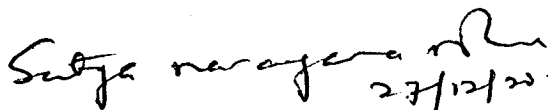


POINT WISE REPLY OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT AGAINST THE ISSUES RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PADAMPURI STONE QUARRY (2,3,4,6& 7) UNDER CLUSTER APPROACH FOR MINING OF STONE OVER ML AREA OF 11.33 Ha., AT VILLAGE PADAMPURI UNDER NUAPADA TEHSIL OF NUAPADA DISTRICT BY THE TAHASILDAR, NUAPADA HELD ON 27.12.2021 AT: 10.00 A.M. AT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE, GODFULA SITUATED IN PLOT NO. 875 OF KHATA NO. 227 OF MOUZA GODFULA IN NUAPADA DISTRICT.

1. The Project Proponent has assured to operate the stone quarry and carry out the blasting in stone quarry as per the Government guidelines.
2. The Project Proponent has assured to adopt the safest distance from stone quarry to human habitation. However the blasting zone to stone quarry will be more than 500 mtrs. The authority has assured to adopt control blasting in the stone quarry.
3. The Project Proponent has informed that revenue of Rs.24.00 lakh to Rs.25.00 lakh will be generated annually from the quarry.
4. The Project Proponent has agreed to provide water sprinklers in the mining area and roads to control an air pollution.
5. The Project Proponent has assured to carry out plantation of about 1250 to 1500 nos. of trees in Govt. land near mining areas.
6. The Project Proponent has committed to provide an employment opportunity to the local people in the proposed project as per their educational qualifications.
7. The Project Proponent has committed to operate the crusher plant in a day time in order to minimize the impact on the local people.


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Annexure V(B)

ତହସିଲଦାର, ନୂଆପଡା, ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ନୂଆପଡା ଜିଲ୍ଲା, ନୂଆପଡା ତହସିଲ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ପଦମପୁରୀ ଗ୍ରାମରେ ୧୧.୩୩ ହେକ୍ଟର ପରିମିତ ଖଣି ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ଛିତ ପଦମପୁରୀ ଖଣି କୁଷ୍ଠର (୨,୩,୪,୬ ଏବଂ ୭) ରୁ ପଥର ଉତ୍ତୋଳନ କରିବା ନିମନ୍ତେ ନୂଆପଡା ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଗଡ଼ପୁଲ୍ଲୀ ଗ୍ରାମ ପଞ୍ଚାୟତ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ ଠାରେ ତା. ୨୭/୧୨/୨୦୨୧ ଦିବା ସମୟ ୧୦.୦୦ ଘଟିକା ରେ ହୋଇଥିବା ଜନଶୁଣାଣିରେ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ଵାରା ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଗୁଡ଼ିକର କ୍ରମାନୁସାରେ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ଉତ୍ତର ।

- (୧) ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ପଥର ଭାରି କୁ ପରିଚାଳନା କରିବା ଏବଂ ସରକାରୀ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ପଥର ଖଣିରେ ବିସ୍ଫୋରଣ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ନିଷିଦ୍ଧ କରିଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୨) ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ପଥର ଖଣି ରୁ ବାସସ୍ଥାନ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ନିରାପଦ ଦୂରତା ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବାକୁ ନିଷିଦ୍ଧ କରିଛନ୍ତି । ତଥାପି ପଥର ଖଣି ପାଇଁ କ୍ଵାଷ୍ଟିଙ୍ଗ ଜୋନ 500 ମିଟର ରୁ ଅଧିକ ଦୂରତା ହେବ । କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ପଥର ଖଣିରେ ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣ ବିସ୍ଫୋରଣ କରିବାକୁ ନିଷିଦ୍ଧ କରିଅଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୩) ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ସୂଚନା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ଯେ ଭାରି ରୁ ବାର୍ଷିକ ୨୪ ଲକ୍ଷ ରୁ ୨୬ ଲକ୍ଷ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ରାଜସ୍ଵ ଉତ୍ପାଦନ ରହିବ ।
- (୪) ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣକାରୀ ବାୟୁ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ କୁ ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଖଣି ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ଏବଂ ଖଣି ଦ୍ଵାରା ବ୍ୟବହୃତ ହେଉଥିବା ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରା ଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ଜଳ ଛିଞ୍ଚିବା ପାଇଁ ସମ୍ମତି ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଅଛନ୍ତି ।
- (5) ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ଖଣି ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ନିକଟରେ ଥିବା ସରକାରୀ ଜମିରେ ପ୍ରାୟ ୧୨୫୦ ରୁ ୧୫୦୦ ଗଛ ଲଗାଇବାକୁ ନିଷିଦ୍ଧ କରିଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୬) ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକ ମାନଙ୍କର ଶିକ୍ଷାଗତ ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପରେ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବାକୁ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ।
- (୭) ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ, ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକ ମାନଙ୍କର ଉପରେ ପ୍ରଭାବ ନ ପଡ଼ିବା ପାଇଁ ଦିନ ବେଳେ କ୍ରସର ପ୍ଲାଟ୍ ତଳାଇବାକୁ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ।

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Asst. Dist. Magistrate
Nuapada

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PADAMPURI STONE QUARRY (2,3,4,6 & 7) UNDER "CLUSTER APPROACH" FOR MINING OF STONE OVER ML AREA OF 11.33 Ha AT VILLAGE PADAMPURI UNDER NUAPADA TEHSIL OF NUAPADA DISTRICT BY THE TAHASILDAR, NUAPADA (PROJECT PROPONENT) HELD ON 27.12.2021 AT 10.00 AM AT GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE, GODFULA; SITUATED AT PLOT NO. 875 OF KHATA NO. 227 OF MOUZA GODFULA IN NUAPADA DISTRICT.

Sri Agasty Pradhan, OAS(S), Additional District Magistrate, Nuapada presided over the meeting along with Dr. Satyanarayan Nanda, Asst. Env. Scientist, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Sambalpur.

At the outset, Dr. Nanda, Asst. Env. Scientist, State Pollution Control Board, Sambalpur welcomed the public present in the meeting and briefed them about the objective of the public hearing being conducted under 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. He also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the Public Hearing Meeting for Padampuri Stone Quarry under Cluster Approach for mining of stone over ML area of 11.33 Ha by the Tahasildar, Nuapada (the Project Proponent), which was duly advertised in Odia daily "*Dharitri*" dtd.25.11.2021 and in English daily "*Times of India*" dtd.25.11.2021. (Paper clippings are enclosed as Annexure-I).

The Addl. District Magistrate has also briefed about the proposed project and requested the public who were present in the public hearing meeting 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 before the public.

On behalf of the Padampuri Stone Quarry (2,3,4,6 & 7 under cluster approach), the Tahasildar, Nuapada addressed the public during the public hearing meeting and Sri Deba Prasad Choudhury, representative of M/s. P & M Solution, Noida (Consultant) briefly explained about the proposed project as described below:

1. It was informed that the total proposed project area is about 11.33 Ha. (Ac. 27.997) of land which includes 5 nos. of cluster stone quarries (2,3,4,6 & 7) located within 500-meter radius. It has been projected that the total production by these quarries will be around 13129 cum of building stone annually and further will be producing about 65645 cum during 5 years of mining.
2. The mining process includes semi mechanized way of mining of stone using jack hammer, compressor, hydraulic excavator machine with drilling and blasting.

3. During blasting precautionary measures shall be taken up as per requirement. Prior information/proclamation to the local villagers before blasting shall be made and blasting in mines to be taken up once in a week with controlling measures such as dust suppression through water sprinkling arrangement. Besides, the blasting shall be carried out following certified procedure as per adhering information on explosive used for blasting.
4. It was informed that the consultant has done prior samplings and analysis of air, water, soil and noise at 05 nos. of villages within 10 km radius of the proposed project area and all the values are well within the norms.
5. During operation of mines there will be generation of dust, water and noise pollution to the surrounding areas, which shall be taken care of adequately by the project proponent.
6. To minimize dust pollution water sprinkling arrangements on haulage and connecting roads and plantations on road sides shall be taken up.
7. The noise from DG sets and vehicles shall be minimized with proper maintenance and by providing adequate cleaning mechanism.
8. It was informed that the mining shall be taken up 6 meters above ground water level (gwl \approx 15 to 20M), so that the ground water level will not be affected by the mining activities.
9. Company authority will provide direct and indirect employment to the local people pertaining to their educational qualifications in the proposed project.

Thereafter, the Addl. District Magistrate invited the public to offer their views on environmental related issues on the establishment of the proposed project.

About 250-300 people from surrounding local villages have attended the public hearing meeting; out of which 63 have signed the attendance sheet which is annexed as **Annexure-II**. Also 29 persons have registered their name to deliver views during the public hearing (**Annexure-III**).

Statements of the public as stated/deliberated& recorded during public hearing meeting are placed below

Sl. No.	Participant Name and Statement/deliberation as recorded on the proposed project.
1.	<p>Sri Johan Lal Sahu, Godfula: He alleged about the tremor and associated development of cracks in adjoining houses in his village due to deep bore blasting. Also, the population of animals in the jungle have been dying day by day. As the school and houses are in close proximity, quarry operation with blasting might be affecting them too. He further informed that the 33 KV line has been shifted to 1 Km away as it was near the blasting area. One woman was severely injured earlier by hitting with stone on her head due to blasting and she is handicapped now. At that time the lessee promised to compensate with Rs.1500/- monthly for lifetime to her and settled the same in compromising at that time. But after few months of assistance, he stopped the compensation. But now the Tahasildar, Nuapada (government) shall take responsibility if such tragedy arises. He wanted to know the total revenue generated due to operation of these quarries and also, he wanted that the government must take responsibility of such kinds of mishaps in future.</p>

2.	<p><u>Sri Hansingh Maihi, Bhera:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He stated that they also supported stone crushers units in giving no objection from the villagers. They usually supported the operation of the crushers and gave their approval for eradication of poverty in the area. He further said that Nuapada is a poor district and the pandemic has taken away many livelihoods. People are migrating to different states like Uttar Pradesh for their livelihood. The operation of these quarries will provide many livelihoods. However, he said the quarries should operate their mines with controlled blasting.</p>
3.	<p><u>Sri Dayalal Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He stated that the blasting in the stone quarries is of very high intensity. Earlier blasting operations by M/s. KGN stone crusher has developed cracks in nearby houses in the villages and also injured severely a poor woman of the village. There is also severe air pollution due to continuous operation of stone crushers. There should be a time line for operation of stone crushers. The blasting in the stone quarries should be totally stopped and should operate stone quarries without blasting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Sri Tarachand Sahu, Godfula:</u> He expressed his dissatisfaction and stated that the environment in the village has been deteriorated due to operation of stone quarries and stone crushers. Though the operations of the stone quarries are of little help in providing works to those laborers; who were likely to be migrated for their livelihood; still there are many demerits of the operations of these quarries like high intensity blasting. He further said about the plight of the woman who struck with stone due to this as said by participant-1. Now, the woman is handicapped and helpless without any livelihood. The stone crushers are operating throughout the day, instead of specified time period in a day. The quarries should operate with minimum number of explosive blasting holes (30 to 40 holes) instead of 100 to 150 blasting holes causing huge noise pollution in the region. The explosive dust has been damaging the nearby agricultural crops also. There should be controlled blasting in the quarries and the project proponent should do plantation in vacant areas.</p>
5.	<p><u>Sri Tomar Lal Sahu, Godfula:</u> He supported the proposed project. He stated that on operations of quarries employment will be generated here and the frequency of migration for jobs to other States like Uttar Pradesh shall be reduced.</p>
6.	<p><u>Sri Raghunath Kathar, Taliudar:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He also stated that due to non-operation of the stone quarries, most stone crushers in the area have been under shutdown conditions. Therefore, stone quarries need to be operated soon in order to get opportunities by local people through engagement in the proposed project for their livelihood.</p>

7.	<p><u>Sri Umashankar Sahu, Godfula:</u> He cited the incident of the woman being hurt by stone earlier as already informed by earlier participants. Hence, he requested the project proponent to minimize the blasting processes by reducing hole size and length of explosive blasting. As mentioned already one village woman had severe head injury and was not properly compensated as promised and discontinued after paying compensation for six months. The government has been giving a meagre amount of only Rs.700/- as allowance, which is very less. He further said that her husband has to take care of her as she is handicapped which makes himself unable to go for work. He further said that there are many types of jobs and the village people are not dependent only on stone crushers or stone quarries for their livelihood. He stated that there should not be any blasting during the operation of the quarries.</p>
8.	<p><u>Sri Raghmani Gouda, Junani:</u> He stated about different problems associated in operations of the stone quarries or stone crushers. Therefore, they should think and plan properly before operation.</p>
9.	<p><u>Sri Jirakhand Sahu, Hanshpuri:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He stated that poor people like him are fully dependent on these quarries for their livelihood. There are 4000 people working in these quarries.</p>
10.	<p><u>Sri Basant Kumar Sahu, Padampuri:</u> Being the ward member of ward no. 4, he supported the proposed project. However, he requested to follow controlled blasting with 15-20 explosive holes while in operation. He stated that the operation of quarry will generate revenue for government as well as for the common people as they get jobs.</p>
11.	<p><u>Sri Kanhya Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He stated that stone crushers will operate if quarries start its operation. However, there should be controlled blasting with 30 to 40 holes of explosive. This will generate jobs in the area.</p>
12.	<p><u>Sri Sitaram Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> Being a farmer, he requested that there should be no blasting during the operation of the quarries as it causes damage to their houses in the village. He further stated that if blasting will not be stopped then there will be protest by obstructing vehicles or so.</p>
13.	<p><u>Sri Basanta Kumar Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He stated that the stone quarries should be operated without any blasting.</p>
14.	<p><u>Sri Dilip Kumar Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He expressed his satisfaction as the public hearing meeting was organized in Godfula village, He also stated about the impacts of blasting like development of cracks in houses of the adjoining villages and the intensity of blasting could be felt in the area. He stated that there should not be any blasting during the operation of stone quarries.</p>
15.	<p><u>Sri Sailesh Kumar Bhsani, Tarbod:</u> While supporting the proposed project, he stated that the projects are operated in Padampuri village. But, people from Hanspuri village; who are not affected by it, are against the project. He further stated that without blasting the hard stones cannot be excavated from the quarry.</p>
16.	<p><u>Sri Nilendra Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He stated that blasting in stone quarries is a criminal offence. The school which was situated nearby the project was closed due to blasting. He further stated that</p>

	blasting should be totally stopped in the quarries. The villagers can earn their livelihood even by selling tea and snacks. He further stated that the people who are supporting the project have been bribed by the lessees. He further stated that this is the problem of their locality in politicizing all matters as it is done here.
17.	<u>Sri Dumar Punji, Hanspuri:</u> He stated that blasting in quarries is very dangerous and may kill people with stone bursts. He further added that the nearby goats and cattle are dying due to explosions of poisonous explosives during blasting.
18.	<u>Sri Hulas Ram Sahu, Padampuri:</u> He stated that one school within close proximity to quarries was stopped due to continuous blasting in the quarries and in contrast all students have to undergo difficulty in attending schools at far places. He further stated that blasting should be totally stopped and the school which was closed should be resumed.
19.	<u>Sri Gobardhan Debangana, Parkod:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. They are benefitting from operations of these quarries.
20.	<u>Sri Kausik Ram Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He stated that he is very happy that government has organized this public hearing. He wanted to know job availability position for the local people in the proposed project. He further stated that blasting should be totally stopped while operating the quarries. But stone crushers should start functioning operations soon.
21.	<u>Sri Raju Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He stated that all 19 members in his family are totally dependent in the operation of the stone quarries. He stated that the blasting should also be conducted for excavation of the stone from the quarry.
22.	<u>Sri Iswar Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He expressed his desire to work in the stone quarry. He further stated that blasting during operation of the quarry should be totally stopped as it affects the nearby villages and cattles while grazing in nearby fields.
23.	<u>Sri Rohit Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He strongly supported the proposed project as it is going to be a help for their livelihood once the quarries start operation. As he is not having any agricultural land he supports the proposed project for livelihood and assured his no objection over any blasting issues during operation of the quarries.
24.	<u>Sri Kanak Ram Sahu, Padampuri:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. As the proposed quarries are in Padampuri village he strongly protested against the people of the Hanspuri village who are objecting the operation of the quarries. As such the Hanspuri village is far away from the proposed project and there is no effect of blasting in their village. He further stated that the villagers are poor and will be benefitted through its operation. He further stated that there should be controlled blasting in the quarries.
25.	<u>Sri Bholanath Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> He expressed his happiness as the Public Hearing was conducted in their area. He expressed his objection on blasting in stone quarries at Padampuri Village as not permitted in stone quarries in Hanspuri area. He further added that there is so much problem created due to operation of stone crushers. There is no water sprinkling during operation of these stone crushers. He stated that the

	transportation road is damaged due to plying of heavy vehicles engaged in these quarries. Also, they are not repairing these roads. He further stated that the lessee (owner) should respect the decision of the Gram Panchayat and should operate these quarries as per their decision. He further stated that blasting should be totally stopped. He further added that there should be regular water sprinkling in the stone crushers to suppress the dust pollution of this area.
26.	<u>Sri Kashiram Patel, Godfulla:</u> He informed that his wife had head injury and compromising the case the lessee promised for Rs. 1500 monthly compensation for lifetime. But, after six month the lessee stopped giving the compensation. The government has been giving allowance of Rs.500 only every month which is very less. He went to every government agency for justice. But failed every time. He further stated that blasting in the quarries should be stopped totally.
27.	<u>Sri Muralidhar Sahu, Godfula:</u> The handicapped woman of Hanspuri village has been the prime affected person due to the operation of quarries and crushers. So while deliberating he emphasized that it may happen in Padampuri village also. He further stated that blasting during operation in the quarries should not be allowed. He also requested the government for financial help to this poor injured woman from any government fund for her livelihood.
28.	<u>Sri Iswar Patel, Godfula:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He further reiterated that there should be controlled blasting during operation of these quarries.
29.	<u>Sri Bhubaneswar Sahu, Hanspuri:</u> How Hanspuri stone quarries cluster got permission for blasting? He further stated that blasting during operation in the quarries should be stopped totally and emission of methane gas during blasting should also be stopped. He further stated that there are crores of money in MGNREGA scheme of government which can provide livelihood for the poor villagers but the blasting in stone quarries should be totally stopped.

After completion of the deliberation process, Dr. Satyanarayan Nanda, Asst. Env. Scientist, Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Sambalpur summed up all concerns/issues/points raised by the participants during the public hearing and read out before the public. The same in English and Odia(vernacular language) are enclosed as **Annexure-IV (A & B)**.

At the end the Addl. District Magistrate invited the representative of the project proponent to respond all concerns/issues/points raised by the participants in the public hearing meeting. Tahasildar, Nuapada, responded in brief on issues and grievances raised by the participants which are annexed (**Annexure-V (A & B)**) in English and Odia (vernacular language). The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing is enclosed (**Compact Disc - CD**). During the public hearing meeting 04 nos. of written statements are received from participants present in the meeting, which are enclosed at **Annexure-VI**. Out of 04 nos. of written statements, 03 nos. are in support of the proposed project with a condition to carry out peripheral developmental work in their local villages, to provide employment opportunity to the unemployed local people in the proposed project etc. and 01 written statement is against the proposed project.

After the above-mentioned deliberations, the Addl. District Magistrate has announced the completion of public hearing meeting of the proposed project and Asst. Env. Scientist has proposed the vote of thanks to the Chair as well as to the Participants present in the public hearing meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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