PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 08.03.2019 (AT 11.00 AM) AT BARAPADA GROUND, BARAPADA VILLAGE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF NUAGAON IRON ORE MINES OF M/S. KAMALJEET SINGH AHLUWALIA FOR EXPANSION OF IRON ORE PRODUCTION FROM 5.62 MTPA TO 7.99 MTPA (ROM) ALONG WITH EXISITING 2.00 MTPA BENEFICIATION PLANT AND CRUSHING & SCREENING PLANTS OVER AN AREA OF 767.284 HA. AT NUAGAON, TOPADIHI, BARAPADA AND KATASHAI VILLAGES, UNDER BARBIL TAHASIL IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA.

The public hearing in respect of the project proposed by Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s. Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia for expansion of Iron ore production 5.62 MillionTPA to 7.99 Million TPA (ROM) along with existing 2.00 MTPA Beneficiation plant and crushing & screening plants over lease area of 767.284 Ha. was held on scheduled date & time at the ground, Barapada village under Barbil Tahasil in the district of Keonjhar with reference to:

I. EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006 and Amendments thereafter.

The Panel consisted of the following members:

- 1. Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar
- Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board,
 Odisha, Keonjhar.

Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, supervised & presided the public hearing process and was assisted by Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

At the outset, welcoming the members participated in the meeting, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar gave a brief introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notification, 2006 and interim operational guidelines till date, in respect of project proposed by M/s. Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia.

Shri Behera explained that the views, comments, objections and opinions of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. He asked the project proponent to make a brief presentation before the public, gathered in the meeting, about the various aspects of the proposed project to be undertaken, for better awareness of the public. On behalf of the Project Proponent, Shri Jawan Kumar Nath, Sr. Geologist addressed the committee members and assembled public and made a brief presentation about the salient features of the proposed project, environmental management, pollution control measures, waste management, aforestation programme and various other CSR activities envisaged in the proposed project.

Then Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar requested the public to give their views, comments, objections and opinions on the proposed project.

The views expressed by various speakers on the proposed project are as follows:

1. Maheswar Ghana, Katasai:

Welcoming the panel and gathering, he told that local villagers will be benefited directly or indirectly after expansion of the mines production. He also told that there are many unemployed youth mass in the local villages and mines authority shall give employment opportunity to them in the expansion project. At the end he supported the expansion proposal of the mine.

2. Padmabati Nayak, Guali Sarpanch, Barapada:

While welcoming the panel and gathering, she told that everybody present in the public hearing should place their own demands for the development of this area. She requested to the mines authority to provide the following facilities to the local villagers:

- i. Employment to the local villagers
- ii. Drinking water to the villagers those were not getting
- iii. Road construction and Plantation in the area
- iv. Construction of bathing Ghats in the village ponds.
- v. Digging of Bore wells in the villages for drinking water.

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3. Chaturbhuja Naik, Bhuinya Rurkela:

During his deliberation he requested the mines authority to provide education to children of the villagers and supply of drinking water.

4. Bimala Naik, Kendudihi village:

Welcoming the expansion proposal of the mine, she told that people of this area are depending on the mine for their livelihood. She requested to the mines authority to provide employment and drinking water to the villagers.

5. Jayanti Banra, (Zilla Parishad zone-26):

Welcoming the assemble gathering, she told that people of this region are depending on the mine for their livelihood. She requested the mines authority to provide employment to them in the expansion proposal. She also requested to SPCB to impose adequate pollution control measures during enhancement of production of the mine.

6. Lalita Naik, Loidapada

Welcoming the gathering and panel, she told that villagers are suffering due to dust pollution and they have no income sources. She requested to the mines authority to provide employment to them.

7. Balaram Naik, Bhuian Rurkela:

Welcoming the expansion proposal of the mine, he told that employment opportunity will be created due to expansion of the mines production and poor villagers in the mines area will be benefited. At the end he requested to grant permission for the expansion proposal of the mine for benefit of Guali & Loidapada Gram Panchayat people.

8. Sarojinin Naik, Bhuian Barapada village:

Welcoming the panel and gathering she told that there is no development of road and drinking water facility in her village. Deforestation and depletion of ground water in the area is due to operation of the mine and industries. The villagers are not getting forest products and wood for their livelihood. No cultivation due to air pollution and villagers are facing lot of problems in the village. She requested to the mines authority to provide all facilities to the villagers.

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9. Pabitra Lohar, Panduliposhi:

He expressed his positive attitude towards expansion proposal of the mine and told that the mine shall fulfill the issues of villagers during production expansion of the mine.

10. Mani Munda, Kendudihi:

She supported the expansion proposal of the mine and demanded employment, road construction, education and medical facility for Kendudihi villagers.

11. Sabita Barik, Nuagaon Village:

Welcoming the expansion proposal of the mine she told that most of the people of the area are unemployed and facing difficulties to maintain their family. She requested the mines authority to provide drinking water and employment to the local people in the mine.

12. Anadi Naik, Guali:

He supported the expansion proposal of the mine and requested to grant permission/environmental clearance of the Nuagaon iron ore mines of M/s Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia.

13. Padan Patra, Guali village:

Welcoming the Panel and gathering he told that the previous speakers were given their views on problems and benefits of the people due to operation of the mine. He said that environment is degraded due to tree felling and dust pollution during operation of the mine. He suggested to the company for plantation and regular dust suppression by sprinkling of water. Further, he requested to the mines authority to construct road, drinking water supply, education, electrification and health services to the villagers. At the end he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and urged for more employment in the expansion proposal.

14. Ramesh Ghana, Katasahi village:

Welcoming the public hearing of Nuagaon Iron ore mines of M/s KJS Alhuwalia he told that they are agreed with the production expansion of the mine as two Gram Panchayats i.e Guali & Loidapada people are depending on the mine for their livelihood. He requested to provide employment in the expansion of the

mine or in the industry of the company those people are not getting employment opportunity.

15. Kalandi Ghana, Guali:

He told that company may enhance the production of iron ore. But they should give focus on more plantation as well as plantation of fruit bearing trees.

16. Bhaskar Naik, Barpada:

Welcoming the public hearing, he said that mine should be operated. He requested to the mines authority to provide employment, drinking water, road construction and other facilities to his villagers.

17. Sanjeeb Kumar Palei, Guali:

During his deliberation he said that they are gathering for discussion on environmental issues. Nuagaon mines is operating at Nuagaon, Topadihi, Barapada & katasahi villages since last 60 years over an area of 767,284 Ha. He asked the mine authority to clarify how many trees were planted in which locations during the 60 years of the mining. People of the area are mainly depend on the forest for their livelihood. Due to degradation of forest and depletion of ground water, people are asking for supply of drinking water through tankers. Water requirement for everybody including animals and birds. Mines has not harvesting rainwater and the water requirement for the proposed Beneficiation plant inside the lease area may source from ground. He also told that villagers are facing many problems during traveling to Barbil area on road due to air pollution. Transportation of mineral is carried out on Panchayat road and delivery women are facing problems during their way to hospitals. Regarding employment of the villagers he told that the mine has proposed to enhance the production more than 2.0 MTPA against the existing capacity. The mine will carry out mechanical mining and no employment opportunity will be generated. He demanded for manual mining for engagement of poor and educated people by constituting a committee in the expansion proposal of the mine.

18. Nila Naik, Barpada Ward (11):

He registered his name to speak at serial No. 18 of the list of the speakers. But delivered his speech just after the deliberation of Kausalya Naik at Sl. No.20. He demanded for construction of road and supply of drinking water. He also supported the operation/expansion of the mine.

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19. Sasmita Naik, Barpada:

Welcoming the gathering, she told that mine should operate smoothly. She demanded the following development work in the area as follows.

- Construction of blacktop/concrete road from Gate chowk to Munda basti.
- ii) Construction of concrete road from Bhuian Roida to Kolha Barpada primary school.
- iii) Provision of another mini bus for school going children to Guali School.

20. Kausalya Naik, Bhuian Barpada:

During her deliberation she told that mine should operate in the area and demanded employment for them.

21. Bidyadhar Naik, Bhuian Barpada:

He supported the public hearing and expansion of the mine. He requested to provide adequate air pollution control measures during production expansion of the mine.

22. Bahadur Soren, Barpada:

He supported the expansion proposal of the mine and asked to give employment and to control air pollution in the industry located nearby area.

23. Rabi Mahakud, Pandudihi:

He supported the expansion proposal of the mine.

24. Purna Chandra Naik, Kenduliposi:

Welcoming the gathering, he said that Nuagaon mines of M/s KJS Alhuwalia has been operating from many years in this area. The mine has undertaken many developmental works for the villagers such as construction of road, supply of drinking water, engagement of Ambulances and two school buses for school going children. He urged for more focus on education and supported the expansion proposal of the mine.

25. Sulabhi Munda, Barpada:

While supporting the proposal of the mine, she requested to provide houses to Munda basti & Bhuian Basti as their houses are cracked due to blasting. At the end she demanded for supply of drinking water and toilet facility to Munda Basti of Bhuian Barapada village.

26. Upashi Naik, Bhuian Barpada:

During her deliberation she demanded for blacktop/concrete road from Guali to Barpada and other facilities.

27. Kainphula Naik, Bhuian Barpada:

During her deliberation she demanded the following works for the Bhuian Barapada Munda Basti:

- i) Construction of road.
- ii) Construction of separate bathroom and toilets for the men and women.
- iii) Electrification and medical facility

28. Mamini Patra, Katasahi:

Welcoming the panel members, she told that earlier Company was committed to provide employment and some people are yet to be engaged. She urged for employment in the expansion proposal of the mine and supported the proposed production enhancement of the mine.

29. Harihar Baukula, Guali:

Welcoming the panel and gathering, he told that this mine is operating in the jurisdiction of two GPs. The people of the two panchayats are earning by working in the mine. After earning from the mine they are able to sending their children to Bhubaneswar for higher study. At the end he supported the enhancement of iron ore production of Nuagaon iron ore mines of M/s KJS Alhuwalia.

30. Lipu Patra, Nuagaon:

He supported the expansion proposal of the mine and demanded for employment to the local people in the mine. Though they requested to the mines authority for construction of a stadium in Guali Panchayat, the same is not yet full filed. He requested to develop sports and cultural activities for the Gram Panchayat.

31. Ratha Mahahud, Panduliposi:

Welcoming the panel and gathering he said that 50% manual mining should be carried out instead of fully mechanized mining, so that poor people of the area can work for their development. He requested to the company to provide 2-3 toilet in every villages of the two panchayats.



32. Dhabaleswar Naik, Bhuian Rurkela:

Welcoming the assemble gathering and panel, he said that more people will get employment opportunity after enhancement of production of the mine. He requested the mines authority to construct road, supply of drinking water and development of schools for education for the children of the villages. At the end he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and requested for employment to all the local villagers.

33. Jamadar Munda, Katasahi:

While speaking in the favour of expansion proposal of Nuagaon iron ore mine of M/s KJS Alhuwalia, he told that Guali panchayat area has been developed due to operation of the mine. People of the panchayat are depend on the mine for their earning and livelihood and not interested for cultivation. He requested to grant permission for production enhancement of the mine and told that local people will be benefited as mine is the only source of income for villagers.

34. Shaila Apart, Guali:

Supporting the expansion proposal of the mine, he told that the mine should enhance the production for the benefit of the people. He also said that if mine will operate in the enhanced production quantity more people may get employment opportunity. At the end he requested all to support the expansion proposal of the Nuagaon Iron Ore mine of M/s KJS Alhuwalia.

35. Girsh Chandra Naik, Barpada:

Supporting the proposal of the mine, he requested the district administration to look after the pending road construction work in the area. He also requested the company to provide employment to the local villagers.

36. Kabindra Naik, Panduliposi:

Welcoming the panel and assemble gathering, he said that the public hearing is organized here for the views of general public on environmental issues. He told that this mine is operating since last 60 years and earlier manual mining was carried out by engaging labour. But now a days mechanized mining is going on and air pollution is increasing due to movement and operation of equipment and machineries. Though the mine is adopted dust suppression system through water sprinkling, he requested to increase the frequency of water sprinkling for adequate air pollution control in the area. He brought to the notice of the Pollution Control Board regarding water & air pollution of industries in Guali & Barpada area during his deliberation. He also told that 4000-5000 people of the area are working in the mine for earning. If production of the mine will increase, more employment opportunity will be generated for the villagers. He



requested for more plantation on OB dumps and nearby area to develop green belt and supply of drinking water to the villagers. At the end he supported the expansion proposal of the mine.

The Panel received 24 nos. of written representations from the local people during the hearing demanding different facilities in the locality which are enclosed herewith in original.

Observation:

The overall opinion of the public about the proposed project was favorable. However, the local people have some aspirations as laid down in their deliberations.

Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns expressed by the speakers with the inclusion of comments of the applicants, read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the Odia language and the agreed minutes of public hearing is prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicants, prepared in Odia and English language is annexed as per Annexure-I & II. List of participants is annexed as per Annexure-III.

The President of Public Hearing, Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar ratified the minutes of hearing with the views and demands of public. He extended his vote of thanks to the public for rendering their co-operation for smooth operation of the public hearing.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and the participants.

(Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan) Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar

(Presided and Supervised the Public Hearing Meeting)

(Sri Puskar Chandra Behera) Regional Officer State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Keonjhar (Assisted as representative of

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	ସାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ସେବା ଯୋଗାଇ ଦେଆଯାଉଅଛି ଏବଂ ଏହା ମଧ୍ୟ ଆଗକୁ ଜାରି '
	ରହିବ ।

୬) ନିଯୁକ୍ତି	ଶ୍ରୀଯୁକ୍ତ ଭୂୟାଁ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ଭିତ୍ତିରେ ଗ୍ରାମନାସୀ ମାନକୁ ଖଣି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ଦିଆଯାଇଅଛି । ଆଗକ୍ ଖଣିର ଉତ୍ପାଦନ ବୃଦ୍ଧି ହେଲେ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀ ମାନକୁ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ସୁଯୋଗ ଦିଆଯିବ ।
୭) ଗାଧୁଆ ତୁଠ, ଶୌଚ୍ଚାଳୟ ନିର୍ମାଣ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ	ଶେଷରେ ଶ୍ରୀ ଅଶୋକ କୁମାର ଭୂୟାଁ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରତିଶୃତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଗ୍ରାମ ପୋଖରିର ପଙ୍କ ଉଦ୍ଧାର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ହାତକୁ ନେବା ସଙ୍ଗେ ସଙ୍ଗେ କ୍ରୀତା କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଉନ୍ନତି ପାଇଁ ଚ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରିବେ । ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ ବରପଦା ଗ୍ରାମସ୍ଥିତ ମୁଣ୍ଡାସାହି ଠାରେ ଶୌଚ୍ଚାଳୟ ଓ ଗାଧୁଆ ଘର ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରତିଶୃତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ ।

୩୨୦୦ ବିନ୍ଦ୍ର ହୋଇଥିଲି । ୧୯୯୯ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟ ବିଲ୍ଲୋପାଳ, କେନ୍ଦ୍ରଝର

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