

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING GANDHARGALA DECORATIVE STONE MINES OF M/S. RISHAB MINING PVT. LTD. OVER LEASE AREA OF 13.193 HA OR 32.60 AC AT: GANDHARGALA VILLAGE IN THE DISTRICT OF BALANGIR HELD ON DT. 14.09.2022 AT 10.00 A.M AT GANDHARGALA VILLAGE, TAHASIL: TITILAGARH OF BALANGIR DISTRICT.

Sri Lambodar Dharua, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Balangir presided over the meeting along with Er.(Mrs.) Babita Singh, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Balangir.

At the outset, Er. (Mrs) Babita Singh, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balangir welcomed all the public present in the meeting. She 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. She also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the public hearing meeting of the project proposed by M/s. Gandhargala Decorative Stone Mines, At-Gandhargala Village of Balangir district on 14.09.2022 At:10.00 A.M. At: Gandhargala Village, Titilagarh Tahasil of Balangir district was duly advertised in Odia daily "*The Dharitree*", dtd.03.08.2022 and English daily "*The Indian Express*" dtd.03.08.2022 (Paper clipping are enclosed as Annexure-I).

The Addl. District Magistrate, Balangir 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 Mrutyunjaya Dash, M/s. Kalyani Laboratory, representative of M/s. Gandhargala Decorative Stone Mines of M/s. Rishab Mining Pvt. Ltd. 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 667227 M³ of Ordinary Stone. 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. Baseline environmental data generation of study area was carried out within 10 km radius from the proposed project. The baseline air quality levels, water quality and

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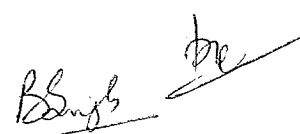
The proposed project area is expected to be transformed due to mining and other related infrastructure. The soils that are expected to be used to reduce the impact will be used for tree plantation, rainwater conservation methods will be used in mining. The mine authority has proposed for regular water 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. 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 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 13 participants have put their signature in the attendance sheet whose list is annexed as **Annexure-II**. 8 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 Chunilal Agrawal, Khalan:</u> He welcomed the proposed project as due to the mining activities the local people will get job and migration of labour to other states will reduce.
2.	<u>Sri Khitiram Majhi, Gandhargala:</u> He opposed project. Earlier there was stone quarry operating but no such development work was done by the mines owner. Now they are availing all govt. facilities in their village and they don't need any help from the mining authority.
3.	<u>Sri Tikeram Majhi, Gandhargala:</u> He opposed the proposed project. He said that due to mining activities there will be deforestation in this area, which will affect the local villages. The Forest and Gochar land will be destroyed due to operation of the Mine.
4.	<u>Sri S.KJain, Titilagarh:</u>



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The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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During public hearing meeting about 01 no. of written statement have been received from the participants and most of them have opposed the proposed project. Proposed project and developmental work in the periphery is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**

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-V (A & B)**.

After the completion of the deliberation process the Addl. District Magistrate, invited the representatives of M/s. Gandhargala Decorative Stone Mines, M/s Rishabh mining Pvt. Ltd.. Sri S.C.Jain also give a brief note on the issues related to the demand and grievances of the participants raised in the public hearing meeting.

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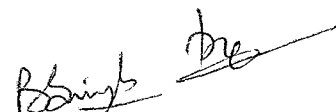
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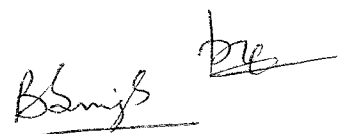
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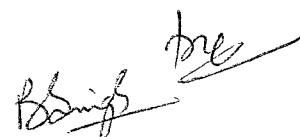
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