

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF CLUSTER MINES OF SRI RASHMI RANJAN NAYAK OF M/s.PENGUIN TRADING AND AGENCY LTD. FOR CLUSTER MINES DANGARPADA-1 DECORATIVE STONE DEPOSIT (16.389 Ha), DANGARPADA-2 DECORATIVE STONE DEPOSIT (6.24 Ha) , DANGARPADA - 3 DECORATIVE STONE DEPOSIT (14.921 Ha) OVER TOTAL AREA OF 37.55 Ha, AT-VILLAGE DANGARPADA UNDER TITILAGARH TAHSIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON DT.07.02.2024 AT 10.00 AM AT DANGARPADA VILLAGE OF TITILAGARH TAHSIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT

Sri Mahendra Mahapatra, 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 of M/s. Dangarpada Decorative Stone Deposit was duly advertised in Odia daily "*The Samaya*", dtd.06.01.2024 and English daily "*The New Indian Express*" dtd.06.01.2024 (Paper clipping are enclosed as Annexure-I). Following due procedure the venue, date and timing of the Public hearing meeting of the said mine was extensively propagated in all affected and nearby villages. The executive summary of the project both in Oriya & English were displayed for public at the meeting place and also distributed among the public during the meeting. The executive summary also is available in the website of State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar (www.ospcboard.org).

The Additional District Magistrate, Balangir also briefed about the proposed project and requested the public 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.

On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Santosh Gadnayak, Representative of M/s. Penguin Trading and Agencies Ltd. briefly explained about the proposed project as described below:-

1. It was informed that the total proposed project area is about 37.55 Ha of land comprising of Dangarpada -1 Decorative Stone Deposit having Khata

No. 132, Plot No. 621/p; Dangarpada - 2 Decorative Stone Deposit having Khata no. 132, Plot no. 622/p & 651/p and Dangarpada Decorative Stone Deposit-3 having Khata No. 132, Plot No.649/P at village Dangarpada in Titilagarh Tahsil in Balangir district of Odisha.

2. He assured the public that the project proponent M/s. Penguin Trading and Agencies Ltd. will adopt latest technology to prevent air pollution and implement CSR practices for the welfare of the local area. The local people will have the opportunity to work on the proposed project which will help in improving social & economic condition of the local people.
3. It is also proposed to adopt wet drilling method in order to minimise air pollution, driller will be provided with dust mask and ear muffs.
4. The mine authority has proposed for regular water sprinkling on the roads used for transportation in the mining area to prevent air pollution and the loaded trucks/tractors will be covered by tarpaulin to prevent dust generation during transportation.
5. There will be generation of different quantity of wastes in the three sites of the cluster. Materials other than marketable rock volumes recovered by the way of mining will be treated as waste. About 40% of the generated waste will be utilized for maintenance and construction of the haul road, approach road and existing roads in the surrounding areas periodically. Remaining waste will be dumped in the proposed temporary waste dump in the earmarked site.
6. The mine authority has proposed to distribute mask and ear plug to workers and regular health check-up of the workers will be done.

About 60 participants have attended the public hearing meeting and out of them 45 participants have put their signature in the attendance sheet whose list is annexed as **Annexure-II**. 14 persons have registered their name to express their views during public hearing and the list is annexed as **Annexure-III**.

Statements of the public participated in the deliberation during public hearing meeting is as follows:-



Sl. No.	Name of the Participants and their deliberation on the proposed project.
1.	<p><u>Sri Sonu Mahananda, Dangarpada</u></p> <p>He emphasized that noise pollution should be kept under control during the mining operation. He stated that if there will be any loss to farmers who are doing agricultural work near the mining area then adequate compensation should be given to the farmers . He stated once again during the public hearing and said that the villagers and the project proponent had a meeting earlier and the villagers of Dangarpada support the proposed mining project.</p>
2.	<p><u>Sri Manohar Majhi, Dangarpada</u></p> <p>He stated that the villagers of Dangarpada support the proposed project and there is no objection to the project. Later during the public hearing he once again gave his opinion and said that the villagers and the project proponent had a meeting and the villagers agreed to support the project. He also said that whoever is complaining and opposing the project is not from the Dangarpada village and they are from the other villages.</p>
3.	<p><u>Sri Braja Majhi, Dangarpada</u></p> <p>He stated that whatever said by the project proponent to the public hearing about the proposed project they need a copy of that, then only the villagers will trust the project proponent. He also stated that nobody has informed to the Local Sarpanch about the public hearing. He once again came to the stage and said that Government is taking care of the people and everybody should work together in harmony for welfare of the people of the village.</p>
4.	<p><u>Sri Bhikari Mahananda, Dangarpada</u></p> <p>He stated that villagers of the Dangarpada do not know about the NOC that has been given to the proposed project.</p>
5.	<p><u>Sri Anand Mahanand, Dangarpada</u></p> <p>He raised questions regarding the environmental problems which will occur during the operation of the mines . He emphasized about the dust generated during the operation of the mines. He also expressed his concern that during transportation of the materials there will be damage to the roads and there will be dust generation. He also stated that when there is rain the runoff water</p>

