

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF DAITARI IRON ORE MINES OF M/S ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED HELD ON 01.10.2019 (AT 11.00 AM) AT MAREDA FIELD NEAR DAITARI GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE IN KEONJHAR DISTRICT FOR ENHANCEMENT OF IRON ORE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 3.0 MTPA TO 6.0 MTPA OVER AN LEASE AREA OF 1018.3085 HA. AT VILLAGE TALPADA, REBANA RESERVE FOPREST UNDER HARICHANDANPUR TEHSIL IN KEONJHAR DISTRICT AND DAITARI PROTECTED FOREST IN JAJPUR DISTRICT (FOR KEONJHAR DISTRICT).

The public hearing in respect of the project proposed by Daitari Iron Ore Mines of M/s. OMC Ltd. for expansion of Iron Ore production capacity from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA was held on scheduled date & time at Mareda field near Daitari Gram Panchayat office 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
2. Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, Odisha

Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, supervised & presided over 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 the project proposed by Daitari Iron Ore Mines of M/s. OMC 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


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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 Subbrat Mishra, Regional Manager of Daitari Iron Ore Mines 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 and various other CSR activities envisaged in the proposed project.

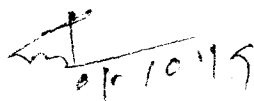
Then Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar requested the public to give their views, comments, objections and opinions on the proposed project.

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

01. Sri Guru Charan Moharana, Secretary, DRMW & TLA, Daitari Gram Panchayat :

He welcomed the expansion proposal of iron ore production from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA of Daitari Iron Ore Mines of M/s. OMC Ltd. He expressed his pleasure about how beautifully the mine has taken care of the environment, the greenery etc. He also supported that the expansion proposal will surely lead to development of the nearby Panchayats and more employment opportunities will be opened up. At the same time, he placed the demands of the villagers before the mine authority that:

- i. Around 137 numbers of labors working under NSPL contractor have been sacked from their job since one year as the contractor left the work. They shall be re-employed again in the mine.
- ii. As per the proposal of the mine around 900 labors will be engaged during its expansion. Employment opportunities shall be provided to the locals of the three Panchayats of Daitari village.
- iii. The contractor's serving the mine shall provide their labors in-time salaries, holiday allowances & bonus.
- iv. The donation given by the mine to the English medium school established for the labors shall be doubled, which will improve the payment structure of the teachers. As a result of which education quality will improve.


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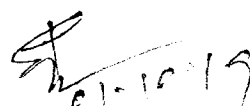
- v. Schools of Daitari mines shall be provided with Govt. school facilities, such as children shall be provided with shoes, dresses, cycles and mid-day meals. Females of SSG of the village shall be given opportunities for preparing mid-day meals.
- vi. Hostel facilities shall be provided to the children of the three Panchayats who are covering far distance daily to study in these schools.
- vii. Higher education facilities shall be provided to the children after completion of their matriculation or else the mine shall tie up with other institution to provide ITI training to the students.
- viii. Steps shall be taken to make self employed and independent to each and every female of the SSG. Special training shall be given on the grounds like, mushroom culture, fish culture, honeycomb culture, poultry farming, animals farming etc.

At the end he and the gathering present during the public hearing whole heartedly supported the expansion proposal with raised slogan.

02. Sri Hara Mohan Patra, Daitari :

Introducing himself, he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that expansion of mine will lead to different types of development in the village. Simultaneously he requested the mine authority to look after certain issues such as:

- i. Drinking water shall be supplied to the villager on regular basis instead of alternative days.
- ii. Toilet facilities shall be provided in the market place of the village to stop open defecation and to protect the drains from getting polluted.
- iii. Bridge and roads to be constructed in the nearby village named Kontha, so that people can make use of it and won't face problems while travelling during monsoon.
- iv. Electrification shall be provided to each and every house of Talpada village.
- v. Employment opportunities shall be provided to the locals.
- vi. A gymnasium shall be provided by the mine for the locals and the OMC employees.


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At the end he once again supported the expansion proposal of the mine along with the public with raised hand and slogan.

03. Sri Prasanta Nayak, Bamnipal, Rasol G.P :

He expressed his pleasure that the mine is going to enhance its production capacity from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA. He said that it will lead to the socio-economic development of the village. He said that due to the operation of the mine people of Talpada, Daitari and Rasol Gram Panchayats are earning their livelihood either by getting employed or by buying their own transport for transporting purpose. The mine has also looked after their needs such as by providing electricity, drinking water and by constructing roads. Although progress is slow but its expansion will definitely lead to the economy development, village & peripheral development, road, electricity, schools and various other developments will take place.

04. Sri Jagabandhu Gope, Ex-Sarpanch, Daitari :

Welcoming the panel, he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that the mine is operating since sixty years but it has not affected the surrounding environment. Daitari is always considered as a pollution free area. He also said that the mine has constantly looked after the safety of the environment and hope that the same will continue onwards. Plantation work is also carried out regularly by the mine and Forest Department. So, they have no objection for proposed production enhancement of the mine.

05. Smt. Sunita Pradhan, President of Women Association, Daitari :

Introducing herself, she supported the expansion proposal of the mine with few conditions that:

- i. The mine shall take adequate steps to empower the women.
- ii. Special trainings on mushroom culture, stitching, vegetables farming etc. shall be provided so that they can get self-employment and become independent.
- iii. Village & its periphery shall be developed.
- iv. Solar system provisions shall be made to overcome the power failure issue.

At the end she ended with supporting the expansion proposal as it will lead the development of village and more employment opportunities.

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06. Sri Subasish Prusty, Daitari :

Introducing himself, he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that it will minimize unemployment issues, more employment opportunities will be opened up, and developmental work of the village will take place.

07. Sri Naba Dehury, Boreiguda, Talpada :

Introducing himself, he supported the expansion proposal of the mine as it will increase the employment facilities of the locals.

08. Sri Rajat Kisku, Daitari :

The above named person placed his opinion in the local language called 'Santhali' and the same was translated in odiya by Sri Renjo Nayak, inhabitant of Daitari village.

He supported whole heartedly the expansion proposal of the mine and told that local people will get their livelihood due to expansion of the mine. He requested the public gathered during hearing to support the expansion proposal of OMC.

09. Sri Bidar Soren, Talpada :

Introducing himself, he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that it will surely lead to the development of the village and local people will get more employment opportunities. He also said that the mine shall take steps to develop Talpada village and the nearby affected village regarding supply of electricity, drinking water and other aspects.

10. Sri Khagapati Nayak, Daitari :

Welcoming the panel and the gatherings, he extended his full support for the expansion proposal of the mine from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA. He said that as there is no agricultural field and mine is the only source of income for the villagers, they are giving 100 percent support to the expansion proposal. He also said that the mine has constantly looked after the needs of the villagers regarding construction of road, supply of electricity, drinking water, schools and many other facilities. At the same time he requested the mine authority to take notice of the areas where these facilities have not reached yet



and to lend the supporting hand to them. He also requested to provide hostel facilities for the distant children studying in the schools.

11. Sri Jitendra Nath Behera, Daitari :

He supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that people will get more scope of employment. When people will be employed, their earnings will be utilized for their basic needs and to educate their children. He also said that increase in employment sector will lead to better education of children and better future. At the end, he requested the public gathered to extend full support to the expansion proposal of the mine.

12. Smt. Dashma Naik, Sarpanch, Daitari :

Welcoming the panel, she supported the expansion proposal of the mine from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA. She requested the mine authority to give employment to the local unemployed youths and to provide permanent employment to the NSPL labors who were earlier sacked from their job. She also requested the mine to carry peripheral development of the village as well as empower the Swayam Sahika Group. Donation of fund to supply agent shall be increased and to made regular.

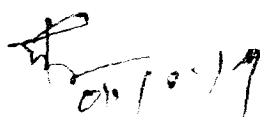
At the end, she along with the gathering supported the expansion proposal with raised hands and slogans.

13. Sri Gangadhar Juango, Talpada :

Welcoming the panel and the gatherings, he expressed his grief that locals are not getting employment and road conditions are not getting improved. He also said that the mine is operating and will enhance its production, but the labors are not getting the basic facilities.

14. Sri Manmath Jena, Daitari :

Welcoming the panel and the gathering, he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and said that the mine is the bread earner of the villagers and they are proud that the mine is enhancing its production. It will lead to the development of the village and more employment opportunities. He also expressed his pleasure how wonderfully the



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mine has maintained the environment for which the Daitari is considered as a pollution free area.

15. Sri Narayan Purty, Sarpanch, Rasol G.P, Baliparbat :

Introducing himself, he supported the expansion proposal of the mine and requested the mine that focus should be given on proper disposal of over burden generated waste from the mine. He also said that the mine authority shall keep their commitment made at the beginning of the public hearing regarding adequate management of over burden waste that will generate during mining activities. Simultaneously, he requested the Govt. of Odisha to intervene in this matter.

16. Sri Mansingh Soren, General Secretary, DRMW & TLA, Daitari :

After giving introduction, he said that he has full support towards the expansion proposal of the mine from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA. He said that enhancement in production capacity of the mine will lead to the development of the village and eradication of unemployment issue. In addition to that a number of unemployed youths of the three Panchayats will get employment. At the end, he requested everybody to support the expansion proposal of the mine.

17. Smt. Manjari Hembram, Anganwadi Teacher, Daitari :

Welcoming the panel and the gathering, she said that students are facing difficulties in getting admission for higher education as residential certificate is considered as a mandatory document. She said that as most of the people of the village does not have their own land and they have nothing to say of their own except Voter ID, Aadhar card, Ration card, Job card. So, she requested the Govt. to make caste certificate mandatory instead of residential certificate so that children can get higher education.

18. Smt. Sita Munda, Sarpanch, Boreiguda :

Welcoming the panel and the gathering, she supported the expansion proposal of the mine from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA and said that employment opportunities will increase by enhancement of production. She requested the mine authority to construct the road connecting Daitari-Boreiguda and the road of Kontha village. She also requested the mine to provide employment to the youths of Rasol, Boreiguda & Daitari Panchayat. She

also added that Talpada village shall be provided with facilities like supplying of electricity, drinking water, health facilities and construction of road.

19. Sri Bhramarabara Dehury, Sanasiadimala :

Introducing himself, he said that there is no development in the village and people are still suffering from poverty although the mine is operating since long. As the mine is going to enhance its production capacity, he requested to the mine that it shall provide all kinds of facilities and employment to the people of Boreiguda, Daitari and Bamnipal Panchayats.

20. Sri Subas Sahoo, Bodopalaspal :

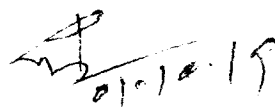
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21. Sri Subas Murmu, Talpada :

After introducing himself, he said that there is no concrete road at Talpada, Boreiguda and Harichandanpur village for which people are getting stucked in muddy road. Children are not getting any facilities to study in the schools as well as there is no provision of higher education for them after matriculation. So, he demanded before the mine to build an ITI in Rasol, Boreiguda, Daitari Panchayat so that children can at least get eligible for higher studies. He also said that people of Talpada, Boreiguda and Daitari villages are not getting any work and they are selling leaves and tooth sticks for earning their bread. He demanded that the mine shall take steps to solve these issues on priority basis.

22. Smt. Salma Majhi, Daitari :

Introducing herself, she supported the expansion proposal of the mine and requested everybody to extend full support to the proposal as it will lead to the development in every sector. She said that people of the villages are dependent on mine as it is the only source of their livelihood as well as whatever facilities they are availing at present is only possible because of the mine. At the same time she requested the District Administration to make arrangements such that they can easily obtain the caste and residential certificate which will help their children in pursuing higher studies. She also



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requested the mine to provide trainings to the women of the villages so that they can get chance to prosper more and more.

23. Sri Laxman Kumar Mohanta, Boreiguda :

Welcoming the panel and the gathering, he extended his full support to the expansion proposal of the mine from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA. He said that employment sector along with various other sectors will get improved. Moreover, he said that though the mine is funding every year a huge amount for CSR activities in the village but, the same is not getting executed. So, he requested the mine authority and the District Administration to look onto the matter. At the end he requested the mine to provide a railway siding so that people of many blocks and Panchayats will get employment and benefits out of it.

24. Smt. Labanya Karua, Daitari :

She advised everybody to work coordinately in the mine and requested the mine to provide all types of facilities to the people.

25. Smt. Gurubari Mohakud, Daitari :

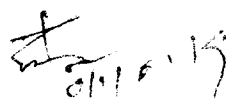
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The Panel received three (03) nos. of written representations of the local people demanding different facilities in the locality during the hearing which are enclosed herewith in original.

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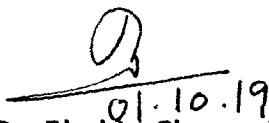
The overall opinion of the public about the proposed project was favorable. However, the local people have some aspirations as laid down in their deliberations.

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 Odia language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting 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.


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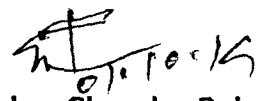
The President of Public Hearing meeting, Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar ratified the minutes of meetings with the views and demands of public. He extended his vote of thanks to the public for rendering their co-operation for smooth operation of the public hearing.

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)*



(Shri Puskar Chandra Behera)
Regional Officer
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha
Keonjhar

*(Assisted as representative of
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Annexure-II

STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 01.10.2019 (AT 11.00 AM) AT MAREDA FIELD NEAR DAITARI GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE, KEONJHAR FOR ENHANCEMENT OF IRON ORE PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 3.0 MTPA TO 6.0 MTPA OVER AN LEASE AREA OF 1018.3085 HA. AT VILLAGE TALPADA, REBANA RESERVE FOREST UNDER HARICHANDANPUR TEHSIL IN KEONJHAR DISTRICT AND DAITARI PROTECTED FOREST IN JAJPUR DISTRICT (FOR KEONJHAR DISTRICT).

