PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR GOVINDANAGAR-1 STONE QUARRY OF SRI MIHIR PRASAD CHOUDHURY OVER THE MINING LEASE AREA OF 8.252 HA FOR PRODUCTION OF CONSTRUCTION STONE @ 3,078 CUM/ANNUM AT GOVINDANAGAR VILLAGE, CHIKITI TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM, HELD ON 10.11.2022 AT 11.00 AM OVER PLOT NO. 2149, KHATA NO. 648 WHICH IS BACK SIDE OF GOLANTHARA POLICE STATION UNDER CHIKITI 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 Sri Mihir Prasad Choudhury has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for mining lease area of 8.252 ha. for production of Construction Stone @ 3,078 cum/Annum at Govindanagar village, Chikiti 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 "The Prameya" dated 30.09.2022 and an English Daily "The Times of India" dated 30.09.2022 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Executive Summaries (Odia & English) of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report in the office of the Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Ganjam, District Industries Centre (DIC), Ganjam, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, 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 Govindanagar Gram Panchayat, Mantridi Gram Panchayat and Block Development Office, Chikiti in the Dist. of Ganjam.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking Environmental Clearance. He requested the audience to give their opinions orally, written or in both, based on the Environmental aspects. Then he requested the Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

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The Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur, 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. Then he asked the Project Proponent of M/s. Govindanagar -1Stone Quarry to brief about the project.

Sri Deba Prasad Choudhury, Representative of Project Proponent presented the salient features of the proposed project, 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 project proponent to reduce the impact while executing the project in Odia language.

The Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. About 65 persons were present in the public hearing meeting and among them only 58 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet. 05 persons signed for oral deliberation sheet and expressed their views. 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 Krushna Sahu, Sarapanch, Govindanagar G.P.

He expressed that they have no objection for this mining project as this will lead to easy availability of construction stone for development work. However, he has requested for plantation

2. Sri B. Mohan Rao, At- Govindanagar, Chikiti

He has no objection for this mining project as it will lead to local benefits.

3. Sri Raghab Pradhan, At-Palli, Govindanagar, Chikiti

They have no objection for this project.

4. Sri Santosh Kumar Panigrahi, At-Govindanagar, Chikiti

He supports this project.

5. G. Pitambar Reddy, At- Govindanagar, Chikiti

He supports this project and requested for local employment.

Further the Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board. Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public and requested to the Project Proponent of Govindanagar-1 Stone Quarry to address the issues raised by the local public. Sri Mihir Prasad Choudhury, Project Proponent 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 Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur 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.

(Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo)

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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

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1.	 a) Supported this project for easy availability of construction stone and for local development. b) Demanded for Plantation. c) Demanded for Local Employment. 	Sri Mihir Prasad Choudhury Project Proponent of Govindanagar-1 Stone Quarry has assured the followings: i) Plantation will be undertaken. ii) Local villagers will be employed in mining work. iii) Mining will be carried out by abiding Government Rules.

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