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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR BHAGABANPUR DECORATIVE STONE MINES OF
M/S AMARJOTHI GRANITES INDIA PVT. LTD. OVER THE MINING LEASE AREA OF
31.808 HA. FOR PRODUCTION OF 30,000 CUM/ANNUM OF DECORATIVE STONE
AT BHAGABANPUR VILLAGE, KUKUDAKHANDI TAHSIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM,
HELD ON 26.10.2021 AT 11.00 AM AT RAJIV GANDHI SEVA KENDRA BUILDING,
LANJIA GRAM PANCHAYAT (PLOT NO. 507, MOUZA- BHAGABANPUR) OF
GANJAM 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 M/s Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd. has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for mining lease area of 31.808 ha for production of 30,000 cum/Annum of Decorative Stone at Bhagabanpur village, Kukudakhandi Tahasil of District Ganjam 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 “Prameya” dated 23.09.2021 and an English Daily “The Times of India” dated 23.09.2021 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability Executive Summaries (Odia & English) of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report in the office of the Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Ganjam, District Industries Centre(DIC), Ganjam, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, Regional Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & Department of Forest & Environment (Environment) 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 Anantei Gram Panchayat, Dakhinapur Gram Panchayat, Lanjia Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Office, Kukudakhandi, in the Dist. of Ganjam.

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 Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, Sri Amiya Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S) to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, welcomed the people for attending the hearing with a message to the audience that they should give their comments based on the Environment related aspects. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking Environmental Clearance. Then he asked the Project Proponent of M/s. Bhagabanpur Decorative Stone Mines of M/s Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd. to brief about the project.

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Sri Suresh Chandra Pradhan, Representative of M/s Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd. and Sri Jagabandhu Bisoyi, Environment Consultant of the project proponent were presented the salient features of the proposed project, 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 project proponent to reduce the impact while executing the project in Odia language.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. About 100 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 86 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet. 17 persons have registered for oral deliberation out of which 13 persons were participated. 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 Santosh Kumar Choudhury, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He addressed the gathering and stated that most of the mines in the locality are non-operational. He welcomes this proposal as operation of this mine will lead to development of local public. He has demanded the followings:

- i) Plantation along both side of transportation road for environment protection.
- ii) Health Camp.
- iii) Assistance to local schools by donating table and chairs and organizing cultural events.
- iv) Drinking water facility by solar system or by tube well.
- v) Local employment.

2. Sri Gobinda Chandra Gouda, At- Balakrushnapur, Dakhinapur

He addressed the gathering and stated that mines were operational in that locality since 1996 onwards and local public were benefited from it. Specially, M/s Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd. has assisted them. He requested to circulate the executive summary among local villagers so that they can know the benefits of this project. He also demanded for maintenance of transportation roads. At the end, he opined that this mine should operate for local development.

3. Sri Kāmaraju Gouda, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He addressed the gathering and stated that all mines should operate as per statutory norms to minimize the damage due to mining. The assurance made by the project proponent shall be implemented properly otherwise public will oppose it.

4. Sri Narendra Kumar Gouda, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He supports the views of previous speakers.

5. Sri Bijaya Kumar Gouda, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He supports the views of previous speakers.

6. Sri Padmalochan Gouda, At- Balakrushnapur, Dakhinapur

He requested to undertake plantation, water sprinkling in transportation road for dust suppression and to donate chair and table to the local school.

7. Sri Ramahari Sahu, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He stated that they have no objection if mine will operate as per the Government Guidelines.

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8. Smt. Usha Das, Sarapanch, Lanjia G.P.

She expressed that local public will be benefited by the operation of this mine.

9. Sri Kunja Bihari Gouda, At- Balakrushnapur, Dakhinapur

He acknowledged that earlier M/s Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd. has assisted to the local school and villagers are happy for this. During operation of this mine the company has taken steps for plantations and water sprinkling for dust suppression. He requested to control the speed of transporting vehicles and the company should continue assistance to villagers as they have done earlier.

10. Sri Jogendra Gouda, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He stated that commitments made by previous project proponents were not fulfilled. He requested to this company to fulfill all the assurance made by them such as water sprinkling on road, plantation and local employment etc.

11. Sri Karunakar Gouda, At- Balakrushnapur, Dakhinapur

He opined that the Government authorities should vigilant so that all the lessees shall abide by the guidelines.

12. Sri Maheswar Gouda, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He welcomes M/s Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd.

13. Sri Biranchi Narayan Mohapatra, At- Lanjia, Dakhinapur

He welcomes this project proposal.

Further the Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam 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 Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd. to address the issues raised by the public. Sri Pradhan representative of the project proponent addressed the apprehensions raised by the public.

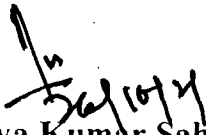
Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceeding accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by the oral deliberators. The minutes of the public hearing were prepared which has been ratified by Sri Amiya Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S), Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam 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 representative 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
State Pollution Control Board)


(Sri Amiya Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S))

Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam
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Annex- III

ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣିରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପିତ ଆଲୋଚ୍ୟ ବିଷୟର ବିବୃତି

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୧	<p>ପରିବେଶ:</p> <p>କ) ଧୂଳି ଦମନ ପାଇଁ ପରିବହନ ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଜଳ ଛିଞ୍ଚିବା ।</p> <p>ଖ) ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ଧୂଳି ଦମନ ପାଇଁ ପରିବହନ ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଜଳ ସିଞ୍ଚନ କରାଯିବ ବୋଲି ଶ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରଧାନ ନିଶ୍ଚିତ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ସେମାନେ ସମାବ୍ୟତା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ପରିବହନ ପାଇଁ ଏକ ଉତ୍ସର୍ଗୀକୃତ ରାସ୍ତା ମଧ୍ୟ ବିକାଶ କରିବେ । - କମ୍ପାନୀ ରାସ୍ତାକଡ଼ରେ ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ କରିବ ।
୨	<p>ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ଖଣି ପୁନଃ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ଷମ ପରେ ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ନିୟୁକ୍ତି ଦିଆଯିବ ।
୩	<p>ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଶିବିର</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - କମ୍ପାନୀ ଦାବି ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଶିବିର ଆୟୋଜନ କରିବ ।
୪	<p>ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ୱିକ ବିକାଶ:</p> <p>କ) ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ଟେବୁଲ୍ ଏବଂ ଚେୟାର ଦାନ ।</p> <p>ଖ) ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ସାଂସ୍କୃତିକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ।</p> <p>ଗ) ପରିବହନ ରାସ୍ତାର ରକ୍ଷଣାବେକ୍ଷଣ ।</p> <p>ଘ) ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ସୁବିଧା ।</p>	<p>କମ୍ପାନୀ ଏକ ଗ୍ରାମ କମିଟି ଗଠନ କରିବ ଏବଂ ଏହି କମିଟିର ସୁପାରିଶ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ସେମାନେ ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ବିକାଶମୂଳକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରିବେ ।</p>

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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Sl No.	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT OF BHAGABANPUR DECORATIVE STONE MINES OF M/S AMARJOTHI GRANTIES INDIA PVT. LTD, AT BHAGABANPUR VILLAGE, KUKUDAKHANDI TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM.
1.	Environment: i) Water sprinkling over transportation road for dust suppression ii) Plantation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Pradhan has assured that water sprinkling will be carried out over transportation road for dust suppression. Later on they will also develop a dedicated road for transportation of materials as per feasibility. - Company will undertake plantation along the roads and other areas.
2.	Local Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Required manpower after resumption of mining operation will be employed from local as per requirement.
3.	Health Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company will organize periodical health camp as demanded.
4.	Peripheral development : i) Donation of table and chair to school. ii) Cultural programme at school. iii) Maintenance of transportation road. iv) Drinking water facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company will constitute a village committee and as per recommendation of this committee they will undertake various development works as demanded.

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Date : 18.09.2021

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 "Sambad" on 10.04.2021 to conduct the public hearing in respect of M/s Amarjothi Granites India Pvt. Ltd. for Bhagabanpur Decorative Stone Mines on 12.05.2021 at 10.00 A.M. over plot No. 240, Infront of Berhampur Regional Market Society (BMRC) building, Mouza Lanjia under Kukudakandi tehsil of Ganjam district for production of 30,000m³ per annum of decorative stone over lease area of 31.808 Ha. at Bhagabanpur village under Berhampur tehsil of Ganjam district. But due to restriction imposed by the State Government on public gathering for upsurge 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 26.10.2021 at 11.00 A.M. at Rajib Gandhi Seva Kendra Building at Lanjia Gram Panchayat (Plot No. 507, Mouza - Bhagabanpur) of Ganjam district.

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 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 26.10.2021 at 11.00 A.M. at Rajib Gandhi Seva Kendra Building at Lanjia Gram Panchayat (Plot No. 507, Mouza - Bhagabanpur of Ganjam district. 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, Ganjam, Chatrapur.
- District Industries Center, Ganjam, Chatrapur.
- In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, Chatrapur.
- 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, Berhampur.
- Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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

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