

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF M/s. BANKIA QUARTZ AND GEMSTONE MINES OF M/s. MANIKESWARI MINERALS OVER LEASE AREA OF 21.092 HA. AT: BANKIA VILLAGE, BIRAMAHARAJPUR TAHSIL IN THE DISTRICT OF SUBARNAPUR HELD ON DT. 02.09.2021 AT: 9.00 A.M AT BANKIA VILLAGE, SUBARNAPUR.


Sri Surya Narayan Dash, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Subarnapur presided over the meeting along with Er. Ramesh Kumar Ekka, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Sambalpur.

At the outset, Er. Ramesh Kumar Ekka, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Sambalpur welcomed all the public present in the meeting. He briefly described the objective of the public hearing conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533(E) of Dt. 14th September 2006 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MOEF & CC), Government of India. He also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the public hearing meeting of the project proposed by M/s. Bankia Quartz and Gemstone Mines, At-Bankia Village of Subarnapur district on 02.09.2021 At: 09.00 A.M. At: Bankia Village, Biramaharajpur Tahasil of Subarnapur district was duly advertised in Odia daily "*The Samaja*", dtd. 29.07.2021 and English daily "*The Times of India*" dtd. 29.07.2021 (Paper clipping are enclosed as Annexure-I).

The Addl. District Magistrate, Subarnapur has also briefed about the proposed project and requested the public who were present during the public hearing meeting to express their opinions and views on the proposed project. He also requested the representative of the proposed project to highlight about their proposed project before the public.

On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Debasis Kumar Barik, M/s. Kalyani Laboratory, representative of M/s. Bankia Quartz & Gemstone Mines, addressed the public during the public hearing meeting. He briefly explained about the project and assured the public that the company will adopt latest technology to prevent any pollution and implement good CSR practices for the welfare of the local area. He informed that the geological reserve in the project area is 539750 tonnes of quartz, with an estimated excavation of 407750 Ton quartz and 3,500 cubic meters of gemstone. It is proposed to produce a maximum of 48335 Ton of quartz over the next five years. Automated methods will be adopted and drilling and blasting will be carried out in the proposed project. The local public will have the opportunity to work on the proposed project on a priority basis. There are employment opportunities for


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40 people in the Project. Baseline environmental data generation of study area was carried out nearby 8 villages. The baseline air quality levels, water quality and noise levels are within the National Standards prescribed standard by Central Pollution Control Board during Day as well as night time.


The proposed project area is expected to be transformed due to mining and other related infrastructure. The soils that are expected to be used to reduce the impact will be used for tree plantation, rainwater conservation methods will be used in mining. The mine authority has proposed for regular water sprinkling on the main roads in the mining area to prevent air pollution and also proposed to widely plantation in the mining area to reduce the amount of airborne dust. The blasting method will be adopted in accordance with government regulations. Diesel engines and vehicles will be properly maintained to reduce environmental pollution. Regular health check-ups and medical facilities will be provided to the workers and workers to be employed in the mines. There is no River or nallah exists in the mining area so the excavation will not have a negative impact on water and the environment. The groundwater in the region is 117 meters above the surface during the monsoon season and 110 meters deep in the summer. The mine is expected to reach a height of 120 meters, with no effect on groundwater during the monsoon season.


Over Burden (OB) are likely to be washed away during the rainy season and contaminate groundwater. The unit has proposed to garland drain followed by settling pit around the OB to prevent water pollution the mining area. In the mining lease area, 4,000 saplings will be planted to create greenery, such as lemon, palm, willow, oak, bamboo, and birch trees. The mining authority proposed to provide an employment opportunity to the local people and their standard of living will increase and contribute to the social and economic growth of the local area.

Appropriate attention will be paid to the health of the workers working in the mines in accordance with the prevailing mining policies and rules. After excavation, the area can be used for tree planting, reservoirs for agriculture and fisheries. The total cost of the project is Rs 3 crore.

The Addl. District Magistrate invited the public to offer their views on environmental related issues of the proposed project.

About 50-60 participants have attended the public hearing meeting and out of them 40 participants have put their signature in the attendance sheet whose list is


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annexed as **Annexure-II**. 12 persons have registered their name to deliver their views during public hearing and list is annexed as **Annexure-III**.

