

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EXISTING CRUSHING AND GRINDING UNIT OF MANGANESE ORE WITH ADDITION OF MANUFACTURING OF 24000 TPA OF MANGANESE OXIDE BY ROASTING FURNACE OF M/S. EVERGREEN MANGANESE & MINERALS INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED, KH.NO. 291, 292, AAMD FATA, TAL.PARSEONI, DIST-NAGPUR DTD. 27/06/2025.

M/s. Evergreen Manganese & Minerals Industries Private Limited, Kh.No. 291, 292, Aamdi Fata, Tal.Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Expansion of Existing Crushing and Grinding Unit of Manganese Ore with Addition of Manufacturing of 24000 TPA of Manganese Oxide by Roasting Furnace as per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 and amended notification dated 1.12.2009. The Public Hearing was held at Project Site M/s. Evergreen Manganese & Minerals Industries Private Limited, Kh.No. 291, 292, Aamdi Fata, Tal.Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri. Anup Khande, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur attended the hearing as a member of the public hearing panel, and Shri. Kishor Pusadkar, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-I as a Convener. The Public Hearing commenced at 11.30 a.m. 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-I 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 Ministry. 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-I explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing and informed that as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 amended on 14th September 2006 notices for the public hearing were published in local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Lokmat' (Marathi) on 27/05/2025. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Copies of the EIA-Environment Management Plan & 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-46/2025 vide letter No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-250530-FTS-0088 dtd. 30/05/2025. Copy of the same is enclosed

as **Annexure-III**. One online suggestions through email were received to MPCB during the notice period. Copy enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-I and Convener requested the project proponent to give the 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, 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.Kishor Pusadkar requested the citizens to express their views, comments, concern & suggestions 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. Radheshyam Guddhe, Tekadi, Tal.Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1	There are villages in the vicinity of the industry and the people from which villages will be employed. People from outside get employment here but locals do not get employment.	Shri.Pradeep Piplatkar, Representative In this regard, the project owner clarified that priority will be given to local people for employment first.

2) Shri. Yogesh Basole, Up-Sarpanch, G.P. Aamdi, Tal.Parseoni, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	Locals have been employed in this industry and have shown support for the proposed project.	Point noted.

3) Smt. Savita Lanjewar.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	There is no problem with this industry.	Point noted.

4) Smt. Savita Shivankar

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	She supports to the project.	Point noted.

5) Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	<p>He supports the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill development training should be provided to the youth of the villages so that they get opportunities in other employment. • Rainwater harvesting should be established by collecting rainwater. • Industry should set up air and water pollution control systems based on updated technology. • Tree plantations should be done which should include fruit trees and medicinal plants. • The industry is welcomed as it provides more employment opportunities than the total investment in the industry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rainwater harvesting and STP will be implemented. ▪ Treated water to be reused for gardening. ▪ Air pollution control systems will be installed.

6) Shri. Chandrashekhar, NGO, Hyderabad.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	<p>He first welcomed the proposed project.</p> <p>The industry should plant large numbers of trees in the surrounding areas. It should provide employment to the locals. It should also be a corporate social responsibility for the development of villages.</p>	<p>In this regard, the project owner clarified that trees will be planted in the project area and priority will be given to employment for locals.</p>

7) Shri.Sanjay Satyakar, Social Worker.

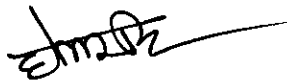
Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the raw materials required for the proposed production of 24,000 tons per year be transported? The industry should plant a large number of trees through local women so that dust does not fly in the area. Information should be provided regarding water sources and industrial wastewater discharge. It should be clarified whether the current 7 acres of land area is sufficient for the proposed project There are 8 villages in the area of this industry. Only locals should be given employment. The project owner should ensure that the residents of the area are not bothered by dust. 	<p>Raw materials will be transported by trucks covered with tarpaulins. Trees will be planted in the project area and priority will be given to employment for locals.</p> <p>The currently available 7 acres of land is sufficient for the proposed project, and a large amount of green belt will be developed in this and the help of villagers will be sought for tree plantation.</p>

Subsequently, Mrs. Hema Deshpande, Member of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee and Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Nagpur, advised the project proponent that no green belt development has been undertaken in the existing project. She instructed that a green belt must be developed in the proposed expansion project.

She further stated that the committee will take note of the suggestions given by the public and submit the report as it is to the government, based on which a decision will be taken by the Central Government.

Shri Anup Khande, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee and Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur, reviewed the questions raised by the attendees and the responses given by the project proponent regarding the proposed project. He emphasized that for environmental protection, the industry should undertake tree plantation on 33% of the open land area and appoint a dedicated person for its maintenance. Additionally, he recommended planting bamboo along the boundary of the industrial premises to help reduce dust pollution in the surrounding area. He also advised the project proponent to implement rainwater harvesting by collecting rainwater in the project premises. Furthermore, he informed that anyone with written suggestions or representations should submit them either to the Public Hearing Committee, the MPCB Office, Nagpur, or the District Collector's Office, Nagpur.

He expressed gratitude to the attendees and formally declared the public hearing concluded.



(Hema Deshpande)
Member of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur



(Kishor Pusadkar)
Convener of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur-I.



(Anup Khande)
Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur

