

Proceedings of the Public Hearing meeting held on 03<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018 at 10:30 am, in front of Play Ground gate of Dalmia Industrial Training Institute (DITI), GP Jhagarpur, Tehsil Rajgangpur, District - Sundergarh, Odisha in respect of M/s. OCL India Limited for Lanjiberna Limestone and Dolomite Mine (ML Area 873.057 ha) for Expansion of Production Capacity from 4.2 MTPA Limestone & 0.08 MTPA Dolomite to 9.5 MTPA Limestone & 0.08 MTPA Dolomite (17.0 Million TPA-ROM) over an area of 873.057 Ha At Villages: Alanda, Bihabandh, Jhagarpur, Kesramal, Raiberna, Katang, Dhauraada, Lanjiberna & Kukuda, in Tehsil Rajgangpur & Kutra, District: Sundergarh (Odisha)

The date, time and venue for conducting Public Hearing for aforesaid project was advertised in Odia Daily "Sambad" and English daily "Time of India" Newspapers on 01.09.2018. (Paper cuttings are enclosed as Annexure I).

Shri Bhaskar Chandra Turuk, OAS(SAG), Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Sundergarh along with Shri Hemendra Nath Nayak, Regional Officer, Rourkela, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha proceeded to the venue for conducting the Public Hearing as per the scheduled date and time. However, it was observed that about 500 to 600 people equipped with traditional weapons like axe, arrow & bow, lathi, sword, locked the entrance gate & blocked the venue. They obstructed the Authorities to enter into the meeting place. Their main demand was to conduct Gram Sabha before conducting Public Hearing for Environmental Clearance. The Authorities at the venue started discussion with the protesting groups and clarified that the Gram Sabha is not required for obtaining Environmental Clearance as per EIA Notification, 2006 and amended thereafter. However, the protesting group were not agreed with our clarification and continued insisting to conduct Gram Sabha before Public Hearing. Therefore the discussion with the protesting group was stopped. On the other hand, at the same time about 2000 (Two thousand) public mainly from the affected areas demanded to conduct the Public Hearing. They urged before the Authorities that Public Hearing was earlier deferred and postponed twice which were scheduled on dates i.e. on 22.02.2018 & 08.08.2018 respectively, therefore this time the Public Hearing should be conducted for taking their views about the project. The copies of letters from the Collector, Sundergarh to the Member Secretary, SPC Board, Odisha for deferment /postponement of Public Hearing vide letter no. 98 dtd 20.02.2018 & 410 dated 14.08.2018 are enclosed as **Annexure II**. Taking into consideration of demand of majority of the local affected people (local inhabitants, local people employed in OCL and its supporters) the Authority decided to conduct the Public Hearing in front of the entry gate of DITI playground which was about 20 meters away from the meeting place.

The attendance sheet of the members present in the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-III**. Around 3000 participants have attended the Public Hearing in front of the playground of DITI gate and about 600 have put their signature in the attendance sheet. The attendance sheet is enclosed as **Annexure IV**. About 52 persons took part in the deliberation and expressed their views in the Public Hearing, whose list is enclosed as **Annexure V**. During the deliberation process, time and again the local affected people were requested by the Authorities to express their views. Accordingly, police administration have also approached the protesting group to express their views. The views offered by the participants are enclosed as **Annexure-VI**. The summary of participant views in English & Odia are

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attached as annexure VII A & B respectively. About 1000 written memorandum were also received by the Authorities at the site in support of the proposed project from the local public. Summary of the points raised by the participants in the Public Hearing in English and Odiya (Vernacular language) is enclosed as **Annexure-VIII (A & B)**.

On behalf of the project proponent, Mr. Saroj Kumar Rout, Dy. Executive Director and Mr. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Executive Director of M/s. OCL India Limited gave brief description of the enhancement of production of Lanjiberna mines. They clarified that this Public Hearing is being conducted for Environmental Clearance and not for land acquisition. They also informed that the company is with the public since last 70 years and it will continue its supports for the development of local inhabitants. They also stated that after expansion of this mines DMF fund and revenue generation to the Government will increase and this will also contribute for the development of the locality. They also assured to the public that the Company will fulfill their demands as per prevailing laws.

In this manner, the Public Hearing was going on smoothly and some people want to express their views by using loud speaker, but majority of the people wanted to submit their opinion in writing and in the meantime about 1250 written memorandum have already been received. The public hearing was about to be concluded and in the meanwhile the Hon'ble sitting MLA of Birmitrapur constituency (Which is not the home constituency of the affected villages) arrived at the Public Hearing place being escorted by the Sub- Divisional Police Officer, Rajgangpur to express his views. However, instead of expressing his views, he has forcefully snatched the microphone from the Authority and took away from the Public Hearing place and accordingly the ADM, Presiding officer of the Public Hearing concluded and closed the Hearing.

The district administration and SPCB Odisha have received about 1250 (Twelve hundred fifty) written memorandums on and before the date of Public Hearing. The copies of received memorandums are enclosed as **Annexure IX**. The written commitments submitted by the project proponent is enclosed as **Annexure- X**. The video recording of entire proceeding of Public Hearing in enclosed in compact disc (CD) and enclosed as **Annexure XI**.

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