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**SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR BELKUNDI IRON &
MANGANESE MINES OF M/S. OMDC LTD.**

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your kind attention that the Public Hearing has been conducted on 17th August, 2024 for Belkundi Iron & Manganese Mines of M/s. OMDC Ltd. for enhancement in Iron ore production to 1.8 MTPA and Manganese Ore to 0.3 MTPA over an ML area of 1276.79 Ha at Belkundi, Nalda, Karakolha, Karakhendra and Uliburu villages, Barbil Tahsil of Keonjhar District. Letter issued to the Secretary, MoEF & CC, Govt. of India by the Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha vide letter no. 13521/ IND-II-PH-835 dated 27.08.2024 is enclosed for reference.

The proceedings of Public Hearing released on 27.08.2024 are attached herewith.

This is for your kind information & record.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully
For The Orissa Minerals development Company Limited

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Company Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF BELKUNDI IRON & MN MINES OF OMDC LTD FOR ENHANCEMENT OF IRON ORE PRODUCTION TO 1.8 MTPA AND MANGANESE ORE TO 0.3 MTPA OVER AN ML AREA OF 1276.79 HA AT BELKUNDI, NALDA, KARAKOLHA, KARAKHENDRA AND ULIBURU VILLAGE HELD ON 17.08.2024 AT 11.00 AM AT BARBIL UNIT-7, KHATA NO. 483, PLOT NO 1343/1772, KISSAM-GHARABARI-II (BHARAT PROCESS AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LTD, THAKURANI) PROPOSED AREA Ac 0.440 UNDER BARBIL TEHSIL OF KEONJHAR DISTRICT.

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 29.07.2023 as per the schedule and at the venue in accordance with the EIA Notification S. O. 1533 (E) dt. 14.09.2006. The public hearing with regard to date, place and time was announced in Public Address System in nearby villages of proposed project site and also published in Daily News Paper. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Er P Kar, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar welcomed the public to the hearing and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Sri Jadumani Mahala, OAS, Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Keonjhar presided over and supervised the public hearing. He briefed about the importance and objectives of such hearing and invited the project proponent to highlight on proposed project.

Sri Bidu Bhusan Gomango, Business Head, OMDC Ltd explained about the proposed project and briefed about the Pollution Control measures to be adopted in the mine.

The following is the summary 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, Odisha, Keonjhar.

1 Sri Sunil Mahanto, ward no 7

He explained the History of the OMDC & appreciated the officials of the Mines for their contribution to bring OMDC to this level. He expressed that they are happy that OMDC mines is going to start & informed that Agricultural land of Local villagers get affected during operation of the Mine. All five to six villages will be benefited by this project. He stressed on employment to be provided to the local people based on their eligibility. He emphasised towards transportation and loading jobs to be given to the local villagers. He wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

2 Shri Bikash Sarogi, Ward no 4

He expressed his gratitude to OMDC for continuing social welfare activities & was happy that after last 14 years the mine is going to start. He expressed that all Barbil people will be benefited due to operation of the Mine. He supported the public Hearing.

3 Shri Dharmendra Mohanty, Councillor ward no 7, Barbil

Shri Mohanty urged that people of Local villages should be given priority in employment to be generated in Mines as per their eligibility so that local people will not migrate for the job. He supported the public Hearing.



4 Smt Bobi rani Mahnato, Councillor ward no 2

She supported the public Hearing and expressed that if the mines will be operated unemployment problem will be solved for the local residents.

5 Shri Haricharan Banra, Village Belkundi

He expressed that if the mines will run then people will get their Livelihood & lifestyle of the people will be changed. He hoped that problems of the residents will be solved. He emphasised on development of education, development of the locality & support for self employment by the Mines.

6 Shri Dilu Swami, Social worker, ward no 6

He stated that if the mines run it will solve the local unemployment problem. He also expressed that transportation will generate additional employment opportunity. He emphasised on protection of Environment & Forest to Run the Mines. he supported the public Hearing. He thanked Central and State government for supporting the mines to start.

7 Smt Sapna Sahoo, Councillor ward no 6

She expressed that local youth migrating for the job will be stopped if the mines run & local youth will get employment. She expressed her happiness about operation of the Mines after long waiting of 14 years.

8 Shri Anand Sandil, Councillor ward no 1 Nalda

He requested OMDC authority to start Mines operation at the earliest possible time. He appreciated the steps to be taken by the Mines for dust suppression through water sprinkling & to control sound pollution. He hoped that priority will be given to Local people for various employment based on their eligibility. Previously people used to go outside to fetch employment but now if the mines will run the problem will be solved. He expressed that golden days have come for the residents he supported the public Hearing.

