

**PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 29.09.07 AT 11.30 AM
AT COMMUNITY CENTER OF OMC, KALIAPANI FOR THE PROPOSED
EXPANSION PROJECT OF SUKARANGI CHROMITE MINES OF M/S OMC
LTD. (PRODUCTION UPTO 1.30 LTPA OF CHROMITE ORE OVER AN AREA
OF 382.7Ha.) AT SUKARANGI, JAJPUR.**

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held as per the schedule and at the venue in accordance with the EIA Notification S.O.1533 (E) dt.14.09.06.

Er. P. Kar, Asst. Env.Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Cuttack welcomed the public to the public hearing & briefed about the objectives, processes & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Sri Srikanta Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Jajpur, presided and supervised the public hearing. He briefed about importance of such hearing and invited the project proponent to make a presentation on the proposed project. Sri S.K.Dash, L.W.S. of M/s. Sukarangi Chromite Mines gave a brief presentation on the proposed project.

The following is the summery of the public hearing proceedings, reflecting all the views and concerns expressed by the assembled public at the venue. It was recorded by the officials of the Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Orissa, Cuttack.

1. Sri Surendra Ku. Barik, Kaduabandi.

Wel coming the project he expressed his happiness regarding the development activities carried out by M/s. OMC Ltd. all over Orissa. He requested to provide employment opportunity in the project to the family members of those who have taken VRS. He also stressed for provision of quality medicine to the locality for better health. He urged that all mines should be given to OMC.

2. Sri Sarat Chandra Pradhan, Kakudia.

He requested to supply free medicine to workers as they are not getting any medicine from the local Hospital.

3. Smt. Bhagabati Mohanta, Zillaparisad Chingudipal.

She expressed her satisfaction over plantation & other developmental activities carried out by OMC. She informed that they are running four high Schools in surrounding Panchayats with great difficulties and sought helps from OMC for those high Schools. She suggested for fixed deposit of Rs.10 lakh per each School to run them smoothly.

She demanded for piped drinking water supply to all villages of surrounding five Panchayats as tube wells are mostly defunct & for development of roads from Tamka to Mangalpur which is totally damaged.

She expressed her concern over the pollution of Damasala river as it becomes unfit for any use and stressed on proper treatment of mine water in the whole region prior to discharge to river. Further she stressed on proper post plantation care to maintain the greenery in the locality.

4. Sri Baishnava Pradhan, Kaliapani.

He informed that his cultivable land has been silted due to wash out from OB dumping and demanded for preventive measures.

5. Sri Kshetramohan Patra, Kakudia.

He expressed that as mining activities are increasingly becoming mechanized, so there is need to establish a technical training institution by OMC to train local youth to make them employable in better jobs. He informed that there are many handicapped children in surrounding areas may be due to air pollution and requested that OMC should take the responsibility of those children.

He demanded to provide Lift irrigation facilities to local farmers where ever possible. Further, he expressed his concern over destruction of many local tourist places Temples etc. due to mining activities and stressed on the development & restoration of those places. He welcomed the project and urged that all closed mines should be given to OMC.

6. Sri Harihar Pradhan, Saruabil.

He expressed the difficulties faced by his villagers as it is located at the centre of four mines. Tube wells & open wells of the village getting dried up due to mining & they are deprived of facilities like drinking water, Medical and proper road communication etc. He demanded for a concrete road to his village.

The summary of the proceedings and the reply by the project proponent to various issues raised by the public were read over to the audience at the end of the hearing explaining the contents in Oriya.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Oriya and English and it is annexed to the proceedings as Annexure- I & II respectively, list of participants is annexed as Annexure –III.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Agreed
Sri Srikanta Nayak
Additional District Magistrate, Jajpur

STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMENTS OF THE APPLICANT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 29.09.2007 AT 11.30 AM AT COMMUNITY CENTRE OF OMC, KALIAPANI, FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT OF SUKARANGI CHROMITE MINES OF M/S. OMC LTD. (PRODUCTION UP TO 1.30 LTPA OF CHROMITE ORE OVER AN AREA OF 382.7 Ha.) AT SUKARANGI, JAJPUR.

ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	RESPONSE OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT
<p>The issues raised at the public hearing meeting were as follows;</p> <p>1. Issues concerning environmental problems and their adverse effect on health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Damasala river pollution due to untreated mine water discharge ➤ Adequate treatment of mine water. ➤ Prevention of wash out from OB dump ➤ Handicapped children in surrounding areas due to air pollution. ➤ Ground water depletion <p>2. Issues concerning employment and peripheral development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employment opportunity for family member of VRS people. ➤ Aid to four High schools of surrounding Panchayats <p>Development of damaged roads from Tamaka to Mangalpur.</p>	<p>OMC is not polluting Damasala Nala as there is not discharge of mine water in Sukrangji mines. If required treatment will be done.</p> <p>OMC has done retaining wall and Garland drain all around the dump for which there is no effect of wash out.</p> <p>There is no medical statistics and/or Govt. statistics in this regard.</p> <p>The mine is situated in the South of ground water flow map. The villages are in the North of ground water flow map . Hence ground water depletion is not a problem due to mining. Provision will be kept to engage local tribal people for deployment in ancillary mining activities. There is no provision in OMC to provide direct aid, but OMC can divert funds for education through District administration under peripheral development.</p> <p>OMC has deposited the requisite funds to the District administration as demanded for</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post Plantation care for better survival ➤ Establishment of Technical Institute for local youths. ➤ Lift irrigation facilities for local farmers. ➤ Development & restoration of local Tourist place. ➤ Free medicine distribution through local hospital. 	<p>development of the said road. As the money is deposited to Forest Dept. OMC will request for necessary post plantation care.</p> <p>OMC has interacted to apart training in ITI through a recognized Technical Institute.</p> <p>If District authority desires, OMC can divert funds deposited with District authorities for the same. If State Govt. so desires, OMC can arrange funds for the mine.</p> <p>Agreed.</p>

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