggestion is noted.
2)	Where the excavated material will be taken? I understood that the project would last only for five years. If you are going to make your profit, then what after five years? This should be considered by the company.	The life of the mine is 15 years.

Convener appealed to the participants to raise any suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project.

12) Shri Pramod Raghunath Chimurkar, Ex-Member, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur: -

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	So far, many local people have raised the issues here. Even though we have held an environmental public hearing, the local people here felt that there should be other issues as well. However, other subjects should also be mentioned, because their demand is true. So, Whether there be another Public Hearing on other suggestions?	Chairman of the meeting informed that this is environmental public hearing regarding the proposed project. Also, other topics have been noted. This Committee does not have the authority to approve, recommend or reject the project. This public hearing is for the public to register their environmental suggestions and objections regarding the proposed project, which are

		communicated to the Government. The project is approved at the Government level only.
2)	Mining will pollute the environment in the village. It will affect the health of the local people. It is requested that free medical treatment should be given to the people of the Gram Panchayat in the area.	Suggestion is noted.
3)	There will be a loud noise in the village during the excavation. Also, road boundaries have been completed and roads need to be developed. Works up to Bramhapuri have been completed. If the roads are good, the noise of vehicles will also decrease. Vehicles should not be loaded in the same road.	Control blasting will be done in the project.
4)	The people of all the villages in the area are demanding that job opportunities should be made available to the people. They demand that employment should be available to one person in every household. Others have demanded that everyone in every household should get job opportunities. However, the people here should be given priority in job opportunities.	Project Proponent said that, priority will be given to local people while providing employment opportunities.
5)	5% royalty is paid from the project, it should be used for the drinking water scheme in the area and for road development. Apart from this Group Gram Panchayats, royalty should not be used.	
6)	The hilly part is near the village. Even though it is small now, its scope is going to be bigger in the future. However, excavation of hilly areas should be done only for a certain period of time.	
7)	All agreements should be made with the company for the development of	The Project Proponent said that the roads in the area would be developed in

the village. Roads connecting all the villages should be developed. Also, the local people should be given justice while approving this project.	phases. However, the No Objection Certificate of the Forest Department is to be obtained by the concerned Gram Panchayat.
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Convener of the meeting suggested Project Proponent to answer the suggestions, objections raised by the participants.

Project Proponent said that it is demanded in the meeting the deepening of the lake. He promised that Project Management will excavate and deepen the lake and system will be provided for use of the water.

Some suggestions have been received to develop the roads. The project management promises to build the road. However, if the permission of Forest Department is required, the No Objection Certificate should be obtained by the concerned Gram Panchayat / concerned person only. These social programmes will be done through CSR.

The issue raised at the meeting is what would happen due to blasting in the area? According to the 1955 law, Control Blasting will be used. Therefore, katcha houses or pucca houses in the village will not be affected. A scientific report will be prepared in this regard.

The issue that was raised later was what are the adverse effects of mining on agriculture? These mines will start from 315 MRM to 241 MRM. The Project Proponent said that the ground water table here is below 235. This will not adversely affect agriculture or groundwater.

In the discussions, the life of this mine is said to be five years. So that's not true. The lifespan of this mine is fifteen years. It can grow, as it has an area of 35.73 hectares. Now exploration of 19 hectares is completed, but not 23 hectares. Therefore, its life span can be 15-30 years.

The Project Proponent said the project would give priority to local people only for employment. The project will provide employment based on educational qualifications. There will be no noise due to control blasting. The development of the road, however, will be done in stages.

The Project Proponent said that there is no wildlife in the area. The TATR Andhari & Ghodazari Buffer Zone report is also obtained. However, the opinion and report of the Wildlife Board of the Government of India will be taken and made available.

Some of the participants had demanded to give a Marathi copy. A copy will be made available.

Medical facilities will definitely be provided. "We will not take anyone's land here," he said. Only two hectares of land has been taken from the Forest Department for the road. We have acquired 36 Ha. of land area in Yavatmal District & it will be handed over to Forest Department. It will be at Yavatmal. We are going to plant 30,000 trees there too.

The Project Proponent said that if the project starts, the Government will get Rs 65 crore a year. We will appoint 32 people permanently and indirectly 150 people. Similarly, the contract of the company canteen, maintenance of the garden can be taken over by the local people.

13) Shri Atul Satphale, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Proponent / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Due to transportation of the project, the dust flies over the surrounding agriculture land. Hence, inform the measures to prevent the ill-effects of dust.	The Project Proponent said that we would not use the village road. We have taken another route from the forest department. Only 12 tons will be transported in small trucks. The truck will not be overloaded, and water will be sprinkled up to the main road. The truck will be closed with a tarpaulin.

Project Proponent stated that the deposit in the mine is to the south. So, we will not come to the side of the village.

The Project Proponent informed that Sunflag is a 200-hectare company. The company is surrounded by dense jungle. The tree is planted and nurtured every year.

The pollution level of our factory is within the limits as prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. If at all there is minor changes, we have to pay a fine and, in some cases, the company is closed.

The Deputy Executive Director of the Project said further action would be taken on the suggestions presented at the meeting. Apart from that, if the local people are going to develop small-scale industries, it will be fully co-operated. We will definitely strive for the socio-economic development of the area.

Convener requested Chairman to conclude the meeting.

While concluding the meeting, Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that today we have gathered here to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing of proposed project of Iron Ore Mining – 1,40,598.0 TPA of Project Proponent M/s. Sunflag Iron and Steel Company Limited (Loharadongri Iron Ore Block), Village Loharadongri, Tal. Bramhapuri, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra.


He informed that this Committee is constituted to note the environmental views, comments, suggestions or objections of the participants regarding the proposed project and the Committee has no authority to approve, reject or recommend the project.

Chairman said that the comments, suggestions or objections raised by the participants during the meeting regarding the proposed project are noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting which will be prepared in Marathi and English and will be submitted alongwith Final EIA and written objections as received from the local people to Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032. The Expert Committee will take further decision.

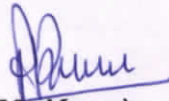
Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all local people, PAPs (Project Affected Person), Government Officers and employees, Police officers and staff, officials or representative of the local people and declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

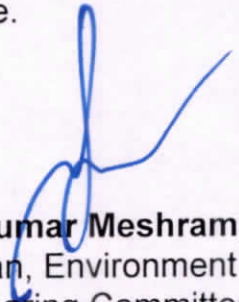
Enclosed 20 suggestions/objections received by the office.



(Atul Saffale)
Convener,
Environment Public
Hearing Committee &
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



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Member, Environment
Public Hearing Committee
& Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



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