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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 28.09.2021 (AT 11.00 AM) AT KHATA NO. 115/13, PLOT NO. 222, JODA VILLAGE (TATA STEEL LTD.) WITH RESPECT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EXPANSION OF JODA EAST IRON MINE OF M/S TATA STEEL LIMITED FROM 12 MTPA TO 19.5 MTPA (ROM) WITH TOTAL EXCAVATION OF 22.94 MTPA AND BENEFICIATION PLANT THROUGH PUT CAPACITY INCREASE FROM 12 MTPA TO 17.6 MTPA WITHIN MINING LEASE AREA OF 671.093 HA IN VILLAGE JODA, KAMARJODA, BANSPANI, KHUNTAPANI AND BAITARANI RESERVE FOREST IN BARBIL TAHASIL OF KEONJHAR DISTRICT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE.

The public hearing in respect of the project proposed by M/s. Tata Steel Limited for expansion of Joda East Iron Mine from 12 MTPA to 19.5 MTPA (ROM) with total excavation of 22.94 MTPA and Beneficiation plant through put capacity increase from 12 MTPA to 17.6 MTPA within mining lease area of 671.093 Ha. in village Joda, Kamarjoda, Banspani, Khuntapani and Baitarani reserve forest in Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar district was held on scheduled date & time with reference to:

1. EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006 and Amendments thereafter.

The Panel consisted of the following members:

1. Sushma Bilung, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar
2. Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, Odisha

Sushma Bilung, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, supervised & presided over the public hearing process and was assisted by Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

At the outset, welcoming the members participated in the meeting, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, gave a brief introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notification, 2006 and interim operational guidelines till date, in respect of the project proposed by Joda East Iron mines of M/s. Tata Steel Limited.

Shri Behera explained that the views, comments, objections and opinions of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. He asked the project proponent to make a brief presentation before the public, gathered in the meeting about the various aspects of the proposed project to be undertaken for better awareness of the public. On behalf of the Project Proponent, Sri Chintamani Behera, Sr Manager (Excavation) of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. addressed the committee members and assembled public, and made a brief presentation about the salient features of the proposed project, environmental management, pollution control measures, waste management and various other CSR activities envisaged in the proposed project.

Then Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar requested the public to give their views, comments, objections and opinions on the proposed project.

The views expressed by various speakers on the proposed project are as follows:

- 1) **Sri Nilamani Mohanty, Sr. Citizen, Ward No.5, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion proposal, he stated that Tata Steel has been operating its mines in an organized way and providing continuous support to the surrounding operating areas. With the support of Tata Steel, a Kalyan Mandap, an old age home and many bore wells were constructed along with many other philanthropic/developmental jobs in Joda area. Medical assistance is being provided by the company for pregnant women and children. Further, he said that 50 additional beds have been increased in the Tata Steel hospital at Joda. Tata Steel has provided educational facilities like ASPIRE Project and 1000 schools project in the district and in other districts through which poor school dropout students are getting education with hostel facility wherein lady teachers have been engaged and are being paid good salary. Pre-university education in DAV school with strength of 50 students has been opened from this academic session. Additional rooms have been constructed by the Company in various schools. Lastly, he hoped in future also Tata Steel will consider their grievances.
- 2) **Sri Gopala Chandra Sahu, Sr. Citizen, Sastri Nagar, Ward No. 2, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion proposal, he stated that Tata Steel is providing medical treatment to Joda as well as people of surrounding areas. He requested the Company Management for a modernized and well-equipped hospital at Joda so that patients need not go to cities for better treatment. Free medical treatment has started for the people staying at Joda Municipality area. The education level of Joda area has increased due to schools like Tata DAV, St.Teresa and Banaikela High School.
- 3) **Sri Rabindra Kumar Das, Ward No.6, Joda:**
He requested the management to provide one CT scan and MRI machine at Tata Steel Hospital Joda. Company has provided good educational facilities like Tata DAV School at Joda but he requested to consider reduction of school fees for the poor students. He demanded that employment should be provided by the Company to the local youth of the affected areas. At the end he supported the expansion proposal of Tata Steel Ltd.
- 4) **Sri Chaturbhuj Palei, Banspani:**
While supporting the expansion proposal of Joda East Mine, he wanted that priority should be given for direct/indirect employment to the people of affected areas like Khuntpani, Banspani, Joda & Boneikela Basti. He requested for upgradation of Joda Hospital like Tata Main Hospital, Jamshedpur for all types of modern treatment. He requested to form a committee to consider the waiver of tuition fees for the poor students studying at DAV School. He suggested that Tata Steel should set up a mega Steel Plant in the Joda area which will result in generation of more employment for the local youth.
- 5) **Smt. Shrabani Dey, Ward No.6, Contractor Colony, Joda:**
She supported the expansion proposal because Tata Steel looks after the development of the surrounding areas in all aspects like health, education, women empowerment, sports and environment.
- 6) **Reena Bhattacharya, Ward No.3, Joda:**
She supported the expansion proposal of the mine mentioning that green-belt development is being done by the Company at Joda. She stated that Tata Steel is doing a lot for poor children by ensuring that the drop-out children get proper education and Joda remains a child labour free zone. Company is providing computer education in the schools by which students are getting employment. Further she stated that while Company is providing employment to the local people, she wished for a mega steel plant where employment can be generated in all 14 wards.
- 7) **Sri Sanjay Kumar Das, Ward No.9, Joda West:**
While supporting the expansion proposal, he stated that earlier there were no educational facilities at Joda but now Tata Steel has established a school at Joda West wherein the local children are able to get education free of

cost. Health care facilities are being provided by the Company. He requested Company to provide CT Scan and MRI facilities at Tata Steel hospital Joda so that patients need not go to outside for better treatment.

- 8) **Smt. Sasmita Mallick, Ward No.2, Joda:**
She supported the expansion proposal stating that the Company is providing educational as well as health care facilities.
- 9) **Smt. Sakuntala Purty, Bichhakundi, Ward No.14, Bichhakundi:**
While supporting the expansion proposal, she said that through TSRDS, she got driving training and after completion of training, she purchased an Auto and started a snack-selling business in the area.
- 10) **Smt. Ruparani Sahoo, Ward No.14, Bichhakundi:**
She supported the expansion proposal and stated that Company is providing health care and educational facilities to the locality.
- 11) **Smt. Rita Devi, Ward No.11, Kamarjoda:**
She supported the Public Hearing and expressed that best educational and medical facilities are being provided by the Company. Free of cost medicine is distributed in villages door-to-door and medical van is provided for the patients. Further, she stated that training is being imparted to SHG Mahila group by the company. She stated that Tata Steel is providing education to dropout students through Jyoti Fellowship scholarship scheme.
- 12) **Smt. Jhuna Das, Ward No.10, Hanuman Hutting, Joda:**
She supported the expansion proposal and said that during 2020 COVID pandemic, her husband met with an accident and Tata Steel helped a lot towards the treatment of her husband.
- 13) **Dr. Anil Kumar Das, Orthopedic Specialist, Joda:**
He supported the Public Hearing and said that the medical facilities at Tata Steel hospital are one of the best in Keonjhar district. He mentioned that during COVID-19 pandemic situation, Tata Steel provided a lot of help to the people including treatment of around 1100 COVID patients in Company hospital.
- 14) **Smt. Kabita Apat, Banspani Basti:**
She spoke in favour of the expansion project of the Company. She mentioned that during COVID-19 pandemic, no other company except Tata Steel helped the people. Company distributed medicine door to door in this area.
- 15) **Smt. Parbati Mahakud, Banspani Basti:**
She supported the Public Hearing. She stated that while no surgery/operation is being done in Govt hospital at Joda, but in Tata Steel Hospital they are getting all medical facilities.
- 16) **Smt. Hirabati Naik (SAG Member), Bichhakundi:**
She supported the expansion proposal and informed that Tata Steel is working towards women empowerment.
- 17) **Smt. Anita Munda, Banspani:**
She spoke in favour of the expansion project.
- 18) **Sri Mahendra Kumar Mohapatra, Ward No.6, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion proposal, he stated that in his locality, Tata Steel is undertaking various developmental jobs.
- 19) **Sri Navendu Kumar Das, Ward No.2, Baneikela:**
He supported the expansion Project of Joda East iron ore mine.

- 20) **Sri Sushanta Ku. Barik, Secretary, Joda Truck Owner Association, Ward No.5, Joda:**
He supported the proposed expansion project and hoped that Company will take care of Sona River and also towards environmental aspects.
- 21) **Sri Badal Mohakud, Ward No.4, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion proposal, he mentioned that Tata Steel is providing support for sports activities. Due to this, one girl Ms. Manisha Naik of this area has participated in international football tournaments.
- 22) **Sri Niranjan Bahidar, President, Joda Bikash Parisada, Ward No.6:**
While speaking in favour of the expansion project, he expressed that Tata Steel is maintaining the environment due to which there is hardly any dust generation due to mining activities. The Company is taking up many developmental works with respect to environment, plantation and health care. The flow in one natural stream increased after construction of Rain Water Harvesting project. He hoped that Tata Steel continues to maintain road, healthcare, environment etc.
- 23) **Sri Ashish Palei, Banspani, Ward No.13:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he stated that Tata Steel is the only company in the area to take up developmental jobs. He requested to implement the best environment management practices.
- 24) **Sri Shyam Sundar Oram, Ward No.1, Joda:**
He stated that Tata Steel should take care of sustainable development in the area. He said that more employment generation opportunities should be available.
- 25) **Ms. Sanjita Munda, Banspani:**
He spoke in favour of the expansion project as so many development jobs have been taken up by the company.
- 26) **Ms. Anjali Moharana, Ward No.5, Azad Basti, Joda:**
She spoke in favour of the expansion Project and stated that Company is providing educational and health care facilities, employment and maintaining greenery. She requested for opening a Mining College at Joda area for studying Diploma, B.Tech and M.Tech courses.
- 27) **Smt. Bimala Mohakud, Ward No.3, Godisahi:**
She spoke in favour of the expansion project and stated that through Tata Steel Foundation, Company is taking up many developmental jobs and forming many SHG groups. She expressed that during lockdown period, regular support meetings were conducted digitally.
- 28) **Sri Bijay Mohakud, Ward No.3, Joda:**
While speaking against the expansion proposal, he said that wild animals are not visible in this area due to mining activities. Air is getting polluted and cracks have been developed in the houses due to blasting.
- 29) **Sri Pankaj Ranjan Naik, Ward No.8, Joda:**
He spoke against the Public Hearing and told that he took training in NTTF during 2011-2014 at Gopalpur. But the NTTF is not a Govt approved institute and neither Govt nor any company are recognizing the NTTF certificate.
- 30) **Sri Bibek Mishra, Ward No.14, Bichhakundi:**
He spoke in favour of the Project and mentioned that drinking water is being supplied at Bichhakundi. Water Treatment Plant project has been established and RO quality drinking water is being supplied.

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- 31) **Sri Babulal Sahoo, Ward No.2, Boneikela:**
He spoke in favour of the expansion project. While nearby mines are not providing satisfactory employment to the local youth but Tata Steel is always ahead in providing employment.
- 32) **Smt. Padmabati Mahakud, Banspani, Ward No.13:**
She spoke in favour of the expansion project. She said that Tata Steel is undertaking many CSR activities and always working on eradication of child labour, child marriage etc. The Company has provided many deep bore-wells and educational facilities in Joda locality. During Covid-19 situation, corona-affected patients were treated in Tata Steel hospital and serious patients were referred to TMH, Jamshedpur.
- 33) **Smt. Rebati Patra, Ward No.14, Bichakundi:**
She supported the expansion Project.
- 34) **Ms. Falguni Karua, Saheed Nagar, Ward No.7, Joda:**
She supported the Public Hearing and mentioned that Tata Steel has taken up MANSI and Rishta Project to take care of mother, child and adolescents and also working for women empowerment. She requested for opening a coaching centre for Banking exam and OPSC.
- 35) **Smt. Nisha Karua, Azad Basti, Joda, Ward No.5:**
While supporting the Public Hearing he said that people of Joda are managing their livelihood due to Tata Steel only. He demanded that one child of Joda people should be given free of cost education like Tata Steel employees' wards.
- 36) **Smt Kunti Nanda, Ward No.10, Mati Hutting, Joda:**
She supported the Public Hearing and mentioned that she has taken driving training imparted by Tata Steel and presently working as an operator in good company.
- 37) **Sri Mithun Gope, Azad Basti, Joda, Ward No.5:**
He spoke in favour of the expansion project.
- 38) **Sri Harish Chandra Purty, Ward No.11, Kamarjoda:**
He spoke in favour of the expansion project.
- 39) **Sri Rakesh Kumar Sahoo, Ward No.6, Bachu Hutting:**
While speaking in favour of the expansion project, he told that Tata Steel is providing drinking water, health care facilities and maintaining roads etc.
- 40) **Ms. Sulekha Munda, Ward No.2, Joda:**
She spoke in favour of the expansion project.
- 41) **Smt. Reena Rani Patra, Azad Basti, Ward No.5:**
She supported the Public Hearing.
- 42) **Smt Pankajini Palei, Ward No.13, Banspani Basti:**
She supported the Public Hearing.
- 43) **Sri Bicky Lohar, Ward No.7, Saheed Nagar.**
He supported the Public Hearing.
- 44) **Smt M K Sitadevi, Ward No.1, Tarini Hutting:**
She supported the Public Hearing.

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- 45) **Sri Tima Karua, Ward No.3, Joda:**
He expressed his anguish on the unethical practices resorted to by contractors. Employment should be given to local people.
- 46) **Sri Dilip Kumar Naik, Ward No.2, Baneikela Basti :**
While supporting the public hearing, he asked for discussion on environmental impact due to expansion of the Mines. Company is providing health care and through TSRDS many developmental jobs are being taken up by the Company. He asked whether the same will continue in future too.
- 47) **Sri Ganesh Chandra Das, Ward No.1, Shastri Nagar:**
He supported the Public Hearing.
- 48) **Sri Jainuddin Khan, Ward No.3, Joda**
He supported the public hearing. Tata Steel is providing health care and drinking water supply in his locality.
- 49) **Smt. Rekharani Rai, Kalapahad, Tarini Hutting, Ward No.1:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, she told that company is providing drinking water, solar lights, medical facilities etc.
- 50) **Smt. Jena, Azad Basti, Ward No.5:**
She spoke in favour of the expansion project.
- 51) **Smt Anjana Mohanty, Azad Basti, Ward No.5, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion project she appreciated the initiatives of TSRDS with regard to providing a mobile medical van, Mansashi SHG, aspire etc.
- 52) **Sri Santosh Karua, Ward No.9, Gopa Mohanty Hutting:**
While supporting the expansion project, he mentioned that Tata steel provided solar light, Health facilities particularly during COVID-19 pandemic period. He appreciated the company for providing education to the poor and for the Ladies hostel.
- 53) **Md. Sohaib Khan, Ward No.11, Kamarjoda:**
While supporting the expansion project, he praised the job done by the Tata steel in the area of Medical treatment, construction of road etc. He requested Tata Steel to provide transportation of Iron ore equivalent to at least 1 rake to Jamshedpur through their trucks which will help them to maintain the livelihood of their families. He appreciated the support provided during Covid period by Tata Steel.
- 54) **Smt. Santoshi Mahakud, Baneikela Ward No.2:**
While supporting the public hearing, she appreciated the initiative of Tata Steel for setting up of oxygen plant. She appreciated the training that was imparted through Mansi project for mother and baby safety. She requested for a coaching centre through which local youth could prepare for examination and find livelihood. Further, she requested for Nursing training and stitching training.
- 55) **Smt. Sushama Palei, Ward No.13, Banspani:**
She supported the public hearing:

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- 56) **Smt. Annapurna Mohakud, Banspani Basti:**
While supporting the public hearing, she appreciated Tata Steel for extending the medical facilities. She requested for providing employment to the local youth.
- 57) **Md. Naushad, Ward No.4, Joda Market:**
He supported the expansion project. He requested to construct Gabion wall on specific places similar to the construction done on some parts of the river so that soil erosion does not take place and their houses constructed near the river are safe.
- 58) **Smt. Tikina Apat, Banspani Basti, Ward No.13:**
While supporting the public hearing, she showed her gratitude that Tata Steel Hospital treated when dog bit her.
- 59) **Ms. Mosarrat Jaha, Ward No.7, Dipu Hutting, Joda:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, she stated that TSRDS has done many things with regard to women empowerment, water distribution. She requested for starting a commerce graduate college in the area.
- 60) **Smt. Laxmipriya Naik, Ward No.7, Dipu Hutting, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion project, she requested to start a University and Diploma college with encouraging sports.
- 61) **Smt. Pinki Sandil , Ward No.6, Bachu Hutting, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion project, she thanked Tata Steel for providing healthcare, Environment management, initiatives for 1000 schools project for child labor. She told that due to check dams and rain water deposition in rainwater harvesting site, the underground water level of the area has increased.
- 62) **Smt. Manjulata Moharana, Majhi Hutting, Ward No.10:**
While supporting the expansion project she told that ITI and Diploma Holders are getting employment but she requested to explore and give similar chance to the graduate youth for employment.
- 63) **Sri Prasant Apat, Kamarjoda, Ward No.11:**
He showed his anguish by stating that Kamarjoda, Khuntpani, Banspani are highly affected areas due to blasting. He showed his displeasure on the sub-standard Medical treatment in Tata Steel Hospital by stating that the serious patients are simply referred to other hospitals. He said that fees of DAV School are very high and poor people can't afford. In their area, there is dust pollution, cracks developed in their houses and no employment. He opposed the Public Hearing.
- 64) **Sri Parameswar Munda, Banspani Basti:**
While supporting the expansion project, he appreciated the development done by Tata Steel.
- 65) **Sri Iswar Patra, Ward No.8, Joda Basti:**
While supporting the expansion project, he emphasized for giving importance to the 5 revenue villages and requested that on the basis of their qualifications and as per the priority, employment needs to be provided.
- 66) **Sri Ramesh Chandra Patra, Ward No.8, Joda Basti:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he expressed his anguish on the people who opposed the PH as Tata Steel has done a lot for the people of this area.

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- 67) **Smt. Sabita Barik, Banspani:**
While supporting the Public Hearing she thanked Tata Steel for their education facilities, 1000 schools project, health care facilities and Mansi Project.
- 68) **Ms. Sweety Moharana, Azad Basti:**
She supported the expansion project.
- 69) **Smt. Minati Karua , Ward No.11, Kamarjoda:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, she requested for giving more attention to environment management.
- 70) **Smt. Manilata Pattanaik, Baneikela, Ward No.2 :**
While supporting the expansion project she expressed her happiness that due to computer training their children has become able to use the internet and know the world affairs.
- 71) **Ms. Hemaprabha Karua, Kundra nallah Hutting, Ward No.3 :**
While supporting the Public Hearing, she expressed that due to TSRDS their life has become better.
- 72) **Sri Govinda Prasad Samanta, Ward No.2, Shastri Nagar :**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he mentioned that Tata Steel is running skill development centre where training/classes of IT, computer, spoken English is being conducted in mere Rs.250/- per month whereas in market it is charged more than Rs.1500/- per month. He also expressed that Tata Steel is paying salary to the teachers of aided schools and is doing construction of school building etc.
- 73) **Sri Bichitra Nanda Sahoo, Ward No.3, Hudisahi:**
While supporting the expansion project, he explained if the production and productivity is enhanced direct/indirect employment generation will happen. Government will also get more revenue through royalty and in their DMF fund. Through this DMF fund, peripheral development will take place.
- 74) **Ms. Annapurna Mohanty, Ward No.3, Baneikela :**
While supporting the expansion project, she expressed that during good time, everybody comes forward but during bad times only Tata Steel comes forward.
- 75) **Ms. Padmini Barik , Ward No.3, Joda:**
She supported the expansion project for the future development.
- 76) **Ms. Lalita Sirka, Bichhakundi:**
She supported expansion project because during Covid lockdown period, Tata Steel has helped them a lot.
- 77) **Ms. Anjali Patra, Joda, Kundra nallah:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, she expressed that Tata Steel is providing education and health care but at the same she requested to give priority to local youth for employment.
- 78) **Ms. Sasmita Mahakud , Ward No.5, Azad Basti:**
While supporting the expansion project, she expressed that presently she is working in a garment industry in Bangalore. It was possible due to TSRDS intervention because she took training in Bhubaneswar and after successful training she could manage to earn her livelihood at Bangalore.
- 79) **Ms. Rashmi Badaik, Joda Azad Basti :**
She supported the Public Hearing and requested for help to the youth.

- 80) **Smt. Anima Das, Ward No.3, Hudisahi :**
She supported the expansion project of Tata Steel.
- 81) **Sri Bishal Karua, Ward No.5, Azad Basti:**
While supporting the expansion project he stated that his 4th generation is staying in Joda and he has every right to express his views.
- 82) **Sri Purna Chandra Patra, Ward No.7, Saheed Nagar:**
While supporting the PH he expressed that no contaminated/spurious water is being discharged directly to the river. He stated that Tata Steel has set up STPs and the water is purified to a position where it could be reused before any discharge. He requested to restrict soil erosion of the river bank embankment through gabion wall.
- 83) **Smt. Nalini Patra Ward No.5, Azad Basti:**
He supported the expansion project.
- 84) **Sri Prakash Kumar Rout, Saheed Nagar, Ward No.7 :**
He supported the expansion project and stated that Tata Steel is providing Health care and educational facilities.
- 85) **Sri Pradeep Kumar Sahoo, Bichakundi , Ward No.14:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he expressed that nobody should pose any doubt about the philanthropic job of Tata Steel and its continuation in the future.
- 86) **Sri Charchil Kumar Mahakud, Banapani Basti, Ward No.13:**
While supporting the expansion project he expressed his anguish on the people who are against the public hearing. He stated that dust generation is happening not due to Tata Steel operations but mainly due to truck transportation activities in the surrounding areas. He mentioned that during Corona period, Tata Steel has done a lot for the patients round the clock. He thanked management for their approach towards the community. Blood has been arranged around 20-30 times for the needy patients.
- 87) **Sri Dusmanta Kumar Mohapatra, Banspani:**
He supported the expansion project.
- 88) **Smt. Mayeena Hembram, Ward No.5, Azad Basti :**
Supported the expansion project.
- 89) **Ms. Anita Naik, Aam Bagan, Joda:**
She supported the expansion project
- 90) **Smt. Kaushlya Patra, Ward No. 6, Contractors Colony :**
While supporting the expansion project she stated that through TSRDS, medicines are provided at door to door. Solar lights, water supply, seeds to the farmers, school building, club houses, community centres etc. have been provided by Tata Steel.
- 91) **Sri Chandan Das, Ward No.12, Banspani :**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he thanked TSRDS for providing solar light, club house etc.

- 92) **Sri Ganesh Munda, Banspani Behra Hutting:**
While supporting the expansion project he expressed that TSRDS has constructed club and extended educational facilities for their children.
- 93) **Sri Dashram Munda, Khuntapani:**
He said that in his village there is not a single light point and it remains dark at night. As this village is situated at the bank of River Baitarani and has dense forest nearby, there was a perceived risk of danger due to movement of wild animals. Hence, he requested for improving lighting at their village. He also requested for lift irrigation for catering need of water for irrigation and drinking purpose as well. He requested for development of park nearby. At the end he wholeheartedly supported the expansion project.
- 94) **Sri Subham Naik, Joda Basti:**
He gave his opinion in writing.
- 95) **Sri Muktikanta Naik, Ward No.3, Kundra nallah Basti, Joda :**
He supported the expansion project.
- 96) **Smt. Sukanti Munda, Ward No.6, Ramjan Hutting:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, she requested for construction of drain as in the absence of drain, the filth is stuck at one place and it emits bad odor.
- 97) **Sri Om Raj Routray, Hudisahi, Joda :**
While supporting the expansion project, he expressed that Tata Steel has done lots of job in healthcare, education, construction of roads etc. During lock down period TSRDS continued efforts in the education field through digital learning as the schools were closed.
- 98) **Smt. Satyabhama Behera, Hudisahi, Joda :**
While supporting the expansion project, she expressed that TSRDS has helped them for mushroom cultivation through which she is able to earn some amount for livelihood.
- 99) **Sri Rabin Honhaga, Joda :**
He wholeheartedly supported the expansion project.
- 100) **Sri Trinath Patra, Kundra nallah, Ward No.3 :**
While supporting the expansion project, he requested for converting Tata Steel Hospital at Joda into a modern well-equipped hospital.
- 101) **Smt. Sanjana Behera, Ward No.3 Joda :**
While supporting the expansion project, he told that they are engaged in soap making and mushroom cultivation which is only possible due to the efforts of TSRDS.
- 102) **Sri Chandramohan Barik, Ward No.13 Khuntapani:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he expressed that Tata Steel has done a lot of work in the area.
- 103) **Sri Gokula Patra, Joda Basti Ward No.8:**
He wholeheartedly supported the proposed expansion project of Tata Steel..

- 104) **Sri Lalmohan Barik, Ward No.13, Khuntapani :**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he requested for direct or indirect employment and arrangement of training for the local youth for their employability.
- 105) **Ms. Babita Mohapatra, Ward No.7, Saheed Nagar:**
While supporting the expansion project, he requested to provide employment to them who are educated but are unable to go outside in search of job.
- 106) **Ms. Jyoti Badaik, Azad Basti, Joda:**
While supporting the expansion project, he requested for providing training facility and employment.
- 107) **Sri Sudarshan Patra, Kolhahundula:**
He told that he took training in NTTF but the certificate of this training institute is not recognized by many companies and requested for help in this regard.
- 108) **Ms. Pinky Mahakud, Aam Bagan, Khudursahi,**
She supported the proposed expansion project.
- 109) **Sri Rasika Chattar, Kamarjoda, Ward No.11:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, he requested Tata Steel for providing ambulance services for the locality with a contact number as Govt. ambulance is not available now a day and moreover the location is in remote place. He also requested for establishment of one ITI. He also requested that ST & SC children should be given free education in DAV school.
- 110) **Smt. Sashmita Tanti, Ward No.12, Banspani :**
Supported the proposed expansion project.
- 111) **Smt. Nirupama Naik, Joda Basti, Ward No.8:**
While supporting the Public Hearing, she expressed her gratitude towards Tata Steel for donating Rs.1500 crore to the country for Covid-19 management which indirectly benefited them. She again expressed that during lock down period, work from home was going on but everybody has got their full salary be it company employees or contract employees.
- 112) **Sri Shiv Sankar Das, Baneikala Basti:**
He supported the Public Hearing.
- 113) **Sri Nitya Sadan Barik , Hannuman Hutting:**
While supporting the Public Hearing he mentioned that Tata Steel is helping the farmers by providing seeds and saplings to the farmers.
- 114) **Sri Ramkrushna Munda, Bireikala :**
He supported the Public Hearing.
- 115) **Ms. Subhadra Patra, Banspani:**
She supported the Public Hearing.



116) **Ms. Smrutimayee Deo, Kamarjoda :**

While supporting the project, she stated that the Diploma and Degree holder are getting employment but the simple graduates are not getting employment. So she requested for employment of simple graduates also.

117) **Smt. Ranjita Hembrom, Joda Basti :**

She supported the Public Hearing wholeheartedly. At the same time expressed her apprehension that the contract employees who are engaged with a particular contractor are facing trouble and fear of retrenchment when different contractor is awarded the same job. She requested to ensure for their continuation with other contractor also in same type of job.

118) **Smt. Deepa Naik, Ward No. 8, Joda Basti :**

She supported the Public Hearing.

The Panel received 08 nos. of written representations of the local people demanding different facilities in the locality during the hearing which are enclosed herewith in original.

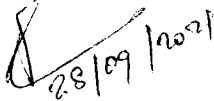
Observation:

The overall opinion of the public about the proposed project was favorable. However, the local people have some aspirations as laid down in their deliberations.

Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns expressed by the speakers with the inclusion of comments of the applicants, read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in Odia language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting is prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicants, prepared in Odia and English language is annexed as per Annexure- I & II. List of participants is annexed as per Annexure- III.

The President of Public Hearing, Sushma Bilung, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar ratified the minutes of meetings with the views and demands of public. She extended her vote of thanks to the public for rendering their co-operation for smooth operation of the public hearing.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and the participants.



(Sushma Bilung)
Additional District Magistrate,
Keonjhar

*(Presided and Supervised
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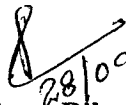
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STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT, JODA EAST IRON MINE OF M/S TATA STEEL LIMITED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 28.09.2021 (AT 11:00 AM) AT KHATA NO. 115/13, PLOT NO. 222, JODA (KEONJHAR) FOR EXPANSION OF JODA EAST IRON MINE FROM 12 MTPA TO 19.5 MTPA (ROM) WITH TOTAL EXCAVATION OF 22.94 MTPA ALONG WITH BENEFICIATION PLANT THROUGHPUT CAPACITY FROM 12 MTPA TO 17.6 MTPA IN ML AREA 671.093 HA LOCATED IN JODA, KAMARJODA, BANSPANI, KHUNTPANI & BAITARANI RESERVE FOREST IN BARBIL TEHSIL OF KEONJHAR DISTRICT

| Issues raised by Public | Commitment of the Project Proponent |
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| <p>The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employment to local people ➤ Medical Facility ➤ Education ➤ Environmental management | <p>Sri Atul Bhatnagar, General Manager (OMQ) of M/s Tata Steel Limited in his reply to the issues raised during the public hearing stated as below:</p> <p>Sri Atul Bhatnagar said that the company is already giving priority to local people in employment and will continue to do so even in future. As direct employment opportunities are limited, company will provide them employment as per suitability as well as strive to make them skilled by undertaking skill development programs.</p> <p>He said that company is already providing medical facilities not only to employees but also to villagers of the surrounding area. The facilities at the hospital will be upgraded to include CT Scan/ MRI and Dialysis facilities. Blood testing lab and other critical testing facilities as appropriate will also be upgraded. Online consultation facility (tele-medicine) will be started with the help of specialist doctors of TMH Jamshedpur to provide better treatment. Ambulance facility will be provided to cater to the emergency needs of the surrounding area.</p> <p>He informed that, as per Govt. guidelines, DAV school provides free education to 20% students from BPL category. Additionally, fifty students will be provided free education every year at Tata DAV based on criteria as per Tata Steel Foundation. Jyoti fellowship on merit basis and verification will continue to be given to provide education to needy & poor students.</p> <p>He informed that blasting in the mines is done as per recommendations of the study conducted by CIMFR Dhanbad and that the ground vibrations levels are within limits. The company is committed to ensure that all environmental best practices are deployed and all statutory norms are complied. In the event there is a concern from community member appropriate evaluation would be done.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Infrastructure development and welfare activities ➤ Tree plantation in village area and support in agriculture practices | <p>In order to protect the bank of Sona river from getting eroded, the company will approach relevant authorities to seek NOC and will thereafter appropriate protection measure would be taken.</p> <p>He said that company will undertake plantation of fruit-bearing trees if the land is provided (large contiguous area of at least 1 acre size) by the villagers. The plantation will be maintained for 3 years by the company. The ownership of the land will remain with the land owner and the trees will also belong to the land owner.</p> <p>He said that company will assist in fulfilling the requirement of lift irrigation projects.</p> |
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28/09/2021

(Sushma Bilung)
Additional District Magistrate,
Keonjhar

*(Presided and Supervised
the Public Hearing Meeting)*


25/09/2021

(Shri Puskar Chandra Behera)
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Date : 27.08.2021

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha issued an advertisement in the newspapers "The Times of India" and "Dharitri" on 24.03.2021 to conduct the public hearing in respect of M/s Tata Steel Limited on 26-04-2021 at 11.00 A.M at Khata No. 115/13, Plot No. 222, Joda village (Tata Steel Ltd.) in the district of Keonjhar for expansion of Joda East Iron Mines production capacity from 12 MTPA to 19.5 MTPA (ROM) with total excavation of 22.94 MTPA and Beneficiation Plant through put capacity increase from 12 MTPA to 17.6 MTPA within ML area of 671.093 ha. in villages Joda, Kamarjoda, Banspani, Khuntapani & Baitarani Reserve Forest in Barbil tehsil of Keonjhar district But due to restriction imposed by the State Government on public gathering for up-surge of COVID infection in the State the public hearing scheduled above has been postponed. The same public hearing is now rescheduled to be held on 28-09-2021 at 11.00 A.M. at Khata No.115/13, Plot No. 222, Joda village (Tata Steel Ltd.) in the district of Keonjhar.

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:

- Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and / or functioning in the field of environment.
- Any local authority within any part of whose local limit 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 rescheduled to be conducted on 28-09-2021 at 11.00 A.M. at Khata No.115/13, Plot No. 222, Joda village (Tata Steel Ltd.) in the district of Keonjhar. Public hearing shall be conducted strictly observing guidelines contained in COVID - 19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide OM No.22-25-IA.III, dated 09.06.2021 as well as Govt. of Odisha.

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 is also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website www.ospcboard.org free of cost.

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

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

Sd/-

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