Statements of the public participated in the deliberation during public hearing meeting is as follow;

Sl. No.	Name of the Participants and their deliberation on the proposed project.
1.	<u>Sri Ashutosh Khuntia, Bankia</u> He stated that, the mining area is surrounded by <i>Kendu Leaf</i> which are their main livelihood of the nearby villagers. Therefore, he supported the proposed project with the following conditions; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The company authority should give permission for collection of <i>Kendu leaf</i> within the mining lease area of 21.092 Ha. and also, upper and lower part of the mining lease area.• Finally, he welcomed and supported the proposed project.
2.	<u>Sri Subrat Mahakur, Bankia</u> He expressed his support to proposed project as Sri Ashutosh Khuntia, Bankia(Sl. No, 1)has supported.
3.	<u>Sri Rajesh Garia: Bhutiapali:</u> Not delivered.
4.	<u>Sri Bikash Mahakur, Mendelipali:</u> Not delivered.
5.	<u>Sri Banamali Pradhan, Bankia:</u> He welcomed and supported the proposed project. He stated that the barren land not comes for the benefit of the village.
6.	<u>Sri Ankrura Pradhan, Bankia:</u> He welcomed and supported the proposed project.
7.	<u>Sri Kasta Pradhan, Bankia:</u> He supported the proposed project
8.	<u>Sri Chatrubhuj Padhan, Bankia:</u> He supported the proposed project
9.	<u>Sri Ashutosh Mishra, Bankia:</u> He welcomed and supported the proposed project.
10.	<u>Sri Pramod Kumar Mishra, Bankia:</u> He welcomed and supported the proposed project.
11.	<u>Sri Prafulla Panda, Bhutiapali:</u> He supported the proposed project
12.	<u>Sri Sana Padhan, Bankia</u> He welcomed the proposed project

Summary of the points raised by the participants in the public hearing are being read out by the Regional Officer and same in English and Odiya(vernacular language) is enclosed as **Annexure-IV (A & B)**.

After the completion of the deliberation process the Addl. District Magistrate, invited the representatives of M/s Bankia Quartz and Gemstone mines of M/s Manikeswari Minerals to give a brief note on the issues related to the demand and grievances of the participants raised in the public hearing meeting.

On behalf of the project proponent, Sri. Rajendra Kumar Agarwal, Proprietor of M/s Bankia Quartz and Gemstone mines of M/s Manikeswari Minerals has responded on the issues raised by the participants during public hearing. Same in English and Odiya (vernacular language) are also given in **Annexure-V (A & B)**. The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing is enclosed as Compact Disc (CD).

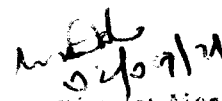
After the above-mentioned deliberation, the Addl. District Magistrate has announced the completion of public hearing over the proposed project and the Regional Officer has proposed the vote of thanks to the Chair as well as to the Participants present during the public hearing.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



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NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that M/s Manikewari Minerals has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Bankia Quartz and Gemstone Mines over lease area of 21.092 Ha. at Bankia village, Biramaharajpur tehsil in the district of Sabarnapur 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) Dt. 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 sites of displacements/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 neighbourhood 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 addressed the same to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Patanch Bhawan, Registered Post, Bhubaneswar. Persons interested to submit their views relevant to the proposed mining project in the field of environment, also do so through the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar. The public hearing will be conducted at Bankia village, Biramaharajpur tehsil in the district of Sabarnapur, Odisha. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Environmental Management Plan (EM) of the said project will be available at the Board Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha. Both the EM and the EIA report will be available at the Board Office, Bhubaneswar. Also be noted that the cost of the EIA report and EM will be borne by the proponent. The cost of the EIA report and EM will be borne by the proponent. Govt. of India vide G.O. No. 22-23-2006, dated 22.07.2006, as well as Govt. of Odisha.

- 1. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, The Patanch, Subarnapur.
- 2. District Industries Center, Subarnapur.
- 3. In the office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Patanch, Subarnapur.
- 4. In the office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Patanch, Subarnapur.
- 5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 6. In the office of the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

The Times of India dt. 29.07.2021

POINTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. BANKIA QUARTZ AND GEMSTONE MINES OF M/S. MANIKESWARI MINERALS OVER LEASE AREA OF 21.092 HA. AT: BANKIA VILLAGE, BIRAMAHARAJPUR TAHSIL IN THE DISTRICT OF SUBARNAPUR HELD ON DT. 02.09.2021 AT: 9.00 A.M AT BANKIA VILLAGE, SUBARNAPUR.

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2. The company authority should provide an employment opportunity to the local people in the proposed project as per their educational qualifications.

(Signature)

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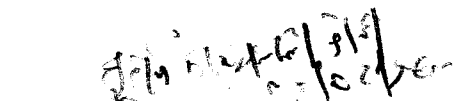
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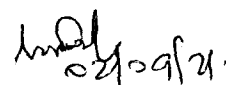
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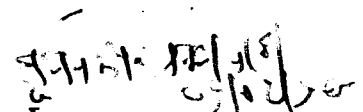
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