PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 28.08.2019 (AT 11.00 AM) AT UNCHABALI VILLAGE (KHATA NO. 169 (RAKHIT), PLOT NO. 639, KISSAM-BASTIJOGYA) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT IN RESPECT OF MAHAPARBAT (UNCHABALI) IRON ORE MINES OF M/S ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LTD. FOR ENHANCEMENT OF IRON ORE PRODUCTION FROM 0.07 MTPA TO 1.0 MTPA OVER AN LEASE AREA OF 68.0 HA. IN UNCHABALI AND BALDA VILLAGES, UNDER JODA BLOCK, IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA.

The public hearing in respect of the project proposed by the Mahaparbat (Unchabali) Iron Ore Mines of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. for enhancement of Iron Ore production from 0.07 MTPA to 1.0 MTPA was held on scheduled date & time in Unchabali village (Khata No. 169 (Rakhit), Plot no. 639, Kissam- Bastijogya) 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, Keonihar
- 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 Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.



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, Sri Shyam Sundar Barik, Regional Manager, Barbil of M/s OMC Ltd., 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.

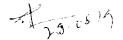
The views expressed by various speakers on the proposed project are as follows:

1. Mrs. Shantilata Rout, Unchabali:

Welcoming the panel and gathering she supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that though operation of mine will definitely affect the environment like deforestation, air pollution and water body pollution but simultaneously it will lead to the development of the village. She requested the mines authority to provide employment to the youth, education facilities to the children of the village, medical facilities in the village and adequate drainage system on both sides of the road. She also requested the mine to make the developmental work of the village through their BDC committee (Baba Dhabaleswar committee).

2. Sri Mahendra Majhi, Unchabali:

Welcoming the panel and the villagers he expressed his support for the expansion proposal of mine with a view to implement few conditions. He said mining activity will certainly affect the surrounding environment especially the water streams used by the villagers are getting dried up in the village due to other mines operating in the village. He requested the mine to take care of it as well as to provide a dug well in the village, which may help the villagers to sort out the drinking water problem. He also requested to provide employment to the local youth and to carry out all the developmental work through the BDC



committee (Baba Dhabaleswar Committee) so that the villagers can get benefit out of it.

3. Smt Kamala Mahakud, Unchabali:

Welcoming the panel and the gathering she said that mines are operating in the village since ten years but people are not yet benefited by it. But after foundation of Baba Dhabaleswar Committee in the village, local people have been provided with all facilities and self employment. So, she requested the mine authority to provide employment to the local youth through BDC and also said to support the villagers in all aspects as they are supporting the expansion proposal of the mine.

4. Sri Srinibas pradhan, Unchbali:

Welcoming the panel & gatherings, he said that air pollution is a major concern which arises due to mining activity. He said that the proposal placed by the mine representative regarding development of village and environmental protection for expansion of production capacity was appreciable, but the mine authority should implement it in practical. Lastly he welcomed the expansion proposal of the mine and said the villagers as well the BDC will take stand for the mine in all aspect.

5. Sri Siba Charan Nayak, Unchabali:

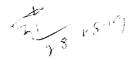
He supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that the BDC founded in the village is of great help to the villagers and people are happy with it. He requested the mine to provide helping hand to the villagers in time of need.

6. Smt Banabasi Penthei, Unchabali:

She supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that the local youth should be given employment by the mine through BDC (Baba Dhabaleswar Committee).

7. Smt. Anita Mahanta, Unchabali:

She supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that the children of the village should get good education facilities and the local youth should be employed.



8. Sri Gokul Chandra Mahanta, Bhandaridiha:

Welcoming the panel and gatherings, he said that operation of mine will certainly cause air, water and noise pollution but now a days Government has taken adequate steps to control these types of pollution. Moreover, OMC Ltd. is not the only mines that will operate in the area, rather there are various other mines and industries operating in Unchabali area. He said that adequate steps should be taken by the District Administration to control the road dust and requested the mine to provide employment to the local youth as per their qualification and skills. Lastly, he ended by supporting the proposal expansion of the mines and also said that the mines may get all the clearances and should operate soon, so that the villagers will be benefited.

9. Sri Triban Munda, Unchabali:

He said that the mine should give employment to the old aged ones, ladies and youth by making self help group and whatever good the mine would like to do for the villagers and that should be done through the BDC.