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC	COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT
<p>The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are the following:</p> <p>❖ Employment to the local people</p> <p>❖ Education</p>	<p>Sri Ashok Kumar Behera, General Manager (P&A) of Daitari Iron Ore Mines of Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. on behalf of the mine committed to certain issues raised by the public (speakers), details of which is as under:</p> <p>Sri Ashok Kumar Behera, General manager (P&A) said that till now many people have got employment in the mine directly and indirectly. If the mine obtains the Environmental Clearance for enhancement of its production from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA then the mine will engage total 1250 nos. of employees i.e. 350 nos. of regular employees and 900 nos. of labors on contractual basis. He also said that provision is there to engage 6000 nos. of people indirectly. Moreover, he said that OMC has always given priority on employing people so that they can get a better living.</p> <p>Sri Behera appreciated that people are focusing more on education facilities and welcomed there proposal for development in education field. He said that there is a primary school, a high school and an English medium school over there. He told that the Regional Manager of Daitari mines has always shown eagerness to bring development in this field. Regarding the demand of hostel he said that if children are really willing to stay in hostel, then OMC will definitely provide a good hostel for them. He also assured for provisions of mid-day meals and supply of cycles to students. OMC is planning to increase the cost of school uniforms to 2-3 times, which is going to be executed within two to three months.</p>

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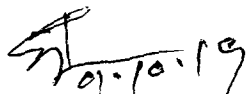
	<p>Sri Behera also said that most of the demands are for providing an ITI and a vocational training school in the village. So, students who have completed their matriculation or even failed in the metric exam are if, really interested then the mine will make arrangements to provide training by tagging with different schemes of the Govt. He also assured that if they get all the clearances from the Govt. for setting up an ITI then they will definitely go for that.</p>
❖ Drinking water supply	<p>He said that work is on progress to supply drinking water to the villagers. The mine will supply drinking water to peripheral villagers.</p>
❖ Electricity supply	<p>Sri Behera told that the mine has got consent from NESCO for 25 KW of electricity supply to Talapada village. He also said that the mine will deposit an amount of 7 crores for this and very soon they are going to provide connection to Talpada villagers.</p>
❖ Community Toilet	<p>Sri Ashk Kumar Behera said that Govt. of India & Odisha are also focusing more on provision of toilets at all places to maintain cleanliness. He assured that OMC will definitely provide community toilet with the help of the Regional Manger of the mine, Sarpanch, PS Member and Ward Members. He requested the people to learn its proper use and to maintain cleanliness of the community toilet.</p>
❖ Construction of road & bridge	<p>Regarding construction of road he said that the mine has covered many areas by making it concrete and black topping. Still if there is any portion left unattended and specific proposal will be received from the Panchayat body and District magistrate, then mine will also take care of it. He said that if the mine will receive proposal from Sarpanch of the village regarding construction of small bridges, then the mine will surely take steps for its construction.</p>
❖ Plantation	<p>Sri Behera said that Daitari Iron Ore Mines has beautifully maintained the environment and its greenery. He assured that the mine will plant more nos. of trees as well as they will supply saplings to the villagers with coordination of Forest Department. He also said that the mine will bear the total expenses.</p>

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<p>❖ Solid waste management</p>	<p>Regarding solid waste management he said that OMC will adopt technical means to handle it in an environment friendly way.</p>
<p>❖ Other issues</p>	<p>About the issue of caste certificate he said that the mine has discussed with the Tahasidar & Sub-Collector to find a way out so that people can easily obtain their caste certificate. He also told that special training class will be arranged for empowering women and self employment will be provided to make them independent.</p> <p>At the end he expressed his gratitude to the gatherings for supporting the expansion proposal of Daitari Iron Ore Mines of M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA and assured to fulfill all their demands raised during the hearing.</p>


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NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that **M/s OMC Ltd** has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for **Daitari Iron Ore Mines for enhancement of Iron Ore production capacity from 3.0 MTPA to 6.0 MTPA over lease area of 1018.3085 Ha at Village Talpada, Rebana Reserve Forest in Harichandanpur tehsil in Keonjhar district and Daitari Protected Forest in Jaipur district (for Keonjhar district)** to obtain Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. 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:

- A. Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- B. Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- C. Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and/or functioning in the field of environment.
- D. 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 **01.10.2019 at 11.00 A.M. at Mareda Field near Daitary Gram Panchayat Office in Keonjhar 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.ospcbboard.org free of cost.

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

For any further clarification in the matter, The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

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