

**The minutes of Public Hearing in respect of Chilai Dolomite Mine of
Project Proponent M/s Mohammadi Minerals, Village Chilai,
Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal conducted on 27/03/2015, 12.00 Noon at
Tahsil Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal**

The Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Chilai Dolomite Mine of Project Proponent M/s Mohammadi Minerals (Mohd. Abdul Kadir Mohd. Hanif, Village Chilai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal having production capacity 1.5 MTPA in 61.91 Ha mine lease area was held on 27/03/2015, 12.00 Noon at Tahsil Office, Wani, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. The public hearing was conducted under the Chairmanship of **Shri Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal**, District Magistrate, Yavatmal.

Shri S. D. Patil, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB Chandrapur was the Convener of the Public Hearing. **Dr. A. N. Harshvardhan**, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur was the Member of Public Hearing Panel, **Shri Shriram Kadu**, District Mining Officer, Yavatmal and **Shri S. N. Mishra**, SDO, Wani were also present during the public hearing. The Public Hearing started at 12.00 Noon with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel.

First of all, the Convener welcomed to all of present for the Public Hearing. He told that, the Public Hearing is being conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification dtd. 14th September 2006 and amended Notification dtd. 1st December 2009 of Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi. He told that the project proponent received TOR (Terms of Reference) for this project from Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi on 12/08/2014. Project Proponent submitted their application to the Board on 02/01/2015 requesting for conducting the public hearing.

The copies of draft EIA/EMP and Executive Summaries in English and Marathi were made available to the offices of (1) Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai, (2) M. P. C. Board (HQ), Mumbai, (3) District Collector, Yavatmal, (4) District Industries Centre, Yavatmal, (5) Zilha Parishad, Yavatmal, (6) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur, (7) Sub-Divisional Office, Wani (8) Tahsil Office, Wani and (9) Grampanchayat Chilai, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal for the knowledge of concerned.

The Board has issued public notice on 14/01/2015 in Daily Loksatta (Marathi) and Daily Hitwada (English) stating date, venue and time of public hearing. The public hearing was scheduled on 20/02/2015, 12.00 Noon at Tahsil Office, Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. The said public hearing was postponed due to some unavoidable reason at that time. The hearing was re-scheduled on 27/03/2015 at the same time and venue. The notice about postponement and re-scheduling of public hearing was published in Marathi Daily Loksatta and English Daily Hitwada on 19/02/2015.

Through the public notice dated 14/01/2015 it was informed that draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, Environmental Management Plan and Executive Summary (English & Marathi) of the proposed project is made available for the knowledge of concerned people. It was requested to file their objections/suggestions within 30 days from the date of public notice to the Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur. The Member Secretary, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai has issued the panel order no. E-141 of 2015, dated 16/02/2015 for the Public Hearing.

Convener of the Public Hearing further informed that no written representation was received regarding public hearing to be conducted. He further appealed to the participants that, they can file their written objections/representations during Public Hearing and they could express their views orally after the power point presentation that will be given by the project proponent. He further clarified to the participants that the Public Hearing panel is not here to accord/recommend Environmental Clearance to the project, but for recording the objections/suggestions of the participants, which will be video graphed and will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi through Head Office, of M. P. C. Board along with minutes of public hearing for further necessary action. During public hearing no written representation was submitted by the people.

The convener, with the permission of Chairman, then requested the project proponent to give information about their project through power point presentation in local language.

Shri. Prashil Shukla on behalf of Project Proponent gave the presentation on the proposed project of Chilai Dolomite Mine of M/s Mohammadi Minerals.

Thereafter, Chairman of the Public Hearing Shri Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal (District Magistrate, Yavatmal) appealed people to express their queries, objections, suggestions or comments regarding the proposed project.

The details of the questions raised by the people during the public hearing and the replies given by project proponent are given below.

1] Shri Aashish Wabhitkar (Sarpanch, Chilai) said that condition of the road from Ganeshpur to Chilai will worsen due to mineral transportation after commissioning of mine as the capacity of the road is 10 Tons at present. He demanded to construct the road with higher capacity. He added that hospital should be provided for villagers and project affected farmers should get employment in the project. He demanded for compensation to the farmers according to their demands.