10. Sri Pandu Champia, Balda:

Welcoming the panel and the gatherings he expressed his grief that assurance made during the public hearing are not implemented in practical. He said that if the mine will carry work for the well being of the people then they have no objection for operation of the mine. He also said that the mine should look after the education, employment, development of village and should take adequate steps to control air pollution and protect the water bodies of the village. He demanded a written statement to be provided to the villagers regarding this.

11. Sri Satyabrata Pradhan, Unchabali:

Welcoming the panel and the gathering he said that operation of mine will bring change in the village and the people suffering from poverty will be benefitted out of it. He requested the mine to look after certain things such as to provide jobs to the local youths through their BDC, to make arrangements for drinking water in the village, to construct roads, to provide better education facilities, to provide medical facilities along with ambulance, to construct drain on both sides of the road of the village to prevent water logging during monsoon, to protect the nallahs so that it can be used by the villagers and to provide assistance in carrying out good agriculture in the village. Lastly, he ended with saying that the villagers and the BDC has full support for the expansion proposal of the mines for iron ore production of 0.07 MTPA to 1.0 MTPA.

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12. Smt Jemmamani Naik, Unchabali:

She supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that OMC should look after the demand of the villagers such as to provide a high school in the village, to provide roads in each village, to provide drinking water facilities and to provide employment to the local youths.

13. Smt Jemma Munda, Unchabali:

She supported the expansion proposal of the mines and said that the mine should provide first-class medical facilities so that the poor people can treat their patients in the village itself without going to distant place. She also said that good schooling, roads, drinking water and other basic facilities should be provided to the villagers by the mine and an agreement regarding this to be made with BDC for its implementation.

14. Sri Sanjay Barik, Unchabali:

Welcoming the panel and gathering he supported the proposal expansion of the mine from 0.07 MTPA to 1.0 MTPA. Simultaneously he requested the mine Authority to first of all provide a good school in the nearby village so that children from all the villages should not have to go far from their homes in search of better school. Moreover, he requested the mine to provide a trauma care along with a 100-500 bedded hospital in the nearby village so that accident patients as well as delivery patients would get the advantage for quick treatment facilities. He also said that as the villagers are united and have full support for the expansion proposal, likewise the mine should also look after their demands and take steps to fulfill it. In addition to that he requested the mine to plant fruit bearing trees instead of chakunda trees in the vacant land so that people may get benefitted. Lastly, all the villagers gave a standing support to the expansion proposal of the mine.

15. Sukra Munda, Nambira, Unchabali

He has registered his name but did not speak anything on expansion proposal of the mine.

The Panel received one no. of written representation from the local people during the hearing demanding different facilities in the locality which is enclosed herewith in original.

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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
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Board, Odisha, Keonjhar
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STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 28.08.2019 (AT 11.00 AM) AT UNCHABALI VILLAGE (KHATA NO. 169 (RAKHIT), PLOT NO. 639, KISSAM- BASTIJOGYA) FOR ENHANCEMENT OF IRON ORE PRODUCTION FROM 0.07 MTPA TO 1.0 MTPA OVER AN AREA OF 68.0 HA, FOR MAHAPARBAT (UNCHABALI) IRON ORE MINES OF M/S. ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LTD. IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA.

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC		COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT	
The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are the following:		Sri Ashok Kumar Behera, General Manager, of the mine on behalf of Mahaparbat (Unchabali) Iron Ore Mines of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. committed to certain issues raised by the public (speakers), details of which is as under:	
*	Protection of Nallah(Water bodies)	Sri Ashok Kumar Behera, General Manager of the mine committed that they will take adequate steps to protect the age old nallah flowing through the village. He also said that they will make necessary arrangements to maintain the flow of water of the nallah so that the villagers can use it for their daily purpose as it was being used earlier by them.	
*	Education	He said that the issue regarding provision of a good school in the village will be taken into account. OMC Ltd. will provide better schooling facilities and if there will be availability of land they will provide a school building for the children. This will help the school going children not go far from their home for studying.	
*	Construction of Road	He assured the villagers that after operation of the mine, construction of roads will be carried out as required. He also told that not only the village will be developed, they will also look after the peripheral development of the village.	
*	Employment to the local people	Sri Ashok Kumar Behera said that during production expansion of the mine they will engage the local people in the mine. He also said that it is the guideline of OMC Ltd. that during recruitment of class IV employee priority to be given to local people for engagement in the mine.	
*	Plantation	He said that it is very appreciable that local people are showing their concern regarding plantation. He also said that whichever place the villagers will identify for plantation, the mine will plant trees over it. Moreover, it is a demand of the villagers to plant fruit bearing trees instead of chakunda so the mine will definitely plant that type of tress which are required by the people.	

