

PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF M/S MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED (MCL) FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR INTEGRATED LAKHANPUR-BELPAHAR-LILARI OPENCAST MINING PROJECT FOR PRODUCTION OF COAL OF CAPACITY OF 40 MTPA OVER MINE LEASE AREA OF 4399.246 HA LOCATED IN IB VALLEY COALFIELD, TEHSIL LAKHANPUR OF JHARSUGUDA DISTRICT AT KANDSAR PRIMARY M.E SCHOOL AT VILLAGE KANDSAR, GRAM PANCHAYAT – KUSRALOI, IN JHARSUGUDA DISTRICT HELD ON 06.12.2021 AT 11.00 AM.

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The public hearing of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for grant of Environmental Clearance for Integrated Lakhanpur- Belpahar-Lilari Coal Mine Project for production of coal of capacity 40 MTPA over mine lease area of 4399.246 Ha in Ib Valley Coalfields of Jharsuguda District was held on 06.12.2021 at 11.00 AM at Kandar Primary M.E. School in village Kandsar, Gram Panchayat Kusraloi, Tehsil Lakhanpur, in the district of Jharsuguda. During the course of Public Hearing the guidelines for Covid-19 of Govt. of Odisha has been duly followed.

Sri Prabeer Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Jharsuguda, supervised and presided over the Public Hearing Process, assisted by Sri Hiranya Kumar Nayak, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Jharsuguda & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha. The State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar had advertised in newspaper in Odia daily – Sambad on 06.11.2021 and in English daily-The New Indian Express on 04.11.2021. The Public Hearing in respect of the above project stated as per the schedule and the venue decided by the District Magistrate in accordance with the EIA Notification S.O.1533(E), dated 14.09.2006. In response of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions & precautions, sitting arrangement at meeting place with social distancing was made up to 250 and waiting facility followed by social distancing adjacent to the venue were provided to accommodate more numbers of public.

At the outset, Sri Hiranya Kumar Nayak, Regional Officer, SPCB welcomed the panel member and the public present in the meeting. He briefly described the objectives and procedure followed for conducting the Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification S.O.1533(E), dated 14.09.2006 of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India. He requested Additional District Magistrate, Jharsuguda to preside over the meeting.



Welcoming the public, the panel members, Press Media, Police Officers and the assembled public in the meeting Sri Prabeer Kumar Nayak, ADM, Jharsuguda, briefly explained the objective of the proposed coal mining project and the views, comments, objections and opinions of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. He requested the public to maintain peace & come forward one by one to put their views / opinion for the proposed project. He invited the public to present their views about the proposed project on environmental consideration. He also described the details of Covid-19 Pandemic Restrictions & guidelines and told that the public who were sitting on waiting chairs adjacent to venue may wait and can place their views after the persons already present in the meeting place complete. 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, for better understanding of the Public. He also informed that public who were not able to speak, may kindly submit their views in writing, so that their views will be considered by competent authority.

On behalf of the Project Proponent, Sri Virendra Kumar Singh, Project Officer, Lakhanpur Opencast Project of M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, welcomed the public and all other participants and gave a brief description about the Integrated Lakhanpur- Belpahar-Lilari Coal Mine Project. He expressed the details of proposed project which are as follows:

1. He informed that there are 3 Nos. of existing mines namely Lakhanpur OCP, Belpahar OCP and Lilari OCP of capacity 21 MTPA, 9 MTPA and 0.8 MTPA respectively in Lakhanpur area of MCL. These mines are proposed to be integrated into one mine i.e., Integrated Lakhanpur- Belpahar-Lilari Coal Mine Project of 40 MTPA capacity for extraction of lower seams. The demand of coal is increasing due to increase in power consumption of the nation and the project is being proposed as per directions of Govt. of India.
2. The existing project area of the 3 mines is 4133.333 Ha and in the proposed project mine lease is 4399.426 Ha and Project area is 4742.877 Ha and there will be no further displacement of any new villages.
3. The life of the mine will be 41 years. The proposed project is for extraction of lower seams such as Rampur and Ib seam for conservation of natural resources and this is viable due to technological development.





4. Presently the coal is being dispatched to various power houses within Odisha like OPGC and power houses of the other states in the nation. The proposed project will help in smooth supply of coal and will help to meet the coal demand of the nation.
5. At present, 2056 nos. of people are directly employed in the mines of Lakhanpur Area, 4056 nos. of people are in-directly employed through various contractual agencies. In the proposed project, employment for 4249 nos. of people will be generated through this project due to increase in the quantity of OB removal, transportation and Coal production. Already 2110 nos. of Land Outsees have been provided employment and employment for 34 nos. is under progress.
6. During the year 2020-21, Royalty paid for the development of the state is Rs. 355.91 Crores and District Mineral Fund (DMF) deposited for the development of Jharsuguda district is Rs.106.77 Crores.
7. Coal Extraction is being carried out using Surface Miner with water spraying arrangement thus avoiding drilling and blasting of coal. Water spraying is being carried out all along the Haul roads, Coal Transportation roads using water tankers.
8. IB Valley washery of 10 MTPA capacity and Silo (10 MTY) is under construction and further Silo of 20 MTY is proposed to be established. The coal transportation will be carried out through pipe conveyer.
9. All the coal stockyards and railway sidings are provided with sprinklers, mobile fog cannons and fixed fog cannons. All the Road sale trucks are covered with tarpaulin and pass through the Wheel Wash System before they enter the Public Roads. The above arrangement will minimize the dust emission during coal production and transportation.
10. Plantation of 17,38,463 saplings were carried out inside the mine premises to compensate the green cover of the area. Workshops are equipped with Effluent Treatment Plant to treat effluent generated from washing of HEMM. Sewage Treatment Plant is installed inside the colony to treat domestic sewage. Mechanical Road Sweeper is deployed for cleaning of the roads.
11. For peripheral development under CSR, the project has spent an amount of Rs. 230.39 Lakhs, Rs. 318.23 Lakhs & Rs. 425.15 Lakhs for the year 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 respectively.
12. Under the CSR scheme, drinking water is being supplied in 78 villages and also various development activities such as construction of peripheral village roads, construction of

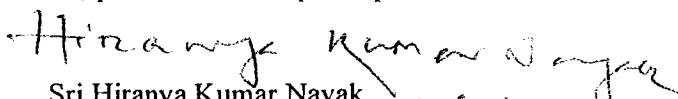



ponds, community halls in nearby villages etc are being carried out. Health Camps are also being organized in peripheral villages at regular intervals.

13. 50 Bedded Level -II Covid Hospital with ambulance facility has been established. MoU has been made with Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation for livelihood improvement of people in 10 villages. Skill development programme is being carried out in coordination with Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology. Further, MCL has taken up other infrastructure activities in Jharsuguda district such as Stadium, Cardiac Hospital and Bus Stand.
14. Being public sector company, the project follows all the rules and regulations directed by Govt. Of India and Govt. of Odisha and will also continue to abide all the directives.

Then Sri Prabeer Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Jharsuguda, invited the public to present their views about the proposed project. Then the public deliberated on various issues one by one. During the public hearing, all have been given opportunity to express their views freely on the proposed project. Around 239 persons had attended the public hearing meeting whereas 26 persons had delivered their views. The attendance sheet of the public participants who delivered their views is annexed as **Annexure – I** and the attendance sheet of public participants who had attended the meeting is annexed as **Annexure – II**. The attendance sheet of the panel members present in the public hearing is annexed as **Annexure – III**. The statement of public participated in the deliberation is annexed as **Annexure IV**. After the deliberations were made by the public, Additional District Magistrate, Jharsuguda invited the project proponent to offer views & commitments on the issues raised by public. The summary of the views and opinions of the public and the commitments made by the project proponent are annexed in Odia language and English language as **Annexure V&VI** respectively.

About 226 numbers of written representations were received which are annexed as **Annexure VII**. The video recording of the entire proceedings of the public hearing are enclosed herewith and will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF &CC) of Govt. of India, New Delhi as such along with the written statements of the public & proceedings of the meeting. Finally, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair, public and other participants.

  
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Jharsuguda Officer  
State Pollution Control Board  
JHARSUGUDA  
06.12.2021

  
Sri Prabeer Kumar Nayak  
Additional District Magistrate  
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ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉପାଯାଇଥିବା ସମସ୍ୟା ।	ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିକ୍ରିୟା ।
<p>ରୋଜଗାର ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ସମସ୍ୟା ।</p> <p>୧. ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଯୁବକମାନଙ୍କ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ।</p> <p>୨. ନାବାଳକର ନିୟୁକ୍ତି</p> <p>୩. ସ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ।</p> <p>୪ .ଭିନିଷମଙ୍କ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି</p>	<p>୧. ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଯୁବକମାନଙ୍କ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ।</p> <p>ସରକାରୀ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ବିସ୍ତାପିତ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ରେ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । ଭାରତ ଏବଂ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଧାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯାଇଥିବା ନିୟମାବଳୀ ପାଳନ କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୨. ନାବାଳକର ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ।</p> <p>ଗ୍ରାମଗୁଡ଼ିକ ପାଇଁ କର୍ ଅଫ୍ ଡାରିଖ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ରାଜ୍ୟ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ତୃତୀୟ ହୋଇଛି, ତେଣୁ କର୍ ଅଫ୍ ଡେର୍ ମାମଲାରେ ନାବାଳକର ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନିଆଯିବ ।</p> <p>୩. ସ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ।</p> <p>ସରକାରୀ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ବିସ୍ତାପିତ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ରେ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯିବ । ଭାରତ ଏବଂ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସରକାରଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଧାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯାଇଥିବା ନିୟମାବଳୀ ପାଳନ କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୪ .ଭିନିଷମଙ୍କ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି</p> <p>ଭିନିଷମଙ୍କ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ପ୍ରମୁଖ୍ୟ ସରକାରୀ ନିୟମାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ କରାଯିବ ।</p>
<p>ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ୱିକ ବିକାଶ ସହିତ ଜଡ଼ିତ ସମସ୍ୟାଗୁଡ଼ିକ ।</p> <p>୧. ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ</p> <p>୨. ସୋଲାର ଆଲୋକ</p> <p>୩. ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ</p> <p>୪. ଶିକ୍ଷା</p> <p>୫. ରାସ୍ତା</p>	<p>୧. ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ</p> <p>ପୂର୍ବରୁ ୬୧ ଟି ଗ୍ରାମକୁ ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଇଥିଲା ଏବଂ ଏହି ବର୍ଷରେ ଅତିରିକ୍ତ ୧୭ ଟି ଗାଁକୁ ଅତିରିକ୍ତ କରାଯାଇଛି ତେଣୁ ସମୁଦାୟ ୭୮ ଟି ଗାଁକୁ ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଇଛି, ରାଜ୍ୟ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଅନ୍ୟ ଗ୍ରାମକୁ ଅଧିକ ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯିବ ।</p> <p>୨. ସୋଲାର ଆଲୋକ</p> <p>ସୋଲଡିଆ ଗ୍ରାମରେ ସୋଲାର ଆଲୋକ ଏବଂ ପମ୍ପ ପାଇଁ ଏକ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇଛି ଏବଂ ଲାଖନପୁର ତହସିଲଦାରଙ୍କ ଏନଓସି ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଅନୁମୋଦନ ପାଇଁ ଜିଲ୍ଲା</p>

Annexure -VI

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା ସମସ୍ୟା ;	ପ୍ରକୃତ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିକ୍ରିୟା ।
	<p>ପ୍ରଶାସନରେ ଏହି ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ବିଚାରାଧୀନ ଅଛି। ଅଧିକତ୍ୱ, ଗ୍ରାମଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ପୋଲାର ଆଲୋକ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନର ପରାମର୍ଶ କ୍ରମେ କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୩. ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ନିୟମିତ ବ୍ୟବଧାନରେ ରୁଟିନ୍ ଜେନେରାଲ୍ ହେଲଥ୍ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପ ରାଲିଛି । ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନର ପରାମର୍ଶ କ୍ରମେ ଅଧିକ ସଂଖ୍ୟକ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଶିବିର କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୪. ଶିକ୍ଷା ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଏକ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଯଥା, DAV, Bandhabahal MCL ଦ୍ୱାରା ପରିଚାଳିତ ହେଉଛି ଯେଉଁଥିରେ ନିକଟସ୍ଥ ଗ୍ରାମ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ଆଡମିଶନ କରନ୍ତି ଏବଂ ସହାୟତା ଆଧାରରେ ଗ୍ରାଣ୍ଟ ଅଧୀନରେ MCL ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆଉ ଏକ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ମାଧ୍ୟମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରିଚାଳିତ ହେଉଛି । ଆହୁରି ମଧ୍ୟ, ଶିକ୍ଷା ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ CSR ଅଧୀନରେ ବିଭିନ୍ନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକଳାପ ଚାଲିଛି ଏବଂ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତରେ ଏହା କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୫. ରାସ୍ତା ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ୱିକ ବିକାଶ ପାଇଁ ରାସ୍ତା ନିର୍ମାଣ କରାଯାଉଛି ଏବଂ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନର ପରାମର୍ଶ କ୍ରମେ ଏହା ଜାରି ରହିବ ।</p>
<p>ଜମି ଅଧିଗ୍ରହଣ ଏବଂ R&amp;R ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ସମସ୍ୟା ।</p> <p>୧. ସୁଖବାସି</p> <p>୨. ବିବାହିତା ମହିଳା</p> <p>୩. ଜମି ଅଧିଗ୍ରହଣ</p>	<p>୧. ସୁଖବାସି ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନ ଦ୍ୱାରା ସୁଖବାସୀଙ୍କ ତାଲିକା ତୃତୀୟ ହୋଇଛି ଏବଂ ଜିଲ୍ଲା କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଏମସିଏଲ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବେ। ସେହି ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ୧୪ .୨୨ କୋଟି ଟଙ୍କା ସୁଖବାସି କ ପାଇଁ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନରେ ଜମା କରାଯାଇଛି ।</p> <p>୨. ବିବାହିତା ମହିଳା ବିବାହିତ ଝିଅ ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ନିୟୁତ୍ତି ସରକାରୀ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶନାମା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯିବ। ସମୟ ସମୟରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ସରକାରଙ୍କ ନିୟମକୁ ପାଳନ କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୩. ଜମି ଅଧିଗ୍ରହଣ କୋଇଲା ବିୟରିଂ ଏରିଆ (ଅଧିଗ୍ରହଣ ଏବଂ ବିକାଶ) ଅଧିନିୟମ, 1957 ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଜମି ଅଧିଗ୍ରହଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯିବ ।</p>