9 Shri Pranto Kumar Mahakud, Ward no 2 Belkundi

Shri Mahakud expressed that due to non operation of the Mines people are facing problems even employees are not getting their salary in time. He demanded for regularisation of employees who are working for last 15 to 20 years in the company. He urged for fulfilling the demands of the locals & requested authority to grant EC for starting the Mines.

10 Shri Niladhri Mahakud, Ward no 2 Belkundi

He supported the Public Hearing & emphasised on priority to locals in employment of the Mines.

11 Shri Soumya Ranjan Mahakud, Belkundi

He supported the public Hearing.

12 Shri Ram Kumar, Ward no 4 Barbil

He hoped that local youth will be get employment & overall locals of Barbil will be benefited. He supported the public Hearing.

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13 Smt Sarswati Naik, Vice Chairperson, Barbil Municipality

She welcomed the OMDC for running of Mine. She expressed her concern over migration of local youths to other areas for the Job & their exploitation. She hoped that migration problem will be solved due to Mines operation & demanded employment to local people based on their eligibility She supported the public Hearing.

14 Shri Sarat Mahakud ward no 2 Belkundi

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing hoping that priority will be given to locals for employment in the Mines.

15 Shri Raja Gupta ward no 5 Barbil

He stated supported the public Hearing.

16 Smt Mani Balmuchu, Ward no 12 Barbil

She supported the public Hearing & urged that local Tribals should get employment in the Mines.

17 Shri Sunil Kumar Das, Barbil

He stated OMDC is the rice Bowl of the Barbil area. He warned OMDC authority to properly manage the Contractor to be engaged in Mine to avoid any conflict further as it will affect local economy. He also suggests reintroducing the Petty contractor systems for locals to get job. He supported the public Hearing.

18 Shri Saranjidhar Mahanto, Karakhola Basti

He expressed that this mine will provide livelihood to local people through employment. He supported the public Hearing.

19 Shri Dayal Singh, Ward no 8 Barbil

He stated when the mines stopped the people of the locality suffered and incurred loss. He hoped that when OMDC mines will operate, priority should be given to local peoples for employment based on their eligibility. He further stated that the main business of the locality is transportation. Drivers, Helpers & transporters will be benefited directly and indirectly due to Mines operation. All will be benefited.

20 Shri Mania Champia, Ward no 1 Nalda

He stated that mine is in their land & hoped that He & other Local people will get employment in the Mine. He Thanked the OMDC authority & supported the public Hearing.

21 Shri Mahindra Singh, Ward no 1 Nalda

He expressed his happiness that the OMDC mines going to open. He emphasised on development of education & Health facilities in Nalda area by OMDC. He supported the public Hearing.

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22 Shri Sogen Soren, Ward no 1 Nalda

He expressed that they have rural background & requested for employment opportunity for them & to provide Water & Electric supply to the people of this locality. He supported the public Hearing.

23 Smt Bhagwati Patro, Ward no 11 Karakhendra

She demanded employment to local youths for overall benefit of the locality. She supported the public Hearing.

24 Smt Duriya Rao, Ward no 6 Tata Hatting

She hoped that both educated & non educated local youth will get employment in the OMDC Mines if it starts & they will not face the migration problem. All will be benefitted by grace of Lord Balajee. She wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

25 Shri Indradev Yadav, Ward no 7 Punjabi Pada

He urged that OMDC should take care of Employment, Health & Education facilities of local people & whole heartedly supported the public Hearing.

26 Smt Anita Jha, Ward no 15 Sinduru Basti

She stated that government has taken a good decision for opening of OMDC mines & hoped that employment problem will be solved. Local people are very happy by this decision. She demanded at least one or two people from each house should get employment in the Mines & she wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

27 Ms Radhika Dei, Ward no 4 Barbil

She expressed her happiness about the mines opening & whole heartedly supported the public Hearing.

28 Shri Shivashankar Mahanto, Karakolha

He expressed his happiness that OMDC management is going to invest rupees 50 Lakhs in the field of environmental aspects. He stated that pollution is increasing day by day in these localities due to running of mines and plant. Dust pollution becoming severe & requested State Pollution Control Board to properly investigate in this field.

29 Shri Ram Karmakar, Ward no 7 Barbil

He explained the importance of operation of the Mines in the Takurani areas & requested Pollution Control Board to accord permission for operation of the Mines.

30 Shri Tapan Karmakar, Ward no 8 Barbil

He expressed that earlier local villagers were happy when Mine was under operation & now they are compelled to migrate since OMDC mines is in defunct condition. He supported the public Hearing.

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31 Shri Rajendra Singh, Ward no 7 Barbil

He expressed that OMDC mines will bring employment & overall development of the locality. He expressed his concern over increasing Dust Pollution & subsequent Asthma & respiratory problems in the locality. He demanded for an ambulance equipped with medical staff & particularly oxygen cylinder. He supported the public Hearing.

32 Smt Sumana Barik, Ward no 4 Barbil

She urged that OMDC mines should start and employment should be given to local people in this Mine. She supported the public Hearing

33 Shri Ramesh Chandra Raj, Barbil

He appealed to cooperate & support for operating the Mines & informed that this Mines started in the year 1918 started & during those days people were very happy. He hoped that those days will return after operation of the Mines.

34 Shri Kishore Kumar Mahakud, Ward no 2 Belkundi

He informed that Mine is only 100 m away from the Belkundi Village. He informed that if EC will be granted Kerakhendra & Belkundi village will be mostly affected. He explained that during past waste water from the OMDC Mines affected their agricultural land & after complains at District authority measurement of affected land was done but they did not get any result. He demanded for proper compensation of their affected agricultural lands by the Mines. He further demanded for proper irrigation facilities by the Mines for Agricultural land of Belkundi & Karakhendra village exist at bottom of the Mines. He also demanded assurance from the Mines regarding control of dust pollution due to transportation.

He expressed that Mines should take care of Health, Drinking water & Plantation facilities for affected villagers. He supported the public Hearing.

35 Shri Krishna Chandra Gagrai, Uliburi

He emphasised for provision of employment to the local villagers. He supported the public Hearing.

36 Smt Madhuri Karua, Ward no 3 Takurani

She strongly demanded job opportunity for hatting youths along with local people. She supported the public Hearing.

37 Smt Dukhini Das, Ward no 3 Takurani

She supported the public Hearing.

38 Shri Budhram Solanki, Ward no 2 Belkundi

He demanded for employment for locals on priority basis in the Mines.

39 Shri Arun Kumar Shekhar, Ward no 11 Barbil

He expressed his concern over declining flow in River Karo & suggested that Mines should carry out plantation along River Bank over a stretch of about 5 Km. He supported the public Hearing.

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40 Shri Sallish Karmakar, Ward no 7 Barbil

He requested OMDC management to give attention for development of the locality, CSR activities & Pollution control measures. He supported the public Hearing.

41 Shri Rajkumar Gunwat, Ward no 7 NGO Prayas

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing

42 Shri Santosh Mahakud, Belkundi

He expressed his happiness due to opening of the OMDC mining activities. He expressed his view that manual mining will give more employment to local people. He supported the public Hearing.

43 Shri Jitendra Kumar, Ward no 4 Barbil

He wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing

44 Shri Dhaneswar Naik, Ward no 11 Barbil

He demanded employment for locals with other developmental activities. He supported the public Hearing.

45 Shri Manmohan Mahanto, Kurakolha

He introduced himself as Ex- employee of OMDC & explained the sufferings of the employees due to non operation of the Mines. He apprehended that transportation will create dust pollution & emphasised on following specific route for transportation & control of dust nuisance. He supported the public Hearing.

46 Shri Durgeswar Barik, Dulkhi Basthi Barbil

He wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

47 Shri Chandragupta Prasad, Ward no 7 Barbil

He expressed that opening of OMDC Mines is a blessing of Maa Laxmi to all the Villagers of Barbil areas & informed all are happy with this & supporting the Mines. He hoped that operation of Mine will bring employment opportunities to all locals & cause overall development of the locality. He supported the public Hearing

48 Shri Manoj kumar Apat, Ward no 3 Siding Bashti Barbil

He informed that they are waiting for last 12 years to start the Mines. He supported the public Hearing

49 Shri Pharmendra Singh Balia, Ward no 4 Barbil

He expressed that OMDC Mines operation will bring social and financial development to local people & it will be benefited for all. He supported the public Hearing.

50 Smt Binapani Mahanto, Ward no 7 Barbil

She hoped that due to opening of OMDC mines unemployment problem of the local villagers will be solved and asked for help to local ladies. She supported the public Hearing.

