

**PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR TENTUAPADA SAND QUARRY OF M/S PREMEX OVER
THE MINING LEASE AREA OF 5.666 HA FOR PRODUCTION OF ORDINARY SAND:
5,250 CUM/ ANNUM AT TENTUAPADA VILLAGE, DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF
DISTRICT GANJAM, HELD ON 21.12.2021 AT 11.00 AM AT -BATYA ASHRAYA STHALI
BUILDING (PLOT NOS. 370 & 371, KHATA NO. 192/79, MOUZA- DHANARASI) UNDER
DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF GANJAM DISTRICT**

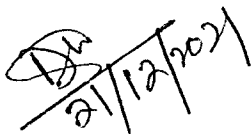
At the outset, Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur welcomed all the persons assembled in the hearing. He briefed about the EIA Notification, 2006 and the objectives of the public hearing. He stated that M/s Premex has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for Tentuapada Sand Quarry over mining lease area of 5.666 ha. for production of Ordinary Sand : 5,250 cum/Annum in Tentuapada village, Digapahandi Tahasil of District Ganjam and has applied to obtain Environmental Clearance and carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study.

Publicity regarding public hearing was made in the following manner –

- Advertisements through an Odia Daily "Prameya" dated 18.11.2021 and an English Daily "The Times of India" dated 18.11.2021 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and Executive Summaries (Odia & English) in the office of the Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Ganjam, Chatrapur, District Industries Centre(DIC), Ganjam, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, Chatrapur, Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, Regional Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & Department of Forest & Environment (Environment) Govt of Odisha and also in the website of State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar (www.ospcboard.org).
- Executive summaries along with paper clippings regarding date, time, and venue of public hearing were made available to the Bomakai Gram Panchayat, Nuapada Gram Panchayat, Gadagovindapur Gram Panchayat, Jakara Gram Panchayat, K. Nuagaon Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Office, Digapahandi, in the Dist. of Ganjam.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur requested the audience to give their opinions orally, written or in both, based on the Environmental aspects. Then he requested the Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, Sri Priyaranjan Prusty. O.A.S to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, welcomed the people for attending the hearing with a message to the audience that they should give their comments based on the Environment related aspects. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking Environmental Clearance. Then he asked the Project Proponent of Tentuapada Sand Quarry of M/s Premex to brief about the project.

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Sri Satya Narayan Padhy, Representative of M/s Premex, presented the salient features of the proposed Tentupada Sand Quarry, the present status of the environmental conditions, possible impact on the environment due to such activities and the remedial measures to be undertaken by the lessee to reduce the impact while executing the project in Odia language.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. About 50 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 36 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 09 persons participated in the oral deliberation and signed in the oral deliberator's sheet. No written representations were received in the hearing. The attendance sheets and the Deliberator sheets are enclosed as **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II** respectively.

The statements recorded are as follows:

1. Sri Kalu Charan Pradhan, Dabarasingi, Dhanarasi,

He welcomes this project as sand will be cheaply available to the local people and this will also generate employment opportunities.

2. Sri Harihar Pradhan, At/PO- Dabarasingi

He welcomes this project. He further added that Dabarasingi village is located near to the Dam of Bahuda Nadi, therefore villagers of this village are suffering during flood etc. He requested to the District Administration to take steps for construction of protection wall along riverbank of Dabarasingi village.

3. Sri Murali Pradhan, At- Dhanarasi, Dabarasingi

He supports the views of previous speaker and added that Govt. should instruct the lessee to undertake mining as per rules and ensure that no excess mining shall be there. He further stated that the lessee shall not deploy heavy vehicles for transportation of sand as village roads are being damaged by this and villagers are also facing problems due to depth of river bed. He cautioned that if administration will not ensure proper mining as per rules then they will protest.

4. Sri Trilochan Pradhan, At/PO- Dabarasingi

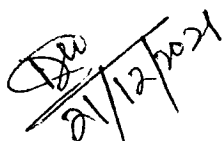
He stated that they have no objection if lessee will undertake mining by abiding Govt. Rules. He further demanded for construction of protection wall/stone pitching along riverbank of Dabarasingi village.

5. Sri Kishore Chandra Sahu, At- Tentupada, Dabarasingi

He stated that villagers are facing various difficulties due to sand mining i.e. Gochar land is being degraded, submerged of land due to dam near to village, problems of commuting to adjacent Sahi, degradation of land earmark for crematorium etc. He further demanded for guard wall along riverbank.

6. Sri Chaitanya Pradhan, Sarapanch, Jakara G.P.

He welcomes the decision of Govt. for leasing out the sairat sources which is generating Govt. revenue and also prohibits illegal mining. He demanded for construction of guard wall along riverbank of Dabarasingi village and bridge over the river in Tentupada village which will help for commuting of three villagers. He further requested to the Administration to regulate the price of sand so that it can be available to the local public for construction of Anganwadi Kendra/Houses at cheaper price.

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7. Sri Jura Pradhan, At/PO- Dabarasingi

He stated that Dabarasingi is the main affected village due to mining of sand from this project. The villagers have protested against sand mining and also vented their grievance to the Administration. Sand deposits in the riverbank acts as protection wall during flood and if same will be mined out then villagers will face disaster during flood. He further alleged that during last flood their agricultural lands were also submerged. He opposed this project and requested to the District Administration officials to visit the site to assess the plight of villagers.

8. Sri Dandadhar Panigrahy, At/PO- Tentupada, Dabarasingi

He stated that though the name of source is Tentupada Sand Bed however, Dabarasingi is the main affected village. He demanded that sand mining should not be allowed from Dhoba Sahi Masani of Tentupada village to Sagadia Sahi. He further added that due to mining nearby lift irrigation points will be affected. The Administration should construct guard wall along riverbank and thereafter the villagers will decide regarding sand mining.

9. Sri K. Haribandhu Reddy, Sarapanch-cum- Union President, Digapahandi Block.

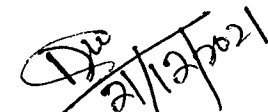
He stated that the Bahuda River is the identity of that locality and villagers are directly attached with the river and meeting their livelihood. He expressed his concern towards the problems highlighted by the villages and requested to the District Administration to take necessary action to resolve it. He appeals to the public, District Administration and lessee to have mutual discussion for betterment of everybody.

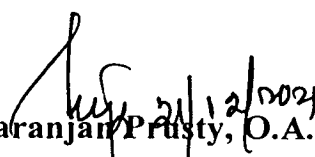
Further the Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public and requested to the Project Proponent of Tentupada Sand Quarry to address the issues raised by the local public. Sri Satya Narayan Padhy of M/s Premex addressed the apprehensions raised by the public.

Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by the oral deliberators. The minutes of the public hearing were prepared which has been ratified by Sri Priyaranjan Prusty, O.A.S, Addl. District Magistrate (Rev), Ganjam with the views and concerns of the deliberators. The video recording of the entire public hearing is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of the project proponent, prepared in Odia and English Language are annexed as **Annexure-III** and **Annexure-IV** separately.

The public hearing was ended with vote of thanks by the chair.

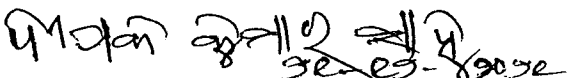

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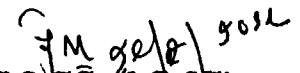

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Addl. District Magistrate(Rev), Ganjam
(Presided and Supervised
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Annexure-III

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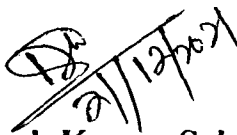
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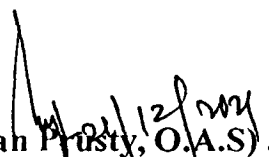

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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

SL. NO.	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF SRI SATYA NARAYAN PADHY, REPRESENTATIVE OF M/S. TENTUAPADA SAND QUARRY OF M/S PREMEX
1.	<p>The following problems are likely to occur due to sand mining:</p> <p>a) Degradation of Gochar Land.</p> <p>b) Degradation of Crematorium Land</p> <p>c) Lift irrigation points will be affected.</p> <p>d) Depth of riverbed will be increased.</p> <p>e) Sand deposits in the riverbank acts as protection wall during flood and if same will be mined out then villagers will face disaster during flood.</p>	<p>Sri Padhy has made following commitments:</p> <p>i) They will undertake sand mining by abiding rules and regulations of the Government.</p> <p>ii) They will consider opinions of the public. Mining will be carried out without hampering local public and environment.</p> <p>iii) Heavy vehicles will not be deployed as demanded.</p>
2.	<p>a) Construction of guard wall/stone pitching along riverbank of Dabarasingi village.</p> <p>b) Administration shall regulate the price of sand so that it can available to the local public at cheaper rate.</p> <p>c) Construction of Bridge over river Bahuda at Tentupada village.</p> <p>d) Local employment.</p> <p>e) Sand mining shall not be allowed from Dhoba Sahi Masani of Tentupada village to Sagadia Sahi.</p> <p>f) Heavy vehicles shall not be deployed for sand transportation.</p>	<p>iv) Water sprinkling will be carried out over transportation roads.</p>


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(Sri Priyaranjan Prusty, O.A.S.)
 Addl. District Magistrate (Retd.), Ganjam
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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA



(Department of Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha)

Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012

No. 18043/

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Date : 16.11.2021

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the M/s Premex has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Tentupada Sand Quarry for production of 5250 Cum per Annum of Ordinary Sand over an area 6.666 ha. at Tentupada village, Digapahandi tehsil of Ganjam district to obtain Environmental Clearance from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha. 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 21.12.2021 at 11.00 A.M at Patya Ashraya Samaj Building at (Plot No. 70, 71, 74, Khata No. 192/71 Mouza, Dharmast, Digapahandi, Ganjam. Public hearing shall be conducted strictly following the guidelines contained in COVID-19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MOEF, Govt. of India vide OM No. 21.25.1A.II, dated 09.06.2021 as well as Govt. of Odisha.

Persons who are participating in the public hearing may go through the Environmental Impact Assessment Report Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the said project which will be available during following dates. Copy of the Executive Summary in English and Odia is also available in the following offices. The same can also be downloaded from the website www.ospcb.ordia.gov.in

- 1. District Collector's Office, Chhatrapur.
 - 2. District Incharge, Center, Pharaphula.
 - 3. In the office of the Joint Executive Officer, Jila Raishad, Chhatrapur.
 - 4. Joint Incharge Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-12.
 - 5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Barampukur.
 - 6. Department of Forest & Environment, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- For any further clarification in the matter the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Barampukur or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

Sd/
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