Proceedings of the Public Hearing meeting held on 25th October, 2018 at 10.30 AM at the Play ground near Nadidih Primary School of Village Nadikasira in respect of Nadidih Iron & Mn. Mines of M/s. Feegrade & Co. (P) Ltd. for enhancement of production capacity of ROM iron ore from 2.88 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA and reduction in dry Processing (crushing/ screening) of low grade iron ore from old stacks/dumps from 4.571 MTPA to 1.451 MTPA (total handling 7.451 MTPA) over an area of 121.405 hectares at villages Nadikasira and Rengalbeda, Tehsil Koira in Sundargarh District.

The public hearing of Nadidih Iron & Mn. Mines of M/s. Feegrade & Co. (P) Ltd. for enhancement of production capacity of ROM iron ore from 2.88 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA and reduction in dry Processing (crushing/screening) of low grade iron ore from old stacks/dumps from 4.571 MTPA to 1.451 MTPA (total handling 7.451 MTPA) over an area of 121.405 hectares at villages Nadikasira and Rengalbeda, Tehsil Koira in Sundargarh District, was held on 25th October, 2018 at 10.30 AM at the Play ground near Nadidih Primary School of Village Nadikasira.

Sri Bhaskar Chandra Turuk, OAS (SAG), Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh supervised and presided over the meeting along with Sri Hemendra Nath Nayak, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Rourkela, Odisha.

At the outset, Sri Hemendra Nath Nayak, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Rourkela welcomed the public present in the meeting. He briefly described the objective of the public hearing as per the EIA Notification S. O. 1533 (E), dated 14th September, 2006 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & CC, Govt. of India. He informed that, the date, time and venue for conducting the public hearing of Nadidih Iron & Mn. Mines of M/s. Feegrade & Co. (P) Ltd. for enhancement of production capacity of ROM iron ore from 2.88 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA and reduction in dry Processing (crushing/ screening) of low grade iron ore from old stacks/dumps from 4.571 MTPA to 1.451 MTPA (total handling 7.451 MTPA) over an area of 121.405 hectares at villages Nadikasira and Rengalbeda, Tehsil Koira in Sundargarh District was advertised in the Odia Daily "Dharitri" on 22nd September, 2018 and the English Daily, "The New Sunday Express" on 23rd September, 2018 (Paper cuttings of the advertisements are enclosed).

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Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh welcomed the public who were present at the venue for participating in the public hearing and informed about the objective of the public hearing.

On behalf of the Project Proponent, Sri Nihar Ranjan Satpathy, Mines Manager welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and the gathering. He gave a brief description about the proposed expansion for enhancement of production of the mine. He stated that the mine has already obtained necessary approval from Indian Bureau of Mines for modification of mining plan for enhancement of production. The Environmental Impact Assessment and Environment Management Plan was prepared as per Term of Reference issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India. Wet drilling, controlled blasting, water sprinkling on haul road through fixed water sprinklers and mobile water tankers are being carried out to control air pollution. Coir matting along with grass seeding and plantation has been undertaken by the mine over the dump slopes for proper dump management. The mine has also constructed retaining wall, garland drain, settling tank along the toe of the dumps. They have also installed sewage treatment plant for treatment of domestic waste water generated from the mine colony and treated water is re-used. Plantation has been undertaken over dump slopes, safety zone and other vacant areas. He has assured that, the company will continue to undertake the above mentioned dump management practices, air & water pollution control measures enhancement of production for better compliance. He further stated that, company has provided direct and indirect employment to the local people. The company has also undertaken various peripheral developmental works including free health care facility, drinking water facility, educational facility, road infrastructure, socio-cultural activities, promotion of sports activity, livelihood promotion and development of livestocks. He has assured that, the company will also continue to undertake these activities during enhancement of production.

The Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh invited the public to offer their views related to the expansion of production of Nadidih Iron & Mn. Mines of M/s. Feegrade & Co. (P) Ltd. Most of the public have supported the proposed expansion project for employment generation and overall peripheral development. The views offered by the participants are enclosed as Annexure-IV.

The Summary of the issues raised by the participants in the public hearing in Odia & English (Vernacular language) is enclosed as

Annexure-V (A&B).

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After completion of the deliberation process, the Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh invited the representative of Nadidih Iron & Mn. Mines of M/s. Feegrade & Co. (P) Ltd, to present a brief note on the issues related to the demand and grievances of the local people raised during the public hearing.

Summary of the views of the project proponent on issues raised by the public in Odia & English (Vernacular language) is enclosed as **Annexure-VI (A&B)**.

After deliberation of the above and concluding statement by the Additional District Magistrate, Sundargarh, Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Asst. Env. Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Rourkela gave vote of thanks at the end of public hearing.

The Attendance sheet of the members present in the public hearing is annexed as **Annexure-I**. As many as 500 participants had attended the public hearing meeting and about 172 persons have put their signature in the attendance sheet whose list is annexed as **Annexure-II**. 38 persons took part in the deliberation, whose list is annexed as **Annexure-III**. The video recording of the entire proceedings of the public hearing is enclosed as Compact Disc (CD). In total, 8 written statements have been received from various stake holders on the day of public hearing. Copies of the written statements are enclosed as **Annexure-VII**.

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