

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON 23.09.2017 AT 11.00 A.M. AT- PANCHAYAT OFFICE, UMADEIBRAHMAPUR, BALIANTA BLOCK, DIST.- KHORDHA IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED KUAKHAI RIVER SAND BED MINING OF SRI KAMAL KUMAR PATRA FOR PRODUCTION OF 410500 Cu.m./ANNUM SAND WITH OPEN CAST MINING METHODS OVER AN AREA OF 48.81 Ha. IN THE VILLAGE UMADEIBRAHMAPUR, ALARPUR, HATAJASUAPUR & HIRAPUR, BALIANTA TEHSIL IN THE DISTRICT OF KHORDHA

- ❖ Public hearing for the project proposed by Mr. Kamal Kumar Patra for Kuakhai River Sand Bed Mining at Umadeibrahmapur, Alarpur, Hatajasuapur & Hirapur, Baliana tehsil in the district of Khordha was conducted on 23rd September, 2017 as per the schedule date and venue in accordance with **EIA Notification S.O.1533 (E), Dtd.14.09.2006** and its various amendments thereafter.
- ❖ The panel consists of following members:
 1. Sri Manoj Kumar Mohanty, Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar.
 2. Sri Hadibandhu Panigrahy, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- ❖ Sri Manoj Kumar Mohanty, Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar presided over the public hearing and Sri Hadibandhu Panigrahy, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha assisted to conduct the hearing. More than 200 persons from the aforesaid villages and neighboring villages were present in the public hearing meeting.
- ❖ At the outset Sri Panigrahy welcomed the gathering and explained the main objectives of the public hearing. He stated that Govt. has provided Mr. Kamal Kumar Patra an area of 48.81 Hectare on lease basis for sand mining activity. He pointed out that all the information w.r.t. public hearing has already been published in the daily News Papers for the knowledge of the public. Further, he requested the public to maintain

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discipline and offer their views during the public hearing process and requested Sri Mohanty, ADM, BBSR to preside the meeting.

❖ Sri Mohanty, Additional District Magistrate delivered his welcome address and explained the objective as well as necessity of the public hearing and the procedure of conducting the public hearing as per the EIA Notification. He stated that, the sand mine has been auctioned by Govt. and the discussion will be on the impact of environment due to sand mining of the river bed which should be sustainable and suggested that the activity of mining shall not be threatened to the surrounding people & environment. He requested the public to maintain discipline while giving the views which will be recorded by the PCB officials in writing and by video and will be sending to MoEF. He further requested the public to place their views.

❖ Sri Panigrahy requested the project proponent to brief about the proposed project.

❖ Sri Suklambar Patra, Environmental Consultant (M/s. ENVIRTA Sustainable Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.) addressed on behalf of M/s. Kuakhai River Sand Bed Mining Project to the committee members and public and gave a brief description about the proposed project. He reported that the proposed site is located near the village Umadeibrahmapur, Hirapur, Alarpur, Hatajasuapur and it is proposed to draw 410500 Cu.m. / Annum sand from the mines in an area of 48.81 Ha. The open cast mining will be

made with a depth of 1 mtr excavation utilizing local labours. During rainy season (4 months) no excavation will be done.

He also briefed about the peripheral status of the area w.r.t. land use, geological features, geomorphology, soil environment, air environment and water quality of the proposed site. All the information related to environment impact in the surrounding area is elaborately



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placed in the Environment Impact Assessment Report. He assured that the project proponent will take necessary precautionary measures scientifically for any environmental issues such as for water, air, noise etc. Further, he stated that they will provide adequate funds for the workers to cover health security, their livelihood, generate employment, create awareness among people and protect environment through CSR activity with a budget of Rs. 15 lakhs only. Further, he briefed the environment management plan. For soil conservation on the river bank there will be no mining activity around 45 mtr. radius of both side of the road on river bank, which is considered as safety zone. He also highlighted the details of the project benefit to be accrued by the villagers in the event of establishment and operation of the proposed project.

Thereafter, the proponent himself requested the public to present their views about the proposed project.

About 27 nos. of villagers have expressed their opinion regarding the establishment of the proposed project.

The views expressed by various speakers are as follows:

1. Sri Umakanta Acharya, Sarpanch, Satyabhamapur:

He raised his confusion/ queries regarding mining activity like environment pollution due to sand mining, depletion of water table in the surrounding, breakdown of bridge etc. Later he confessed that, if there is no harm to the surrounding by the operation of sand mines and if it helps in the development in education of meritorious students and health of villagers; then they will have no objection for establishment of the proposed project.

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2. Sri Bishnu Ojha, Hirapur :

He expressed his views regarding development of the village. He said that if the benevolent work as explained by the mine holder is implemented then it will be helpful in the development of the villages. Further, he pointed out that, if the sand mine operates in this area, then villagers will get sand for construction purposes at a cheaper rate. Hence, he prayed the govt. to cooperate for the establishment of the project.

3. Sri Sukanta Kumar Sahoo, Sarpanch, Hirapur:

He agreed to the earlier speakers and welcomed the proposed project to be established in the proposed site for development of education and health of the villagers as well as availability of sand for their use at the door step.

4. Smt. Tulasi Sahoo, Umadeibrahmapur,

5. Smt. Puspanjali Dash, Hirapur:

They both welcomed the project and stated that they usually spent lot of money in obtaining the sand from outside, but if it is available in their village it will be cost effective for them to make any type of construction.

6. Sri Abhimanyu Panda, Umadeibrahmapur:

He expressed his support and appreciated the project. He further stated that, if proper sand mining will be done, the depth in the river shall be maintained so that the chance of flood will be minimized as happened earlier.

7. Sri Siba Parida, Hirapur:

He expressed that the proposed project will make benefit to the villagers. A number of Trucks / Tractors from the nearest villages can be engaged in the mining works which in turn provide financial income to the villagers and benefit local people by providing engagement. Hence, it is good to establish the mines.

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8. Sri V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist:

He expressed his heartiest support for the proposed project M/s. Kuakhai River Sand Bed Mining Project. He stated that there is a need of youth employment in this country for which he prefers the industrial development of Odisha. He then suggested the project proponent to maintain the ecological balance and development of the mining activity. He said that the baseline survey of air, water, land has been already done by the proponent and requested to collect the data of health status of the people, crop production status, ground water availability status within 10 Kms radius, construction of water harvesting structures etc. He further suggested to take up village plantation and **to give priority to the local educated unemployed youth to give employment and promote skill development, providing opportunities and employment choices for the youths in their places and other area.** He also requested **to form Co-ordination committees** with the villagers, mining staffs, govt. officials and PCB officials to take up plan of CSR budget to be provided by the project proponent. Finally he requested to recommend to MoEF to give unconditional permission to the proposed project.

- 9. Sri Kartikeswar Sethy, Umadeibrahmapur,
- 10. Sri Gangadhar Mahapatra, Umadeibrahmapur,
- 11. Smt. Sarojini Mishra, Hirapur,
- 12. Smt. Manasi Dash, Umadeibrahmapur,
- 13. Sri Umesh Prasad Mohanty, Hirapur,
- 14. Sri Kapil Behera, Umadeibrahmapur,
- 15. Sri Chhabin Das, Umadeibrahmapur,
- 16. Sri Abhimanyu Mallik, Alarpur,
- 17. Sri Dinabandhu Sahoo, Tankapani,
- 18. Sri Ramachandra Sahoo, Umadeibrahmapur,
- 19. Sri Kartikeswar Behera, Alarpur,
- 20. Smt. Sukumari Sahoo, Umadeibrahmapur,

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21. Smt. Jhumuri Behera, Umadeibrahmapur.

The above speakers expressed that villagers are getting help from the mining activity. It is cost effective for them to get sand from the nearby proposed project than outside. Hence, they appreciated and stated that they have no objection in setting up the proposed project.

22. Sri Niranjan Das, Hirapur:

He expressed that slowly the river bed is filled up by the sand for which people are facing problem in managing their livelihood. But, if there will be depth in the river then they can live well by fishing in the river by which they will make their livelihood. Hence, he appreciated the proposed project.