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା ସମସ୍ୟା ।	ପ୍ରକୃତ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟାବକଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିକ୍ରିୟା ।
<p>ପରିବେଶ ସହିତ ଜଡ଼ିତ ସମସ୍ୟାଗୁଡ଼ିକ ।</p> <p>୧. କୋଇଲା ପରିବହନ ସମୟରେ ଧୂଳି ସୃଷ୍ଟି ।</p> <p>୨. ଜଳ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ଏବଂ ଭୂତଳ ଜଳ ହ୍ରାସ ।</p> <p>୩. ଭୂତଳ କମ୍ପନ ।</p> <p>୪. ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ନଷ୍ଟ</p> <p>୫. ପଶୁମାନଙ୍କର ପୁନର୍ବାସ</p>	<p>୧. କୋଇଲା ପରିବହନ ସମୟରେ ଧୂଳି ସୃଷ୍ଟି ।</p> <p>ଧୂଳି ବମନ ପାଇଁ ଖାତର ବ୍ୟାଙ୍କର, ଫିଲ୍ଟର ଷ୍ଟ୍ରିକ୍ସର ଏବଂ ମୋବାଇଲ୍ କୁହୁଡ଼ି ଡୋପ ଏବଂ ଟ୍ରଲିରେ ଲାଗିଥିବା କୁହୁଡ଼ି ଡୋପ ନିୟୋଜିତ ହେବ । ଧୂଳି ସମସ୍ୟା ଦୂର କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଟକ ଧୋଇବା ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା, ମେକାନିକାଲ୍ ରୋଡ୍ ସୁଇପର, ସିଲୋ ଏବଂ ପାଇପ୍ କନଭେୟର ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯିବ ।</p> <p>୨. ଜଳ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ଏବଂ ଭୂତଳ ଜଳ ହ୍ରାସ ।</p> <p>ଇଫ୍ଲୁଏଣ୍ଟ ଏବଂ ସିଝେକ୍ସ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ପାଇଁ ଯଥାକ୍ରମେ ଦୁଇଟି ଇଫ୍ଲୁଏଣ୍ଟ ଟ୍ରିଟମେଣ୍ଟ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ ଏବଂ ଗୋଟିଏ ସ୍ପେରେଇଡ୍ ଟ୍ରିଟମେଣ୍ଟ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ ସ୍ଥାପନ କରାଯାଇଛି ।</p> <p>ଡି-କୋଇଲା ହୋଇଥିବା ଅଞ୍ଚଳର ବ୍ୟାକପିଲିଂ କରିବା ଦ୍ୱାରା ଭୂତଳ ଜଳ ର ସ୍ତର ହ୍ରାସ ପାଇବାକୁ ରୋକାଯାଇପାରିବ ।</p> <p>୩. ଭୂତଳ କମ୍ପନ ।</p> <p>କୋଇଲା ଖଣି ନିୟମାବଳୀର ସମସ୍ତ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଅନୁସରଣ କରାଯାଉଛି ଏବଂ ଏହାକୁ ଅନୁସରଣ କରାଯିବ ଏବଂ ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରିତ ରୁଷ୍ଟି ପକ୍ଷେ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୪. ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ନଷ୍ଟ</p> <p>ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ବିକାଶ ନିଗମ ଏବଂ ଛତିଶଗଡ଼ ରାଜ୍ୟ ରାଜ ବନ ବିକାଶ ନିଗମ ଲିମିଟେଡ୍ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଏବଂ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ବିଭାଗ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଖଣି ପରିସରରେ ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଚାଲିଛି । ଆଗାମୀ ବର୍ଷ ପାଇଁ ଅଧିକ ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୫. ପଶୁମାନଙ୍କର ପୁନର୍ବାସ</p> <p>ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପରାମର୍ଶ କ୍ରମେ ପଶୁମାନଙ୍କର ପୁନର୍ବାସ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯିବ ।</p>

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 ଅତିରିକ୍ତ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ମାଜିଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଟ୍  
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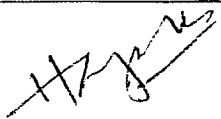
STATEMENT OF ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF M/S MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED (MCL) FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR INTEGRATED LAKHANPUR-BELPAHAR-LILARI OPENCAST MINING PROJECT FOR PRODUCTION OF COAL OF CAPACITY OF 40 MTPA OVER MINE LEASE AREA OF 4399.246 HA LOCATED IN IB VALLEY COALFIELD, TEHSIL LAKHANPUR OF JHARSUGUDA DISTRICT AT KANDSAR PRIMARY M.E. SCHOOL AT VILLAGE KANDSAR, GRAM PANCHAYAT - KUSRALOI, IN JHARSUGUDA DISTRICT HELD ON 06.12.2021 AT 11.00 A.M.

Issues raised by the Public	Response of the Project Proponent
<p><b>Issues related to Employment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preference to local youths</li> <li>2. Employment of minors.</li> <li>3. Permanent employment</li> <li>4. Employment of Displaced Persons with Disabilities Villagers</li> </ol>	<p><b>1. Preference to local youths</b> Employment is being provided to project displaced people as per Guidelines of Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha. Any regulations stipulated by statutory agencies will be complied with as per guidelines.</p> <p><b>2. Employment of minors</b> The cut-off date for villages is finalized by state authorities as per guidelines, so employment of minor on cut-off date cases will be decided as per guidelines.</p> <p><b>3. Permanent employment</b> Employment is being provided to project displaced people as per Guidelines of Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha. Any regulations stipulated by Statutory agencies will be complied with as per guidelines.</p> <p><b>4. Employment of Displaced Persons with Disabilities Villagers</b> The employment of Persons with Disabilities will be done as per the applicable Govt. Guidelines.</p>
<p><b>Issues related to Peripheral development</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drinking water</li> <li>2. Solar lighting</li> <li>3. Health</li> <li>4. Education</li> <li>5. Roads</li> </ol>	<p><b>1. Drinking water</b> Previously drinking water was provided to 61 villages and in this year, an additional 17 villages have been included for supply of drinking water so that drinking water will be provided to total of 78 villages. In addition to the above, drinking water will be provided to any other villages as per direction of state authorities.</p>



Annexure - V

	<p><b>2. Solar lighting</b></p> <p>A proposal has been initiated for solar lights and pumps in Soldia village and the NOC has been cleared by Tahsildar, Lakhanpur. The proposal is pending at district administration for approval. Further, Solar lighting in other villages will be carried out in consultation with district administration.</p> <p><b>3. Health</b></p> <p>Routine General Health Camps are being conducted at regular intervals: More number of health camps will be conducted in consultation with district administration.</p> <p><b>4. Education</b></p> <p>Presently a school is being run by MCL i.e., DAV, Bandhabahal where students of nearby villages are admitted and one Odia medium school is running which is sponsored by MCL under Grant in aid basis. Also, various activities under CSR for Education related are being carried out and will be carried out in future.</p> <p><b>5. Roads</b></p> <p>For peripheral development, roads are being constructed and will be continued in consultation with district administration.</p>
<p><b>Issues related to R &amp; R</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sukhwasis</li><li>2. Married daughters</li><li>3. Land Acquisition</li></ol>	<p><b>1. Sukhwasis</b></p> <p>The list of village wise Sukhwasis is being finalized by district administration and action will be taken by MCL authorities as per the direction of district authorities. Accordingly, Rs. 14.22 cr has been deposited at the district administration for benefit of the Sukhwasis.</p> <p><b>2. Married daughters</b></p> <p>The employment regarding married daughter will be provided as per guidelines of Govt. of Odisha issued from time to time.</p> <p><b>3. Land Acquisition</b></p> <p>Land acquisition is being carried out as per Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957. Any</p>



<p><b>Issues related to Environment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Generation of dust during transportation of coal</li> <li>2. Water pollution &amp; Ground water depletion</li> <li>3. Ground vibration</li> <li>4. Deforestation</li> <li>5. Rehabilitation of animals</li> </ol>	<p>regulations stipulated by Statutory agencies will be complied with as per guidelines.</p> <p><b>1. Generation of dust during transportation of coal</b> Water Tankers, Fixed Sprinklers, Mobile Fog Cannons and Trolley Mounted Fog Cannons will be deployed for dust suppression. Wheel Washing System, Mechanical Road Sweeper, Silo and Pipe Conveyor arrangement will be provided for abatement of fugitive dust problem</p> <p><b>2. Water pollution &amp; Ground water depletion</b> Two nos. of ETP and one no. of STP have been installed for treatment of Effluent and Sewage respectively.</p> <p>The backfilling of the de-coaled area will reduce the mine seepage resulting in restoring groundwater.</p> <p><b>3. Ground Vibration</b> All provisions of Coal Mines Regulations are being followed and will be followed and controlled blasting procedure is being adopted.</p> <p><b>4. Deforestation</b> Plantation activities are being carried out within mine premises through Odisha Forest Development Corporation and Chhattisgarh Rajya Van Vikas Nigam Limited and outside the mine premises through State Forest Department. For the upcoming years more plantation activities will be carried out.</p> <p><b>5. Rehabilitation of animals</b> Rehabilitation of animals will be carried out in consultation with State Government.</p>
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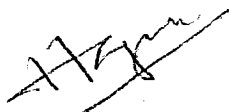
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THE STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATED IN THE DELIBERATION DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF M/S MAHANADI COALFIELDS LIMITED (MCL) FOR GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR INTEGRATED LAKHANPUR-BELPAHAR-LILARI OPENCAST MINING PROJECT FOR PRODUCTION OF COAL OF CAPACITY 40 MTPA OVER MINE LEASE AREA OF 4399.246 HA LOCATED IN IB VALLEY COALFIELD, TEHSIL LAKHANPUR OF JHARSUGUDA DISTRICT AT KANDSAR PRIMARY M.E. SCHOOL AT VILLAGE KANDSAR, GRAM PANCHAYAT – KUSRALOI, IN JHARSUGUDA DISTRICT HELD ON 06.12.2021 AT 11.00 AM

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The views expressed by various speakers present in the meeting are as follows:

1. **Sri Loknath Budhia, RPDAC Member/Village Secretary, Khairkuni village:** He welcomed the meeting and the proposed integrated project. He gave emphasis on tackling air, noise & water pollution of the area due to mining operations. He also said that due to deforestation flora & fauna of the area and their livelihood are being affected adversely. He also brought the attention that the social & economical position is becoming lowered due to mining operation. Though 14.22 Crores of rupees has been deposited with the district administration for disbursement to the entitled Sukhwasis of the project but till now no fruitful action has been taken. The project displaced personnel posted in Underground mines should be transferred to Opencast mines. He demanded for the people of displaced villages who have not given employment as they were minor as per cut off, should be employed in MCL or private agencies also. He demanded that the dependant of married daughters also be given employment.
2. **Sri Achutananda Sahu, Karlajori:** The local villagers should be given job in private agencies on priority basis. He also commented that local people having land nearby the mine should be given employment. The project authorities are asking for residential proof for providing employment in private agencies, so they are not able to get employment. They are being forced to work as daily labour at the cost of Rs. 240/ day but other people who are coming from outside are getting Rs.1000/ day. The land outsees are getting employed whereas the others are depended on forest products for livelihood. He said that due to expansion of the project there may be chance of more water & dust pollution. He alleged that drinking water is not being provided on regular basis.
3. **Sri Prafulla Pradhan, Kandsar:** He said that Project Officer has informed that when the project will be expanded from 20 MTPA to 40 MTPA, Kandsar village will be more affected and therefore it will be shifted soon and they should be shifted only to Bandhabahal. He stated that R&R benefits should be decided very soon for Kandsar village and should be shifted as soon as possible and the villagers should also be considered for working in private agencies. The developments work should be carried out in nearby villages instead of Puri and other places.



4. **Smt. Sumitra Pere, Chairperson, Odisha Dalita Sarvajanik Manch, Remandar:** She said that my previous speakers have not given emphasis on education of the children of the affected villages. At present employments are given to the displaced families as they are losing their land but the left out are not given opportunity. A provision should be made for their livelihood as well.
5. **Sri Saukilal Sahu, Kudaloi:** He stated that Project Officer has said that developmental activities and employment has been given but they know the ground reality. The village has already touched the mines and roads. Nearby villages have been destroyed but no action has been taken. They have lost their land since 1984 but no employment has been given as they fall under C category. The people from outside are being employed in private agencies while they are deprived from employment. Employment in private agencies should be given to the affected villagers on priority basis.
6. **Sri Madhu Sahu, Khaliapali:** He said that he has house over Basti plot at Khaliapali and also land at Ubuda and emphasized that his case should be considered sympathetically.
7. **Sri Ghanashyam Barik, Ubuda:** He stated that the rehabilitation scheme should be impartial and the villages should be shifted fully by giving R&R facilities. By expansion of the Project, there will be deforestation which will adversely affect people as well as animals, so rehabilitation should be provided for animals in nearby jungles. He said that Top soil for the use of future dump yard reclamation is being carried out and should be continued in future so it can be made habitable. The precautionary measures shall be taken that discharged water from the mine should not pollute Mahanadi as it is our lifeline. He further welcomed the project and requested for early shifting of all villages fully not partially.
8. **Sri Biranchi Banchhor, Kandsar:** He said that project is going to be expanded to 40MTY and public hearing conducted by State authority is welcomed by our villagers. He said that the integrated project will help for the development of our State & Nation as well to the people. Suitable land should be provided to the land outsees for their resettlement to nearby area not to Chaurimahul R&R site.
9. **Smt. Punam Bhoi, Lakhanpur:** She stated that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in Lakhanpur Village, though water is being supplied by Gram Vikas and the electricity bill for the same is very high. So, she demanded to provide solar light in roads, solar pump for supply of water. Till then regular water supply should be carried out through tankers otherwise we all villagers will approach MCL management tomorrow.
10. **Sri Jagannath Naik, Khandsa:** He welcomed the project. He said that there will be problem for dust and in every morning, you will see layers of coal dust in pond. Though we are affected badly facilities are being given to outsiders, when we met GM, Lakhanpur regarding our problem, he refused to take action saying that the land has not been acquired yet. Selling of land has been stopped by State authorities, but GM has not agreed with this fact. He said that 10% employment is given to local people whereas 90% employment is given to outsiders. In

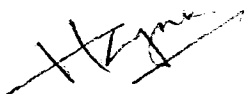


15 thermal Lakhs of tonnes of coal is burning so there might be action on this. He requested for providing for facilities to all people.

11. **Sri Makardhwaj Pradhan, Soldia:** He said that his village is very near to the project and it is mostly affected by coal dust. The production from farming is becoming less day by day due to mines. Water level in wells & ponds are affected due to mining operation, previously water level was 200m in handpump but now we are not getting water in borewell. He also stated that different diseases are being spread in the village due to mining operation. Due to blasting, there is side fall in wells and they are getting damaged. Due to VSS the nearby jungles are being saved by our villagers and in case of deforestation villagers and animals will be affected and oxygen level will get low. Further, he stated crores of rupees spent on afforestation will be of no use. He mentioned that details of afforestation, deforestation, affected people and their nature should be furnished. No villagers have been employed still today even though it is near to the mine. No development works have been carried out in our village. He requested not to carry out mining in forest area so that oxygen balance will be maintained.
12. **Sri Ramesh Chandra Pradhan, Remanda:** He welcomed the Integrated Project for production of coal of capacity 40 MTPA. He said that in any development project there will be positive and negative effect. Due to dust there is less production of vegetables. Villagers are depending on vegetable and their main earning is from agricultural products. Local people are not getting employment whereas outsiders are being employed. Water supply, proper roads, light and employment to local people and their resettlement must be carried out properly along rehabilitation of animal. If all facilities are provided then they will welcome the project.
13. **Sri Raghumani Pradhan, Adhapada:** Welcomed the arrangement made for public hearing. He said that public hearing is for formality and it will be decided as per requirement. He emphasized that DMF fund should be utilized within 10km and not in Kalahandi, Bolangir and Bhubaneswar. Plantation figures mentioned is not as per records and not balanced with felling of trees. Ubuda, Khairkuni, Tingismal & Darlipali resettlement is not completed and it should be completed before the implementation of the project. The village should be resettled and provided with total benefits along with land less people. Sukhwasis of Ubuda & Darlipali be provided facilities immediately. Irrespective of landless people proper arrangement and resettlement must be carried out. Plantation works should be carried out properly. We wish the project success along with R&R benefits.
14. **Sri Bijay Seth, Adhapada:** Welcomed the proposed integrated project. Proper arrangement for drinking water and other basic amenities should be given to the nearby villages. Though drinking water is being provided it is irregular. Hospital facilities to be provided to all affected people in similar lines of OPGC to all villagers. The villagers of this area are very simple and honest, if the management helps there is no requirement for this arrangement. Due to dust skin diseases are prominent in this area so management must be serious about this. He mentioned that they all support this project.



15. **Sri Nabin Munda, Ubuda:** He requested to give employment in MCL to his son Sri Lokeswar Munda and it was agreed by MCL authorities. MCL authorities has mentioned to provide employment to his wife but he wants the job for his son. He has sufficient land in village Ubuda & at Ubuda siding and also lease land at Ubuda village. So, the case of his son should be considered on priority.
16. **Sri Swaraj Oram, Ubuda:** He said that MCL authorities mentioned that persons above 18 years as on 2014 will be provided employment but my younger brother is residing with him in one house, MCL authorities are insisting to demolish the total house for my appointment at MCL. But his younger brother is refusing for demolition of the house.
17. **Sri Nirakar Disri, Karlajori:** He mentioned that MCL authorities must provide School, College, Anganwadi and other facilities for shifting of the villages. The Gramdevi should be shifted by the management by constructing appropriate pujasthal.
18. **Sri Ranjan Bhoi, Adhapada:** He said all facilities to the affected village Charrla, Kandsar Ubuda etc. to be completed in totality. Management is doing it but however it should be expedited. He welcomed the proposal and asked that the programme should be intimated to him. He emphasized on local employment and demanded that drinking water should be supplied on priority basis to all affected villages.
19. **Sri Pabitra Mohan Sandha, Kandsar:** Welcomed the meeting and the proposal of integrated project. He mentioned that I was employed in MCL from 1994 to 2013 and now he has retired from the service. He said that he has 8.64acre land in Kandsar and it was acquired by MCL since 1987 but he has not got any facilities for his family till date. He mentioned that public hearing arrangement has been done properly and displacement of affected family should also be carried out like this. Production of coal should be increased to 40MTY and agreed with proposal of MCL. He mentioned that action should be taken for controlling pollution and displacement should be carried out as per guideline.
20. **Sri Narendra Bhoi, Khaliapali:** He said that though notice has been given since 2015 the village has not been displaced fully so the left-out families are suffering due to blasting, dust pollution and drinking water. MCL should shift all the families of the village providing all the facilities.
21. **Sri Siba Pradhan, Khaliapali:** He mentioned that except him all of his brothers have shifted their house by getting all facilities and his case has not been considered till now. He mentioned that due to blasting and dust pollution, it is very difficult to live. Water supply should be done regularly.
22. **Sri Alok Tripathy, Press Reporter:** He welcomed the 40 MT project. He emphasized on giving all round development of the affected people as per guideline. Sukhwasi problem should be settled on priority basis and no one should be left unconsidered. The cattle should be rehabilitated properly and DMF fund should be used for this purpose and other development of the villages. This project will definitely help to fulfil the interest of the people



and nation. He also mentioned health facilities should be provided to all nearby villages. All villages of project should be rehabilitated properly, if all facilities are provided no one will oppose the implementation of the project.

23. **Sri Santosh Sahanet, Ubuda:** He welcomed the public hearing and mentioned that 4(1) was declared in 1982 and a meeting was held in Bandhabahal. In the meeting it was assured that all round development will be given as per guidelines but till date MCL has not provided the same. MCL has informed that activities are being carried out as per guidelines. In Lajkura, Khutmahul, Chingriguda and Jurabaga all sons and daughters were given R&R including Sukhwasis but the same was not followed in Ubuda. 10 Decimal plot should to be provided to all villagers of Ubuda village at Jagannath Nagar rehabilitation site. In RPDAC meeting it was decided to provide employment and other benefits after they reach 18 years of age. Employment should be given to all people irrespective of the cut-off date of the village. Employment to his son Sri Nirmal Sahanet is to be given immediately. He is ready to help MCL but MCL should provide R&R benefits irrespective of cut-off date like Chingriguda. Sukhwasis should be provided R&R benefits as per earlier agreement.
24. **Sri Khirod Badhai, Khaliapali:** He mentioned that he has purchased the land after notification. Further he demanded for employment being a person with disabilities.
25. **Sri Abhin Sa, Soldia:** He stated that there is water problem in the village due to mining operation nearby the village. As it is located near the mines, cultivation is getting adversely affected. All facilities should be provided to the villagers.
26. **Sri Netranand Sahu, Bandhabahal:** He demanded to give details of plantation & cutting of trees in the last five years and control of dust pollution in Sukh Patnaick chowk should be carried out regularly. He stated that if all arrangements are done, he welcomes the project. He demanded that 60% employment should be given by the private agency as per guidelines.

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## NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Integrated Lakhapur-Belpahar-Lilari Opencast Coal Mining Project for production capacity of 40 MTPA over ML area of 4399,246 Ha. in IB Valley Coalfields, Lakhapur area in the district of Jharsuguda 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:

- Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and /or functioning in the field of environment.
- 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 mining project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing to be conducted on 06.12.2021 at 11.00 A.M at Kandsar Primary N.E. School, Kusraloi, Lakhapur in Jharsuguda district. Public hearing shall be conducted strictly observing guidelines contained in COVID - 19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide OM No. 22-25-IA/II dated 09.06.2021 as well as Govt. of Odisha.

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.ospcboard.org](http://www.ospcboard.org) free of cost.

- District Collector's Office, Jharsuguda.
- District Industries Center, Jharsuguda.
- In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Jharsuguda.
- In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthnagar, Unit - VIII, Bhubaneswar -12
- Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Jharsuguda.
- Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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

Sd/-

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