PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR M/S IRPIGUDA STONE QUARRY OVER THE MINING LEASE AREA OF 12.720 HA BEARING KHATA NO. 60, PLOT NO. 343 FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 3,600 CUM/ANNUM AT IRPIGUDA VILLAGE, BALLIGUDA TAHASIL OF DISTRICT KANDHAMAL, HELD ON 29.04.2023 AT 11.00 AM AT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE, PARAMPANGA UNDER BALLIGUDA TAHASIL OF KANDHAMAL 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 the project proponent has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for mining lease area of 12.720 ha. for production of Construction Stone @ 3,600 cum/Annum at Irpiguda village, Balliguda Tahasil of District Kandhamal 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 25.03.2023 and an English Daily "The Times of India" dated 25.03.2023 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, Kandhamal, District Industries Centre(DIC), Kandhamal, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kandhamal, Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, Regional Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur and 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 Parampanga Gram Panchayat, Bataguda Gram Panchayat and Block Development Office, Balliguda in the Dist. of Kandhamal.

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 Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Balliguda. Kandhamal to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Balliguda, Kandhamal, welcomed the people for attending the hearing. Then she asked Project Proponent to brief about the project.

The Tahasildar. Balliguda presented the salient features of the proposed M/s Irpiguda 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, Balliguda, Kandhamal, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestion regarding the proposed project. About 80 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 37 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 Sushanta Digal, At - Kilupada, Kandhamal

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Local inhabitants were severely affected due to operation of this mine and crusher during last five years.
- b) Due to mining and blasting their houses got damaged.
- c) Dust pollution leading to deposit of dust over nearby vegetation. Consumption of those leaves or grasses leading to death of domesticated animals. Consumption of fruits from those trees by local people is also getting difficult.
- d) Washout of silts from mining area to the nearby nallahs and agricultural land.
- e) Strongly opposed this project due to aforesaid reasons.

2. Sri Ramesh Chandra Mallick, At-Kilupada, Kandhamal

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Damage of houses due to blasting during operation of this source.
- b) Loss of lives of domestic animals due to mining.
- c) Opposed this project.

3. Sri Kiparadi Pal, At-Irpiguda, Kandhamal

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

a) He stated that villagers are facing various difficulties including damage of roads etc.

4. Sri Shriram Mallick, At - Irpiguda, Kandhamal.

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Due to operation of this quarry in last five years, the people have faced various problems.
- b) Loss of forest, livelihood and habitat due to mining. Earlier local inhabitants were meeting their livelihood by collecting mushrooms and leaves from this area.
- c) Loss of grazing land due to mining.
- d) Deposit of silts in their agricultural land due to mining and establishment of crusher.
- e) Previous lessee has betrayed the villagers by paying low wages.
- f) Strongly opposed this project.

5. Sri Paul Digal, At- Kilupada, Kandhamal.

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) The previous lessee has established stone quarry /crusher in disputed land, which belongs to villagers.
- b) Stone Quarry was operated in reserve forest.
- c) Revenue authority shall demarcate their land which they have got through settlement RoR.
- d) Strongly opposed this project for operation of stone quarry.

6. Sri Mukunda Mallick, At- Parampanga, Kandhamal.

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Danger due to mining and blasting.
- b) Loss of Environment, Forest & livelihood due to mining.
- c) Deposit of washed out silts over agricultural lands in Parampanga village.
- d) The Administration should support poor villagers.
- e) Opposed this project.

7. Sri Debaraj Mallick, At-Irpiguda, Kandhamal.

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) RKD Company has operated stone quarry and crusher in disputed land since last 7 years.
- b) The major issue is land dispute and there is confusion among them regarding demarcation of land. Till date villagers are unaware about location of their land. The Administration should identify and demarcate their land properly.
- c) Mining will lead to development but problem faced by them shall be addressed properly.

8. Sri Lassi Mallick, At-Irpiguda, Kandhamal.

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) His agricultural land is located adjacent to nallah. Due to wash out from stone quarry and crusher his land was filled with silts and large stones.
- b) Due to deposit of silts natural nallahs are blocked and diverted leading to loss of agricultural land.
- c) Strongly opposed this mining project.

9. Sri Puhi Mallick, At- Parampanga, Kandhamal.

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) The previous lessee has operated this stone quarry by violating all rules, regulations and guidelines of the Government leading to damage of agricultural lands.
- b) His land was damaged by previous lessee.
- c) Tribal people were getting affected due to operation of this stone quarry.
- d) Opposed this project.

Further the Sub-Collector-cum- Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Balliguda, Kandhamal and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public and requested to the Project Proponent of M/s Irpiguda Stone Quarry to address the issues raised by the local public. Sri V. Sandeep Kumar, Successful bidder of M/s Irpiguda 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 Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate. Balliguda, Kandhamal 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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(Ms Madhumita (I.A.S.))

Sub-Collector-cum- Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

SL. NO	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF SRI V. SANDEEP KUMAR, SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OF M/S IRPIGUDA STONE QUARRY AT IRPIGUDA VILLAGE, BALLIGUDA TAHASIL OF DISTRICT KANDHAMAL.
1.	 a) Most of the public present during public hearing opposed this project. b) Loss of forest and environment due to mining. c) Dust pollution, deposit of dust over vegetation and crops etc. due to mining. d) Loss of livelihood and grazing land due to mining. e) Damage of houses due to blasting. f) Death of domestic animals due to blasting. g) Wash out of silts leading to deposit over natural nallahs and agricultural lands. h) Mining in reserve forest. i) Land dispute due to improper demarcation by Revenue Officials. j) The previous lessee has undertaken mining by violating all rules and 	Sri V. Sandeep Kumar has assured followings: a) He has stated that they are unaware about operation of this stone quarry by the previous lessee leading to problems of villagers. Now they are successful bidder and fresh lease will be executed with the concerned authority. b) They will operate this stone quarry by abiding all guidelines. c) For controlling dust pollution, water sprinkling will be carried out. d) Solid waste management will be undertaken as per guideline to prevent wash out of silts to nearby nallahs and agricultural lands. e) Compensation will be paid to the affected villagers. f) Controlled blasting will be undertaken to reduce noise level and pollution. g) Local public will be employed in this project with priority basis. h) Wages will be paid to the workers as per Government norms. i) Plantation will be undertaken at the levelity as non-feeribility.
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