Proceedings of the public hearing conducted for proposed sand mining project 'Aurangabad Son Ghat No. 26' on Sone River at mauza & Vill.-Adhaura, P.O.-Tejpura, Thana & Block-Obra, Dist-Aurangabad by M/s Anil Kumar, S.K. Puram, Bailey Road, Danapur, Patna.

VENUE: Prakhand Sabhagaar, Obra, District- Aurangabad.

Date & Time: 28th September, 2020; at: 02.00 p.m.

## The following officials attended the Public Hearing:

- 1. Sri Ashish Kumar Sinha, ADM, Aurangabad;
- 2. Sri Anil Kumar, Environmental Engineer, BSPCB, Patna; and
- 3. Sri Mukesh Kumar, District Mining Officer, Aurangabad.

The following proponents/officials/representatives of M/s Anil Kumar attended the public hearing:

- 1. Sri, Mukesh Kumar, representative of M/s Anil Kumar; and
- 2. Sri Amir Akhtar, environmental consultant of the project.

Number of persons participated in the public hearing was sixteen (16) and their list is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Sri Anil Kumar, Environmental Engineer, BSPCB, Patna welcome the public, project proponent and other participants in the public hearing and initiated with introduction about the project. He stated that this public hearing is being conducted as per the EIA notification dated 2006. The proposed sand mining project requires prior Environmental Clearance. The public hearing is conducted to ascertain the view of the local people. He also asked the people to raise their question or to give any suggestion about the project. Thereafter, he invited the project proponent's representative/consultant to explain the proposed project from environment point of views which were as follows:

Sri Amir Akhtar, environmental consultant of the project delivered a presentation and highlighted the following components.

1. Explained about project background, location and its importance to the region and the State.

2. Described about the project's salient features.

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- 3. Discussed about CSR and greenbelt development scheme of the project.
- Explained the likely impact on environment and its mitigation measures.
- 5. He stated that regular water sprinkling will be done to suppress the dust emission on haul road, covered trucks and tractor will be used for transportation of minerals and PUC certified vehicle will only be used in the project to overcome the air pollution.
- 6. He also stated that employment will be generated from the project.

## Response of the Public& their opinion:

In the public hearing Three (3) persons have expressed their views/opinions as given below:

1. **Sri Praveen Kumar,** Obra, Aurangabad asked about the negative impacts of the project on the environment.

### **Explanation by the Consultant:**

The consultant state that all the negative impacts of the projects will be mitigated. There will be chances of air pollution due to fugitive dust emission from excavation and loading unloading of minerals. This impact can be mitigated by regular water sprinkling, covering trucks by tarpaulin sheet. PUC certified vehicle will be used in operation. No mining activity will be carried out during monsoon season.

 Sri Ranjit Kumar, Obra, Aurangabad asked about hazards for human beings due to the project and what steps will be taken for safety of workers.

## **Explanation by the Consultant:**

The project consultant told about hazards due to the project activities and informed regarding safety of workers that regular safety training programme will be conducted for all workers engaged in the mining activities. Periodical health check-up will be done. Apart from these, personal protective equipments like safety shoes, helmets, gloves etc will be provided to workers. First aid facilities will be available at the project site.

3. Niraj Kumar, Tiharibigha, Obra, Aurangabad express his concern about expected damage of roads due to movement of trucks/tractors & their overloading. They also asked about the employment opportunities.

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The District Mining Officer, Aurangabad expressed to avoid the damage of roads that no overloading will be allowed. If any overloading is found, anybody may complain to the concerned authority. He said that employment opportunities will be available to local villagers living nearby area.

No any other participant except above person, present in the public hearing expressed/raised any expected environmental problem due to the project.

#### Conclusion:

Overall views of the public participated in the hearing were in favor of the project with adequate water/air/noise & waste management facilities with their compliance.

The proceedings of the public hearing are recorded, photographs and video taken and the same shall be submitted to all concern and authority for necessary action.

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