Shri. P. G. Thakkar, on behalf of project proponent replied that project proponent will discuss the issue of road construction with Public Works Department and is ready to share its expenses. He informed that project proponent is a member of Rotary Club and health camps will be organized through the club and CSR funds will also be utilized for these camps. One ambulance will be provided at mine premises as per DGMS norms and the same will be provided to the villagers also in case of emergency.

He said that employment will be provided to project affected farmers / their family members according to their qualification. Compensation for land will be given according to Government rules and personal negotiation.

2] Shri Jeevan Gajanan Zade (Resident of Chilai) enquired that whether whole 61.91 Ha land will be acquired at once in the beginning or it will be acquired in parts? He claimed that bore-wells in the adjoining land will be collapsed due to mining and blasting activity. He demanded to give employment to the project affected people / their family member according to their qualification

Shri. P. G. Thakkar, on behalf of project proponent replied that employment will be given according to Government rules and as per the qualification. He said that whole 61.91 Ha land will not be acquired at once and mining will progress in division. Blasting will be carried out as per the DGMS norms and modern controlled techniques will be used for blasting and specific timings will be fixed for the blasting.

3] Shri Mahadev Bobade (Police Patil, Chilai) expressed his approval to the demands raised by Shri Aashish Wabhitkar (Sarpanch, Chilai).

Shri S. N. Mishra (Sub-Divisional Officer, Wani) said that there are few problems of people of Wani area related with mining. Due to deep excavation, the groundwater level of the region is drastically declined and it is necessary to undertake water conservation programme by mine authorities.

He added that project proponent should help in implementing various Government schemes regarding rural development, water conservation etc. He said that blasting also causes nuisance to the villagers on large scale. Mine authorities should carry out blasting in specific timing and villagers should be informed in advance about these timings to avoid any untoward incident. He appealed project proponent to take all precautionary measures to control pollution from mining and transportation.

Shri. P. G. Thakkar, on behalf of project proponent replied that blasting will be carry out in specific timings as per the DGMS norms and safety precautions will be implemented within blasting zone and allover mine premises. He added that modern controlled techniques will be used for blasting. Water sprinklers and water tankers will be provided to control the emission from mining and transportation within mine premises. Speed breakers will be provided on transportation road to control the speed of vehicles. Tarpaulin will be covered on all vehicles to avoid the spillage of minerals and subsequent issues.

Shri Shriram Kadu (District Mining Officer, Yavatmal) said that mine authorities should implement all measures for controlling the pollution form mining and transportation. He enquired about the CSR funds provided.

Shri. P. G. Thakkar, on behalf of project proponent replied that initially ₹ 1.5 Lakhs will be provided as CSR funds and ₹ 50,000/- will be provided annually for CSR activities.

4] Shri Sunanda Reddy (Dharitri NGO, Hyderabad) appealed project proponent to maintain the ecological balance by carrying out tree plantation, avenue plantation, and water conservation programs etc. He said that although plantation is mandatory on 33 % open land of the project, mine authorities should go for plantation on more open land. He

appealed to plant the medicinal and fruit bearing plants to maintain the ecological balance. Used piece of land should be utilized as water reservoir. A committee should be formed to decide utilization of CSR funds for village development. Skill development training should be given to village youths.

Chairman Shri Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal requested Shri Reddy to give his written representation which includes all these issues so that it can be forwarded to concerned authority for further necessary action.

5] Shri Shrihari Zade said that fields adjoining mining area will be affected after commissioning of mine and crops will be damaged. Also road for going into the field will be vanished due to mine. He demanded to give compensation for land according to their demands.

Shri. P. G. Thakkar, on behalf of project proponent replied that whole 61.91 Ha land will not be acquired at once and it will be acquired as per the need. Rate of land will be finalized by personal negotiations. All types of pollution control system will be provided at mine premises.

Chairman Shri Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal said that major issues regarding the proposed mine are discussed and representative of project proponent had given satisfactory replies to it. District administration will ensure that all project affected persons will be benefited from the project in terms of compensation / employment. He said that proposed project will lead for the development of the region and expressed his pleasure that villagers are cooperating for the arrival of the project. He assured that punitive action will be taken on mine authorities if they didn't follow the Government rules. He said that all issues raised by participants are properly noted and their demands are also noted. Thereafter he declared that the public hearing is completed.


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