	<p>from the hill comes to the nearby agricultural lands and it helps for cultivation, if there will be mining this will not happen and there will be scarcity of water for nearby agricultural lands. He also said that due to existence of the Dangarpada hill there was no drought and villagers are not getting compensation from Govt. for drought. He also asked what kind of CSR activities will be done by the mining authority. He asked about the job opportunities and the type of jobs which will be provided to the villagers by the mine authority. His questions were addressed by the officials and the project proponent.</p>
6.	<p><u>Sri Harishankar Pradhani, Sialdunki</u></p> <p>He said that he is the "gountia"(Head of village) of a nearby village called Sialdunki. He said that there are many idols of gods in the nearby hill where the mining activity will take place. He demanded that there should not be any harm to these idols and no mining activity should be taken up in the place where these idols are kept.</p>
7.	<p><u>Sri Rohit Bag, Gulmi</u></p> <p>He said that Dangarpada hill is like a natural beauty for the whole area and asked on what condition do they want to break the hill for mining. He asked the govt. officials what is the motive behind breaking the hill. He opposed the proposed project and said the people will not support the proposed project. He spoke once again during the public hearing and said that Dangarpada hill currently provides an easily accessible source of stones for the villagers, and if the project is approved, this access would be cut off, leading to significant economic hardship for the local community.</p>
8.	<p><u>Sri Bhakta Kharsel, Ampali</u></p> <p>He opposed the proposed mining project. He stated that the local community has a deep-rooted belief and tradition of seeking rain through prayers offered at the hill during times of drought. They believe their offerings have consistently brought rainfall, highlighting the hill's significance.</p>
9.	<p><u>Sri Chamara Pradhani, Dangarpada</u></p> <p>He expressed his concern about the impact of the proposed project on the water supply in the nearby agricultural lands. He emphasized that Dangarpada Hill plays a crucial role in channeling rainwater to the village's agricultural lands. He said that if the project proceeds then alternate</p>

	arrangement should be done for providing water to the farmers for their agricultural lands.
10.	<u>Sri Dhanu Tamliia, Mahulpada</u> He opposed the proposed project and said they should not break the hill for mining.
11.	<u>Sri Partha Kharsel, Dangarpada</u> He opposed the proposed project and said the prayers and offerings of the villagers in the hill have consistently brought rainfall, so he will not support the breaking of the hill for the proposed mining project.
12.	<u>Sri Benu Bag, Dangarpada</u> He emphasized the importance of Dangarpada hill. He said that whenever there is no rainfall in the village, people of Dangarpada go to the hill and do 'pooja' after which rain occurs in the village. He said the Dangarpada hill should stay untouched.
13.	<u>Sri Ghatu Mahananda, Dangarpada</u> He said that out of 100 people only 20 people knew that Dangarpada hill will be broken for any proposed project. He opposed the proposed project.
14.	<u>Sri Tika Pradhani, Dangarpada</u> He addressed the gathering present at the public hearing. He warned those involved in political maneuvering for the proposed project. He emphasized that while villagers might readily sign documents when instructed, they deserve full transparency and a voice in decisions impacting their land. He stressed that any potential problems arising from the project should be discussed with the villagers first, ensuring they are not negatively affected.

Summary of the points raised by the participants in the public hearing in English & Odia (vernacular language) is enclosed as **Annexure-IV (A & B)**.

After the completion of the deliberation process the Additional District Magistrate, invited the representatives of M/s. Penguin Trading & Agency Ltd. to reply on the issues related to the demand and grievances of the participants raised in the public hearing meeting.

Sri Raman Rashmi Nayak, General Manager of M/s. Penguin Trading and Agency Ltd. responded on the issues raised by the participants during public hearing. Same in English and Odia (Vernacular Language) are also given in **Annexure V (A & B)**.

The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing is enclosed as in the soft copy (pen-drive).

After the above-mentioned deliberation, the Additional District Magistrate announced the completion of public hearing over the proposed project and the Regional Officer proposed the vote of thanks to the Chair as well as to the Participants present during the public hearing.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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07.02.2024

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POINT WISE REPLY OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT AGAINST THE ISSUES RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING OF CLUSTER MINES OF M/s. DANGARPADA-1 DECORATIVE STONE DEPOSIT (16.389 Ha), DANGARPADA-2 DECORATIVE STONE DEPOSIT (6.24 Ha) , DANGARPADA - 3 DECORATIVE STONE DEPOSIT (14.921 Ha) OVER TOTAL AREA OF 37.55 Ha, AT- VILLAGE DANGARPADA UNDER TITILAGARH TAHSIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON DT.07.02.2024 AT 10.00 AM AT DANGARPADA VILLAGE OF TITILAGARH TAHSIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT.

1. The project will follow all government guidelines for pollution control. To reduce noise pollution, the project proponent will use block cutting instead of blasting. They will also use the latest technology and machinery to minimize noise.
2. Proper care will be taken of the transportation roads. I required then Cement Concrete (CC) road will be provided and water sprinkling arrangement will also be provided to minimize dust.
3. To improve water access for farmers, the project plans to construct check dams and implement water harvesting ponds in various locations. These ponds will not only provide a readily available water source for irrigation but also contribute to groundwater recharge, ensuring a more sustainable water supply.
4. As part of the project's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, several initiatives will be undertaken to improve the well-being of the Dangarpada village community, these include:-
 - Providing essential medical checkups and consultations to villagers.
 - Implementing sustainable solutions to guarantee safe and readily available drinking water.
 - Offering job opportunities within the project to young people from Dangarpada.
 - Enhancing and developing the Dangarpada hill temple and providing security measures for its preservation.
5. In accordance with government guidelines, leftover/reject rocks and stones generated during operation of the project will be made available to local residents This initiative eliminates the need for them to travel long distances to acquire such materials, saving time and resources.


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- (1) ଖଣି ଖନନ ରେ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥିକ ବଦଳରେ ଓୟାର କଟିଙ୍ଗ ପ୍ରଣାଳୀ ରେ ପଥର କଟା ହେଲେ ଶବ୍ଦ ପ୍ରଦୃଷଣ କମ ହେବ ।
- (2) ଖଣି କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ସିମେଣ୍ଟ କଂକ୍ରିଟ ଦ୍ୱାରା ରାସ୍ତା ତିଆରି କରିବାର ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ରଖିଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୩) ବର୍ଷା ଜଳ କୁ ଚେକ ଡ୍ୟାମ ତିଆରି କରି ଜଳକୁ ଗଚ୍ଛିତ ରଖାଯିବ ।
- (4) ଭୂସ୍ତର ଜଳ ରିଚାର୍ଜ ପାଇଁ ଖଣି କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନେବେ ।
- (5) ଖଣି କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ହେଲଥ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପ ଦ୍ୱାରା ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ସେବା ଯୋଗାଇବାକୁ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ରଖିଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୬) ଶିକ୍ଷାଗତ ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ତଙ୍ଗରପଡ଼ା ଓ ଆଖପାଖ ଗ୍ରାମର ଯୁବକ ଯୁବତୀ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ଦେବାକୁ ଖଣି କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ରାଜି ଅଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୭) ପ୍ରାକୃତିକ ସମ୍ପଦ ରକ୍ଷା କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନେବାକୁ ଖଣି କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ରଖିଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୮) ନିୟମାନୁସାରେ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ଅନୁସଙ୍ଗିକ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ମାନ ମଧ୍ୟ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରାଯିବ ।

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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA
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No. 228 /IND-II-PR-1192

Date 05.01.2024

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NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that Sri Raman Rashmi Nayak of M/s Penguin Trading and Agency Ltd. has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Cluster Mines (Dangarapada-1 Decorative Stone Deposit (16.389 ha), Dangarapada-2 Decorative Stone Deposit (6.24 ha), and Dangarapada-3 Decorative Stone Deposit (14.921 ha)) over total area of 37.55 ha, at village Dangarapada under Titilagarh, tahsil of Balangir district to obtain Environmental Clearance from 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 mining project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing to be conducted on 07-02-2024 at 10.00 A.M in the Village Dangarapada under Titilagarh tahsil of Balangir district.

Persons desirous of participating in the public hearing may go through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) / Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the said project which will be available at the following offices. Copy of the Executive Summary both in English & Odia also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website www.ospceboard.org free of cost.

1. District Collector's Office, Balangir.
2. District Industries Center, Balangir
3. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Balangir
4. In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit - VIII, Bhubaneswar -12.
5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Balangir
6. Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

For any further clarification in the matter, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balangir or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

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