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51 **Shri Arun Kumar Mahanto, Ward no 2 Barbil**

He wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

52 **Shri Devaprasad Mishra, Barbil**

He expressed his gratitude to state government for opening the mines after a long time. He expressed that OMDC is a very old company & they have responsibilities of local development. financial development of local peoples. He cited the example of Mines operating in Goa which are maintained dust free & urged Mines authority should follow it. He further stated that Mines operation will give employment & people will be financially benefitted but simultaneously Health of locals should be protected from pollution. He warned that Agricultural land of local villagers should not be affected again due to waste water from the Mines. He supported the public Hearing.

53 **Shri Abhijeet Arya, Ward no 7 Barbil**

He emphasised on skill development of local youths by the Mines for better job opportunity & protection of Environment. He supported the public Hearing.

54 **Shri Trinath Patro, Kurakolha**

He demanded for employment of local SC & ST people in the Mines.

55 **Smt Baneja Manjuari Mahanto, Ward no 4 Barbil**

She wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines.

56 **Shri Gurucharan Mahanto, Councillor Ward no 8 Barbil**

He expressed that when Mines was operating all were benefitted. He asked Mines authority to provide employment, Health facilities to locals. He expressed his concern over drying up of Thakurani Nallah & surrounding streams & requested its restoration. He demanded the reopening of the OMDC Hospital for health benefit of local people. He supported the public Hearing.

57 **Smt Leelabati Mahanto, Ward no 5 Barbil**

She supported the public Hearing with a hope that local people will get jobs in the Mines.

58 **Smt Shrabani Bhattacharjee, Ward no 4 Siding Bashti Barbil**

She supported the public Hearing of OMDC

59 **Smt Kamaljit Kuar, Ward no 8-Member Prativa Mahila Samiti**

She expressed her gratitude to central and state government for opening the OMDC mines after a long time. She emphasised on protection of environment & local Rivers from pollution. She supported the public Hearing.

60 **Shri Paramjeet Singh, Ward no 4 Barbil Secretary Yuva Morcha**

He on behalf of Barbil Yuva Morcha wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

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61 Smt Sulekha Tanti, Ward no 5 President Mahila Samiti Barbil

She expressed her happiness for opening of the OMDC mines after a long period of 13 years. She stated that local people migrating for jobs are not in safe condition & this mine will provide job opportunities to them & they will be benefited. She supported the public Hearing.

62 Smt Pushpa Apat, President Upanta Mahila Sambey Samiti Barbil

She wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

63 Smt Manju Kuar, President Urja Mahila Samiti Barbil

She wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing and requested that OMDC management must full fill their commitments towards the local people.

64 Smt Anju Patro, Ward no 3 Takurani

She expressed her happiness for opening of OMDC mines. She requested that employment to be provided to the local residents as per eligibility. She supported the public Hearing.

65 Shri Gitesh Sharma, Ward no 15 Barbil

He was happy that the OMDC mine is opening after a long period. He emphasised that right communication method should be established so that local people can directly interact with the OMDC. He also emphasised towards CSR activities, medical facilities to villagers, proper training to be implemented and employment to be provided to the local people. He supported the public Hearing.

66 Shri Muna Khan, Takurani Barbil

He expressed that Mine was closed since last 15 Years & emphasised on employment to local peoples. He supported the public Hearing.

67 Shri Amir Namaj, Ward no 8 Barbil

He expressed that opening of OMDC mines will generate employment to locals, business will be established, and local Drivers, workers & Garage owners will be benefited. He supported the public Hearing.

68 Shri Gourav Shahid, Ward no 3 Barbil

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing. Mines will provide them job opportunity.

69 Smt Debosmita Patro, Ward no 14 Barbil

She expressed her full support to OMDC & hoped that locals will get employment in the Mines so that they need not to go outside for the job.

70 Smt Dherithi Hembram, Ward no 12 Barbil

She expressed her full support to OMDC & hoped that local unemployment problem will be solved due to running of the Mines.

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71 **Shri Jakriash Kispotta, Ward no 2 Barbil**

He expressed that all local villagers are happy due to opening of the OMDC Mines as it will provide Employment to them. He emphasised on proper attention by the Mines to minimise adverse impacts on local adivasi people in mines affected areas. He supported the public Hearing.