23. Sri Managobinda Panda, Umadeibrahmapur:

With warm greeting he stated that, the authorities have made clear about the rules and regulations of sand mining to which the villagers are not aware earlier. He further stated that the peoples will be benefited and they will improve their livelihood by engaging their vehicles as well as get sand nearer to their home place.

24. Sri Santosh Kumar Bhoi, Umadeibrahmapur:

He stated that all the poor people will be benefitted from the project. They can construct house through Indira Abash Yojana by getting sand at a low price and welcomed the proposed project in which villagers can also get employment through this project.

25. Sri Akhaya Kumar Nayak, Umadeibrahmapur:

He stated that about 100 nos. of vehicles will be engaged in that project in which at least 100 nos. of drivers, 300 laborers and about 1600/1700 people can be engaged. Hence, he supports the proposed project.

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS FURNISHED WRITTEN STATEMENTS
IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

SL.NO.	NAME & ADDRESS
1.	Sri Umakanta Acharya, Sarapancha, Satyabhamapur
2.	Sri Bishnu Ojha, Hirapur
3.	Sri Sukanta Kumar Sahoo, Sarpanch, Hirapur
4.	Smt. Tulasi Sahoo, Umadeibramapur & Smt. Puspanjali Dash, Hirapur
5.	Smt. Puspanjali Dash, Hirapur
6.	Sri Abhimanyu Panda, Umadeibramapur
7.	Sri Siba Parida, Hirapur
8.	Sri V. Sunanda Redy, Environmentalist
9.	Sri Kartikeswar Sethy, Umadeibrahmapur
10.	Sri Gangadhar Mahapatra, Umadeibrahmapur
11.	Smt. Sarojini Mishra, Hirapur
12.	Smt. Manasi Dash, Umadeibrahmapur
13.	Sri Umesh Prasad Mohanty, Hirapur
14.	Sri Kapil Behara, Umadeibrahmapur
15.	Sri Chhabin Das, Umadeibrahmapur
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18.	Sri Ramachandra Sahoo, Umadeibrahmapur
19.	Sri Kartikeswar Behera, Alarpur
20.	Smt. Sukumari Sahoo, Umadeibrahmapur
21.	Smt. Jhumuri Behera, Umadeibrahmapur
22.	Sri Niranjan Das, Hirapur
23.	Sri Managobinda Panda, Umadeibrahmapur
24.	Sri Santosh Kumar Bhoi, Umadeibrahmapur
25.	Sri Akhaya Kumar Nayak, Umadeibrahmapur,
26.	Smt. Bilasini Sahoo, Umadeibrahmapur,
27.	Sri Sushant Kumar Sahoo, Umadeibrahmapur,

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Dated : 20-09-2017

To

The Regional Officer,

Regional Office,

OSPCB, Bhubaneswar

Odisha State.

Sub :- Suggestions for Public Hearing dated : 23-09-2017 of Proposed **M/s. Kuakhai River Sand Bed Mining Project**, Proposed production 410500m³ per Annum at Village : Umadeibrahmapur, Hatjasuapur, Hirapur & Alarpur, Tahsil : Balianta, District : Khordha, Odisha State.

Sir,

I V.Sunanda Reddy, I am the first Environmentalist in India to support Industrial development activities. My best wishes and supporting the management of **M/s. Kuakhai River Sand Bed Mining Project**, Generally Environmentalists opposes Mining activity. But I am whole heartedly supporting the Mining production. Because in India approximately 40 Crores youth between the age group 18 to 35 years are waiting for employment opportunities and urgent need of industrial development of Odisha State. At the same time here is a great necessity to protect the ecological balance. I am giving you few suggestions to maintain the Ecological balance and development of your Mining Activity.


1. You consultant have already conducted baseline survey of air, water, land it is very good. My request is please collect the data of the health status of the people, Crop, Production status and ground water availability status within 10 Kms radius. It is very useful in future and utilize as a parameter to take precautionary affective measures to maintain ecological maintainance. If there is any possibility to add this reprot in final EIA report it is great welcoming.
2. My request and suggestion you take up mining activity faced manner like Hactor by Hector. When completed I Hector and then you start another Hactor. This is very affective Ecological balanceble activity. It is great credibility comes to you in the maintenance of Ecological balance.