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❖ Other issues

Shri Behera said that the mine will provide solar lighting facilities to the villagers. The mine will also provide community toilet to the villagers to maintain cleanliness (swachhata) in the village as well as there will be provision of deep tube well facilities for providing drinking water to the people. He also said that the mine will try to carry out all kind of developmental work in the village during its expansion.

At the end he expressed his gratitude to the gatherings for supporting the expansion proposal of Mahaparbat (Unchabali) Iron Ore Mines of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. from 0.07 MTPA to 1.0 MTPA and assured to fulfill all their demands raised during the hearing.

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

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୧) ନାଳ ଓ ଜଳ ସ୍ରୋତର ସୁରକ୍ଷା	ଶ୍ରୀ ଅଶୋକ କୁମାର ବେହେର।, ସାଧାରଣ ପ୍ରବନ୍ଧକ (ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଖଣି ନିଗମ୍) ପ୍ରତିଶୃତି ଦେଇ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଗ୍ରାମ ପାଖ ଦେଇ ପ୍ରବାହିତ ନାଳର ସୁରକ୍ଷା ପାଇଁ ବିହିତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବେ । ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ ନାଳର ସ୍ରୋତ ଯେପରି ଠିକ ଭାବରେ ପ୍ରବାହିତ ହେବ ସେଥିପ୍ରତି ଧାନ ଦେଇ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରିବେ ଓ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀ ମାନେ ନାଳର ଜଳକୁ ଠିକ୍ ଭାବରେ ବ୍ୟବାହାର କରିପାରିବେ ।
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୩) ରାୟା ନିର୍ମାଣ	ସେ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଖଣି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଆରନ୍ତ ହେଲେ ରାସ୍ତା ଘାଟ ନିର୍ମାଣ ପାଇଁ ଖଣି କର୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ବିହିତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ହାତକୁ ନେବେ । ରାସ୍ତା ନିର୍ମାଣ ସହିତ ଗ୍ରାମର ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ୱିକ ଉନ୍ନତି ପାଇଁ ସୁବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରିବେ ।

୪) ନିଯୁକ୍ତି	ଶ୍ରୀ ବେହେର। ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକମାନଙ୍କୁ ଖଣି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରେ ଅଗ୍ରାଧିକାର ଭିତିରେ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ଦିଆଯିବ । ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଖଣି ନିଗମର ନିୟମ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଚତୁର୍ଥ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ପଦ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ସମୟରେ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରାଧାନ୍ୟ ଦିଆଯିବ ।
୫) ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ	ଶ୍ରୀ ଅଶୋକ କୁମାର ବେହେର। କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ବାସିନ୍ଦ। ମାନଙ୍କର ଫଳ ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ ପାଇଁ ବହୁତ ଆଗ୍ରହ ଅଛି । ସେ ମଧ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀମାନଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ସ୍ଥାନ ଚିହ୍ନଟ କରି ଖଣି କର୍ତ୍ୱପକ୍ଷ ଫଳ ଗଛ ଲଗାଇବା ପାଇଁ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନେବେ ।
୬) ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ	ଶ୍ରୀ ବେହେର। ପ୍ରତିଶୃତି ଦେଇ କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଓଡ଼ଶା ଖଣି ନିଗମ୍ ଦ୍ୱାର। ଗ୍ରାମରେ ସୌର ଆଲୋକ, ଶୌଚାଳୟ ଓ ଗଭୀର ନଳକୂପ ଖନ୍ନନ ପାଇଁ ସୁବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରିବେ । ଏହା ବ୍ୟତିତ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଗ୍ରାମ ମାନଙ୍କର ଉନ୍ନତି କରଣ ପାଇଁ ଉଚିତ୍ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ହାତକୁ ନେବେ । ସର୍ବଶେଷରେ ଖଣି ଅଞ୍ଚଳର ବାସିନ୍ଦାମାନେ ଖଣି ସମ୍ପ୍ରସାରଣ ପାଇଁ ସର୍ମଥନ ଦେଇଥିବାରୁ ସେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ଅର୍ପଣ କରିବା ସଙ୍ଗେ ସଙ୍ଗେ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାର। ଉତ୍ଥାପିତ ସମସ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ପୁରଣ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରତିଶୃତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ ।

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