

**Proceedings of the Public Hearing of M/s. Medley Minerals India Ltd for Gandhargola Decorative Stone Mines for enhancement of production of decorative stone from 3321 m<sup>3</sup>/Annum to 5010 m<sup>3</sup>/Annum over an area of 29.744 Ha at Gandhargola village held at Gandharagola village, Tahasil: Titilagarh, Dist: Balangir on dt. 18.4.2015, 9.00 A.M.**

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The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing was done and the CD is enclosed herewith along with the proceeding of the meeting. The venue, date and timing of the Public hearing meeting of the said decorative stone mine was extensively propagated in all affected and nearby villages. The executive summary of the project both in Oriya & English were displayed in public at the meeting venue and also distributed among the persons during the meeting.

At the outset Sri H. N. Nayak, Regional Officer of State Pollution Control Board, Sambalpur welcomed all the public present in the meeting. He briefly described the objective of conducting the public hearing as per the EIA Notification No.S.O. 1533(E) of Dt.14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 of the Ministry of Environment and

Forests (MOEF), Govt. of India ,importance of the actual views of the villagers regarding the project and detail about the mine and its operations.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Balangir explained to public that those who want to participate in the public hearing may discuss about the impact on the environment due to the proposed mining project and the statements should be related to environment & pollution to be created by the mine. At first he called the project proponent to describe the details of the mine, method of mining and its impact on surrounding environment before the public. Sri Bhabani Prasad Nanda, of Global Tech Enviro Experts Pvt. Ltd Consultant of M/s. Medley Minerals India Ltd stated that the decorative stone quarry is to be mined by semi mechanized opencast mining method by using jack hammer drill, compressor, hydraulic excavator, tippers & sawing machine properly .The benches of the mine will be 6 m height with a slope of 45°. The mined out decorative stone pieces will be transported by trawlers to the polishing unit located at Titilagarh ,Balangir & after final polishing these will be sold in the local market. The land of the quarry is completely non fertile & hilly terrain. Reclamation of the mine will be done by ob & then plantation is to be carried out on the reclaimed area. Dust suppression will be done by water sprinkling. Speed & noise limit of the plying vehicles is to be reduced. Temple, ambulance facility, computer to primary school are to be provided to the village as stated by Sri Nanda . Then the public deliberated on various issues of the mine one by one.

After the deliberations were made by the public, Addl. District Magistrate, Balangir again invited the Representative of the mine to offer their views on issues raised by the public. Sri Bhabani Prasad Nanda, of Global Tech Enviro Experts Pvt. Ltd Consultant of M/s. Medley Minerals India Ltd placed his views on the issues raised by the Public. The summary of the views and concerns of the public and the commitments made by the Project Proponent are annexed in Oriya language & English language as **Annexure-V & VI** respectively.

Finally the meeting was ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and other participants.

  
18.4.2015  
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State Pollution Control Board  
Sambalpur

  
**Addl. District Magistrate**  
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