72 **Smt Payal Devgam, Councillor Ward no 11 Barbil**

She emphasised in the development of education facilities in local schools & colleges and environmental protection. She also requested for employment of locals in the Mines. She supported the public Hearing

73 **Shri Prashant Kumar Das, Councillor Ward no 9 Barbil**

He expressed their supports for the Public Hearing. He expressed his dissatisfaction for not giving proper job to local peoples by different company operating in the locality though they committed in their respective Public Hearing. Local youths are only getting Labourer job in spite they are technically qualified. He hoped that OMDC will do justice to them as it is their fore fathers company. Technically qualified local youths will get proper job opportunity in the Mines.

74 **Shri Indramani Behera, Ward no 12 OMDC Union leader**

He congratulated the OMDC mines for its reopening. He informed that the charm of the Barbil Market collapsed in last 9 years due to close down of the Mines. He urged that Mines should be functional by coming Dashara. He emphasised that locals should be given priority in vacant posts & successors of the employees of Mn Mines should be considered on priority basis for employment as they are local people. He also requested the Contractors to engage suitable local people in the Mines. He requested OMDC authority to provide indirect job opportunity to local business man.

He suggested for restoration of Thakurani Nallah by digging it up to Belkundi to ensure its perennial flow. He appealed for mining operation at an earliest & supported the public Hearing.

75 **Smt Sardanjali Kar, Ward no 12 Barbil**

She expressed that pollution level in Barbil locality are very high and affecting their day to day life. Locals are suffering from various diseases due to pollution. She requested employment to be provided to local people as per their eligibility. She emphasised on Pollution prevention & supply of safe drinking water for Barbil people to avoid Iron contaminated water. She also requested to provide Hospital facilities at Barbil in its CSR activities similar to that available in Cuttack & Bhubaneswar areas. She wholeheartedly supported the Public Hearing.

76 **Shri Debakanta Ratha, Ward no 3 Takurani**

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC.

77 **Shri Ashok Kumar Mahakud, Belkundi Barbil**

He extended his full support to OMDC.

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78 **Shri Shubham Mahapatra, Bellkundi Barbil**

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC

79 **Shri Nilamant Mahapatra, Ward no 5 Barbil**

He stated that let the mines start at an earliest so that the residents will be benefited. He extended his full support to OMDC.

80 **Shri Laxman Mahapatra, Ward no 2 Kurakhola with other 20 supporters**

They all whole heartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines.

81 **Shri Ganesh Lohar**

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines.

82 **Shri Purna Chandra Apat, Bellkundi Barbil**

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines

83 **Shri Ganesh Apat, Bellkundi Barbil**

He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines. He requested to help to resolve problems of Nalda village.

84 **Shri Ricky Khutia, Nalda Barbil**

He wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines.

85 **Shri Dilip Kumar Mishra, Ex-Chairperson Barbil Municipality**

He informed that all locals are Happy as OMDC mines is going to restart & It will be beneficial for them. He requested for employment to locals based on their qualification. He expressed his concern over the complete Mechanisation of the Mines as it reduces job opportunities & suggested for adoption of Semi Mechanised methods for Mines operation. Further he suggested that OMDC management should take initiative to control accidents & to take appropriate steps in the field of health and safety of the people. He whole heartedly supported the public Hearing.

86 **Shri Dushmanta Mahapatra, Ward no 4 Barbil**

He wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines. He requested for manual mining.

87 **Shri MD Bhutto, Nalda Barbil**

He wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing of OMDC mines.

88 **Padmashri Smt Tulasi Munda, Social Activist**

She expressed her happiness that after a long time OMDC mines going to start. Now people should develop positive mind for bright future of OMDC mines. She stated that let everybody forget those bad days and old thoughts from their minds. She requested OMDC management to look for the betterment of society they should address the problems of the public. She wholeheartedly supported the public Hearing.

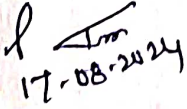
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The Regional Officer, SPCB, Keonjhar read over the issues raised by the public in the hearing. Sri Bidu Bhusan Gomango, Head, Mines of OMDC Ltd responded to the issues raised. Sri Jadumani Mahala, OAS, ADM (Revenue) Keonjhar gave concluding remarks of the Hearing.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Odia and English and it is annexed with the proceedings as Annexure I & II respectively. List of the oral deliberators and participants in the hearing is annexed as Annexure III & IV respectively. Twenty numbers of written representations received during public hearing is annexed as Annexure-V (a to t). The videography of proceedings are recorded and submitted in pen drive (1).

Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.


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Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar