PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANABADI DECORATIVE STONE (GARNETIFEROUS GRANITE GNEISS) MINES OF SRI NEMANI RAMAKRISHNA OVER AN AREA OF 12.100 Ha IN VILLAGE ANABADI NO.21 UNDER BANDHUGAON TEHSIL OF KORAPUT DISTRICT HELD ON 17.11.2021 AT 11.00 AM OVER PLOT NO.70, KHATA NO. 23 IN MUNDAPADAR VILLAGE UNDER BANDHUGAON TEHSIL, DISTRICT KORAPUT.

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 17.11.2021 as per the schedule and at the venue in accordance with the EIA Notification S. O. 1533 (E) dt. 14.09.2006. The public hearing with regard to date, place and time was announced in Public Address System in surrounding villages of proposed project site and also published in Daily News Paper. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Er P Kar, Regional Officer I/C, State Pollution Control Board, Koraput welcomed the public to the hearing and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Shri Rajendra Majhi, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Koraput highlighted on importance of such hearing & presided over the public hearing.

Sri Ajit Kumar Sadangi of Anabadi Decorative Stone Mine & Sri Jagabandhu Bisoi, representative of Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd, Consultant of the unit has explained about the proposed project and briefed about the Pollution Control measures to be adopted in the Project.

The following is the summary of the public hearing proceedings, reflecting all the views and concerns expressed by the assembled public at the venue. It was recorded by the officials of the Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Koraput.

1. Smt. Pramila Jakaka, Block Chairperson, Bandhugaon

Smt. Jakaka welcomed the project and expressed that the local educated youth will get job opportunity in this project instead of going outside as migrant workers. She hoped that due to mine there will be development of the locality and local youth will get job in the project.

2. Sri Abhimanyu Bhandi, Bandhugaon

Sri Bhandi expressed his happiness over the fulfilment of their dreams after long period and informed that two numbers of granite quarries have been identified in their area. Further he expressed that local youths going outside as migrant workers and suffering a lot and this project will provide livelihoods to the local poor and unemployed people. He expressed his gratitude to the Government for giving the mines for the benefit of local people and to provide livelihoods to the locals.

3. Sri Ladu Ullaka, Gulumiguda, Kutraguda GP

Sri Ullaka urged that the mines project should start functioning as early as possible and assured to extend help and cooperation to the project by the locals. He hope that the local youths going outside as migrant workers will be employed in the project based on their eligibility and strongly welcomed the project and requested to start the project at the earliest.

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4. Sri Gouranga Patra, Kataguda, Zilla Parishad member, Zene 1

Sri Patra expressed that last time he objected another project but after consulting with the local public he supported the project as others are in favour of the project. He hope that the local educated youth will get job in the mines and suggested to increase the number of employment as mentioned in the project beyond 25 for better opportunities of local unemployed youths.

5. Sri Navin Ch. Pradhan, Kumbhariput, Bandhugaon

Sri Pradhan expressed that there will be no pollution problem and hope that local youth will get employment. He suggested that mines should provide pond to protect the agricultural land from the dust/soil to be generated from mines. He urged that mine should look the peripheral development for the locality, employment of the local youths. He stressed on implementation of the commitment made in the project report of the mines for overall development of the locality.

6. Sri Sona Kadraka, Anabadi, Bandhugaon

Sri Kadraka spoke in his local language which was translated by one of the local public. Sri Kadraka expressed that they used to go to Tamilnadu for their livelihood and faced lots of problems. The project in their locality will be beneficial for them.

7. Sri Srinivas Patnaik (Advocate), Bandhugaon

Sri Patnaik expressed that Bandhugaon is a remote block and its environment is very pleasant but there is no mines exist in this block. The identification of mines in this block indicates that the area is on the way of development. Further he informed that the operation of mines lead to pollution. He emphasized on protection of land, forest, water and air from the pollution. He demanded for employment of local educated unemployed youths in the mines, provision of fund for development of education and health sector of the locality. He suggested to form a committee by taking intellectuals from each panchayat of Bandhugaon Block for managements of the mines. He welcomed the project.

8. Sri Prahallad Meleka, Ginijikhal, Kumbhariput

Sri Meleka informed that he came to this hearing with hope to get employment in the mines and they will able to earn. He expressed that his local friends went to Tamilnadu for their livelihoods and in some cases even they unable to get their wages.

9. Smt. Tenchi Huika, Sarpanch, K. Jaguguda G.P.

Smt. Huika informed that her village people going to outside for job and hope that if mines will operate they can get employment here.

10. Sri Rajendra Kalpa, Jaguguda, Bandhugaon

Sri Kalpa welcomed the project and expressed his happiness over the establishment of mines in Jaguguda GP. He requested to start the project at the earliest.