- You are proposing 48.810 Ha land for mining in this land. My humble request to you to construct water Harvesting structures and storage structures to store the water. It is useful for also develop ground water levels in this area.
4. You have planed takeup plantation is very good. My Suggestion is to takeup plantation is very essential to control presure on ecological Balance because indian papulation is increasing 10 crores for every 10 years. It is very preserised on natural resources.
 5. Please take up village plantation in nearby villages and also avenue plantation in nearby villages on which internal roads you vehicles transporting the materials to control dust pollution. My request is you should give priority to plant fruit bearing plants and medicinal value plants instead of normal plants. It is very beneficial to control dust pollution and also available fruits in nearby vilalges.
 6. Please give top priority to the local educate unemployed youth to give employment in your Mining Activity.
 7. My humble request is to promote skill development training to unemployed youth to get better skills and to get employment chances in your industry remaining youth to get other places jobs. Countries like Japan and Korea youth 96 percent got skill development trainings. But in India 5 to 6 percent youth have skilled persons.
 8. My request is to form a Co-ordination committies with villagers and yout company officials, Govt. Officials and PCB officials to take up plan of action of CSR budget. It is very effectively helping and meaningful to take up demand oriented works. Please discourage target oriented works with this activity a great crediability comes to you.
- Once again my best wishes and supporting to your mining development at the same time please maintain the Ecological balance and environmental safety.

I am congratulating environment consultancy which has prepared detailed EIA report to your Project is very good and satisfactory.

Finally I am requesting the public hearing panel committi to recommend to MOEF to give unconditional permission to **M/s. Kuakhai River Sand Bed Mining Project**, Proposed production 410500m³ per Annum at Village : Umadeibrahmapur, Hatjasuapur, Hirapur & Alarpur, Tahsil : Baliana, District : Khordha, Odisha State.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

(V.Sunanda Reddy)
Environmentalist



STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

[DEPARTMENT OF FOREST & ENVIRONMENT, GOVT. OF ODISHA]

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Date 21.08.2017

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that **Sri Kamal Kumar Patra** has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for **Kuakhai river Sand Bed Mining Project** for production of **410500 m³/annum sand** with open cast mining method over an area of **48.81 ha.** in **Umadeibrahmapur, Alarpur, Halajasuapur and Hirapur village, Tahasil - Baljanta** in the district of **Khordha** to obtain Environmental Clearance from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha. The proponent has applied to the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for a Public Hearing.

By virtue of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India Notification, No. S.O. 1533 (E) dtd. 14.09.2006, the Board has been authorized to conduct environmental public hearing and as such invites suggestions, views, comments and objections on matters relating to environmental aspects of the proposed project from all the persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at the proposed site / sites of displacement/ sites likely to be affected.

For the above purpose, a person will only mean:

- Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and/or functioning in the field of environment.
- Any local authority within any part of whose local limits is within the neighborhood, wherein the project is proposed to be located.

Persons as above who desire to submit their views, comments, objections etc. relevant to the project, may do so in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice addressing the same to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha through Registered Post. Besides this, persons interested to submit their views relevant to the proposed project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing to be conducted on **23.09.2017 at 11:00 AM** in the gram panchayat office, **Umadeibrahmapur G.P. Umadeibrahmapur, Tahasil-Balianta of Khordha district.**

Persons desirous of participating in the public hearing may go through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) / Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the said project which will be available at the following offices. Copy of the Executive Summary both in English & Odia is also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website : www.ospcboard.org free of cost.

- District Collector's Office, Khordha
- District Industries Centre, Khordha
- In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Khordha
- In the Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-12
- Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
- Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

For any further clarification in the matter, **The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar** or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted. Suggestions, comments, objections etc. will not be entertained if not submitted in writing within the stipulated period or not submitted in writing or orally during the public hearing.

Sd/- MEMBER SECRETARY

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