PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR ANKORADA STONE QUARRY OVER THE MINING LEASE AREA OF 4.8564 HA (SUBMITTED UNDER CLUSTER APPROACH WITH TOTAL CLUSTER AREA 11.1664 HA) FOR PRODUCTION OF ORDINARY STONE: 10,152 CUM/ANNUM IN DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM, HELD ON 20.01.2023 AT 11.00 AM AT RAJIB GANDHI SEVA KENDRA SITUATED OVER PLOT NO. 32/01, IN MOUZA ANKORADA 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 Sri Narasingh Patra has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for Ankorada Stone Quarry over mining lease area of 4.8564 ha. (Submitted under Cluster Approach with Total Cluster Area 11.1664 Ha) for production of Ordinary Stone @ 10,152 cum/Annum in Ankorada village under 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 "The Sambad" dated 15.12.2022 and an English Daily "The Times of India" dated 15.12.2022 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, 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 & Climate Change, 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 Ankorada Gram Panchayat, Chudangapur Gram Panchayat, Sahaspur 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. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking Environmental Clearance. Then he requested the Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

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 Project Proponent to brief about the project.

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Sri Bipra Charan Sabat, representative of the project proponent presented the salient features of the proposed Ankorada Stone 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 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 25 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 20 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 05 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 Ranjan Pradhan, At/PO- Ankorada, Ganjam

He has highlighted/demanded the followings:

- a) Cracks have been developed in nearby houses of Ankorada village due to vibrations generated from blasting at stone quarry.
- b) Requested to expedite the process of land settlement by the Government, which is pending since long in his village.

2. Sri Kalu Pradhan, At/PO- Ankorada, Ganjam

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Alleged that cracks have been developed in the walls leading to damage of houses of Ankorada village due to issues of blasting at stone quarry.
- b) Issues of land settlement, which is pending since long in his village.

3. Sri Rabindra Maharana, At/PO- Ankorada, Ganjam

He has highlighted/demanded the followings:

- a) Alleged that operation of quarry has no role in development of nearby villages.
- b) Noise and vibration due to blasting leading to damage of houses in Ankorada village.
- c) Illegal mining by illegal encroachment of private land. Depth of quarry is also beyond permissible limit. He opposed this proposal.

4. Sri Lingaraj Sethi, At/PO- Ankorada, Ganjam.

He demanded to solve the issue of land settlement in Ankorada village as soon as possible.

5. Sri Sisir Kumar Pradhan, At/PO- Ankorada, Ganjam

He has highlighted/demanded the followings:

- a) Cracks in house walls and children are getting affected from noise generated due to blasting activity etc.
- b) Blasting shall be carried out by adopting modern technology to prevent noise pollution and impacts of blasting.
- c) Preventive measures shall be taken to mitigate dust pollution and deterioration of transportation roads due to plying of heavy vehicles.
- d) Repairing of the damaged or cracked houses on a priority basis in the nearby villages occurred due to blasting.

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 Ankorada Stone Quarry to address the issues raised by the local public. Sri Narasingh Patra, successful bidder of Ankorada Stone Quarry 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 the 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)

Regional Officer,
State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur
(Assisted as representative of
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Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur

(Presided and Supervised the public Hearing meeting)

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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

SL. NO.	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF SRI NARASINGH PATRA, PROJECT PROPONENT OF M/S. ANKORADA STONE QUARRY, UNDER DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM.
	 a) Most of the public present in the public hearing opposed this project. b) Noise and vibration due to blasting leading to damage of houses in Ankorada village. c) Illegal mining by illegal encroachment of private land. Depth of quarry is also beyond permissible limit. d) Blasting should be carried out by adopting modern technology to prevent noise pollution and impacts of blasting. e) Preventive measures should be taken to mitigate dust pollution and deterioration transportation roads due to plying of heavy vehicles. f) Repairing of the damaged or cracked houses on a priority basis in the nearby villages occurred due to blasting. g) Government should take proactive steps to resolve the issues of land settlement. 	Sri Narasingh Patra has assured followings: a) They are executing Government projects therefore he requests to the participants to allow this mining activity without any vested interest. b) He stated that the alleged deep mining in that area were carried out by previous lessees in past and they are not responsible for it. c) Enquiry should be conducted regarding encroachment of private land and mining over it. They will take responsibility if found guilty. d) They will repair the cracks of nearby houses. e) They will undertake blasting by abiding Government rules to prevent its impact. f) Regular water sprinkling will be carried out to control dust pollution.

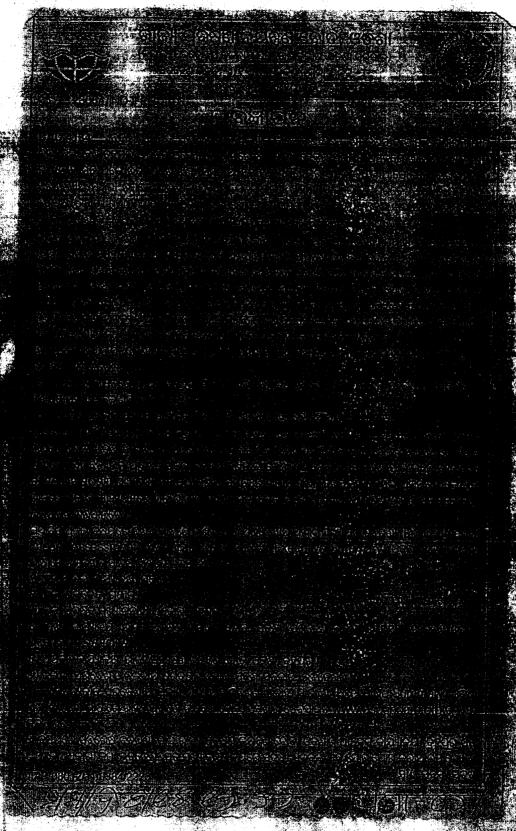
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