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11. Sri Hemanta Khara, Kumbhariput, Bandhugaon

Sri Khara informed that the local youths used to go outside for the job and if mines get established then local uneducated youths can get job in the mines and can stay in own villages with peace. He expressed his happiness for the project.

12. Sri Biswajit Kadraka, Asada, Bandhugaon

Sri Kadraka expressed that they compelled to go to outside for the job leaving behind their parents and village. If company will come they can get employment in their locality and he thanks to the company.

13. Sri Bala Nag, Badasarupalli, Bandhugaon

Sri Nag informed that the stone mines exist in the locality since beginning of the earth & establishing of Decorative stone mines in this remote area makes this day an auspicious day. He further expressed that opportunity only once knock the door. He thanks the project proponent for establishing the Mines in this remotely located area. He also expressed something in Telugu. He Thanks to the Government for taking steps to establish Mines in this uneducated Tribal area & welcomed the project. He suggested the project proponent to establish Granite Processing Plant in the locality instead of sending the raw blocks to outside. He cited the example of HAL, Sunabeda & NALCO Damanjodi that the Engines & Alumina get produced here & sent to other areas for finished product leading to less profit of the local area. For that reasons he suggested for establishment of processing plant in their area for more benefits of the locals.

He expressed that two mines going to be established at Kutensu & Anabadi under Jaguguda GP. He emphasised on developments of 13 other GPs under Bandhugaon Block along with Kutensu & Anabadi village. He explained that they got free facilities during Corona from the Government & these mines will provide revenues to the Government for such activities. He appealed to extend cooperation to the Government for the overall development of the area. He thanks to the Government & Project proponent for the project & requested to start the mines for the livelihoods of local people.

14. Sri D. Ankati, President, BCC, Bandhugaon

Sri Ankati informed that local unemployed people from each village going to outside as migrant labourer & they are facing lots of problems even not able to get foods. He welcomed the Mines & urged that the benefits should reach to the local people. The life of local people is in stressed due to price hike & their livelihoods are in question. He urged that local educated youths should get employment & labourers should get engaged in the mines. He demanded for enhancement of funds for peripherals development, improvement in education, Health & roads by the mines. He welcomed the Mines for development of the area & the people & recognition of Bandhugaon Block.

15. Sri Jayendra Sahu, BJP General Secretary, Bandhugaon

Sri Sahu expressed that, many peoples wanted to know the objective of this meeting & he clarified them that this meeting meant for establishment of the Anabadi stone mines. He hoped that some of the unemployed people of Jaguguda & other 15 GPs will get employment. He stressed on the development of the area & demanded for employment of the local peoples in the project. He requested the project proponent to give priority in employment to Jaguguda GP.

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16. Sri Rama Chandra Kalpa, Jaguguda, Bandhugaon

Sri Kalpa appreciated previous speakers & told that, Andhra Company come to Odisha for establishment of mines. He hoped that local educated & uneducated youths will get employment in mines & requested to start the project at the earliest. He opined that project should operate for 30 to 50 years instead of 1 to 5 Years as per agreement for the employment of local youths.

17. Sri Haraka Mariga, Jaguguda, Bandhugaon

Sri Mariga expressed his happiness & requested to start the mines at the earliest.

18. Sri Uttam Nayak, Bandhugaon

Sri Nayak informed that 90% people of Bandhugaon Block are Tribal people & rest belongs to other casts. He expressed the education of the locality is in bad shape & local children are not much interested for higher education. He requested to provide fund by the mines for higher education, preparation for IAS & OAS to local students. He further requested to extend Help & provide funds to support & protect the local Tribal Cultures, Language, Traditions, Music, folk songs & dance. He apprehended that the pollution level will increase after 50 to 60 years of mining & it will have adverse impact on the health of local people, Cattles & on agriculture. He requested Government & Project proponent to be alert for such impacts.

The Regional Officer I/C, SPCB, Koraput read over the issues raised by the public in the hearing and Sri Jagabandhu Bisoi, representative of Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd, Consultant of the unit & Sri Ajit Kumar Sadangi of Anabadi Decorative Stone Mine responded to the issues raised for Anabadi Decorative Stone Mine.

Shri Rajendra Majhi, OAS (S), ADM, Koraput has given concluding remarks on the hearing and elaborated the process to be followed for submission of the proceeding to the SEIAA, Bhubaneswar for further action. He extended thanks to the public participated in the hearing and for offering their views, suggestions and objections.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Odia and English and it is annexed with the proceedings as Annexure-I & II respectively, list of the oral deliberators and participants in the hearing is annexed as Annexure-III& IV respectively. Fifty numbers of written representations received from public during hearing are annexed as Annexure-V (1 to 50). The videography of proceedings are recorded and submitted as DVD (One number).

Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.

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Regional Officer I/C SPCB, Koraput

Shri Rajendra Majhi, OAS (S)

Additional District Magistrate, Koraput



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