

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 28.08.2024 AT 13:30 Hrs. AT THE OFFICE PREMISES OF BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, BINPUR-I, LALGARH, DIST - JHARGRAM, WEST BENGAL FOR PROPOSED BINPUR-I RIVERBED SAND MINE PROJECT AT THE MIN_JH_08 SAND BLOCK OVER AN AREA OF 36.58 HA (90.39 ACRES) ON THE KANGSHABATI RIVER BED AT MOUZA –DIHIKALYANPUR AND KADAM KHUNDI JL NO – 742 AND 816, PLOT NO – 1, 97, 98, 75, 261(P) AND 285(P), P.S. – LALGARH, BLOCK – BINPUR-I, DIST - JHARGRAM, IN THE STATE OF WEST BENGALBY M/S WEST BENGAL MINERAL DEVELOPMENT & TRADING CORPORATION LIMITED

M/s West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited (henceforth termed as Project Proponent) submitted an application to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (herein after referred to as the State Board) for conducting a Public Hearing for proposed MIN_JH_08 Sand Mine over an area of 36.58 Hectare (90.39 Acres) on the Kangshabati River at J.L. no. – 742 & 816, Plot No – 1, 97, 98, 75, 261(P) and 285(P), Mouza: Dihikalyanpur and Kadam Khundi, P. S. - Lalgargh, District - Jhargram, West Bengal. As per the notification S. O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 of the MoEF & CC, Govt. of India and amendments made thereafter, Environmental Clearance (EC) for the said project is required to be obtained after conducting the Public Hearing.

Accordingly, the State Board conducted the Public Hearing on 28.08.2024 at 01:30 Hrs at the Office premises of Block Development Officer, Binpur-I, Lalgargh, P.S.- Lalgargh, District- Jhargram, West Bengal. A considerable gathering of people was present during the hearing. List of the panel members and others present during the public hearing is enclosed in Annexure - I.

Sri Sisir Mondal, Environmental Engineer, Haldia Regional Office, WBPCB welcomed the audience and panel members and briefed about the importance of public hearing and requested the audience to deliver their opinion and thoughts freely. He informed that proceedings of the public hearing along with videography will be forwarded to the appropriate authority for their consideration for the proposed mining project.

He then requested Sk. Ansar Ahamad, IAS, Additional District Magistrate (LR) and DL & LRO, Jhargram to preside over the hearing and to deliver permission for power point presentation of the proposed project by the project proponent with help of their technical team.

Sk. Ansar Ahamad, Additional District Magistrate (LR) and DL & LRO Jhargram District, presided over the hearing and directed the project proponent to deliver their presentation in details about the proposed project, giving emphasis on the environmental aspects in particular for the knowledge and awareness of the audience present in the hearing.

On behalf of the Project Proponent, Sri Sirshendu Hazra of the environment consultancy firm (M/s Indian Mine Planners & Consultants) engaged by the Project Proponent, narrated the proposed project. Sri Sirshendu Hazra explained the location details of the project and basic requirements like land, water, manpower, etc. for the proposed project. He mentioned that mining will be carried out only during the dry seasons in a semi-mechanized way from the dry part of the river maintaining a maximum depth of 2.5 metres. The clay & silt that will be generated due to mining activity will be used in greenery development. There will not be any



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involvement of drilling / blasting operations and that air pollution may be due to movement of sand carrying vehicles only. He informed that the environmental pollution involved in the project activities will be well taken care of by the project proponent and elaborated on the steps to be taken for environmental pollution control, afforestation program / green-belt development. A certain percentage of project cost has been earmarked for CSR / CER activities that include holding health camps, plantation of trees, etc.

PROJECT SUMMARY	
Proposed Project	Binpur-I Sand Mine project at MIN_JH_08 Sand Block over an area of 36.58 Ha on the Kangshabati River Bed at Mouza –Dihikalyanpur and Kadam Khundi, JL No. – 742 & 816, Plot No. – 1, 97, 98, 75, 261(P) & 285(P), P. S. -Lalgarh, Dist – Jhargram. Proposed production capacity – 3460381.7 m ³ for 5 years. Depth of mine – 2.5 metres.
Project Proponent	M/s WEST BENGAL MINERAL DEVELOPMENT & TRADING CORPORATION LIMITED
Land	Mining Lease area: 36.58 Ha (90.39 Acres)
Water Demand	20 KLD
Manpower	200

After completion of power point presentation by the project proponent through the consultant in the public hearing, Sk. Ansar Ahamad, Additional District Magistrate (LR) and DL & LRO; Jhargram District as well as Chairman of the said hearing addressed the audience to raise their opinions, suggestions and queries with respect to the proposed project.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Person	Points Represented / concern / opinion in public hearing	Replies given by the project proponent
1.	Sri Amiya Patra Vill - Dhamro	He welcomed the proposed project and noted that the local roads are very narrow. This narrowness poses challenges for transporting minerals through the area. He requested that the project proponent take necessary measures to address this issue.	The project proponent assured that they will undertake maintenance and repairing of road which will be used for carrying sand from the CSR fund.
2.	Sri Gopal Ghosh Vill – Kadam Khundi	He welcomed the proposed project and requested the project proponent to give employment opportunities for local people and develop infrastructure of the locality.	The project proponent informed that labours required for mining will be appointed from local people. He also mentioned that the road used for carrying sand will be maintained by project proponent.
3.	Sri Amar Saha Vill – Kadam Khundi	He welcomed the proposed project and mentioned about the dust pollution and damage of local roads due to	The project proponent assured that regular water sprinkling will be done for dust suppression and they will undertake maintenance


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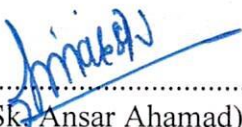
		plying of heavy vehicles and requested the project proponent to take necessary actions in this regard.	and repairing of the road which will be used for carrying sand from the CSR fund.
4.	Sri Sawapan Mandal Vill - Sijua	He welcomed the proposed project and concerned about the take care of the greenery to developed by the project proponent and requested to take care of the sapling from possible destruction.	The project proponent assured that mining activity is going on. to clarified that the sapling shall be taken care of by one local worker and it will be ensured that sapling is properly watered and primarily net barrier will be installed around the sapling to protect them from cattle.
5.	Sri Aditya Mahato Vill - Kansina	He welcomed the proposed project and requested the project proponent to give employment opportunities for local people and develop infrastructure of the locality.	The project proponent informed that labours required for mining will be appointed from local people. He also mentioned that the road used for carrying sand will be maintained by project proponent.

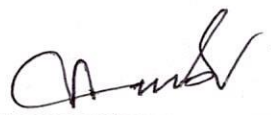
When quires of the audience were over, Sk. Ansar Ahamad, Additional District Magistrate (LR) and DL & LRO, Jhargram District, requested the project proponent to deliver their reply on the issues raised by the audience.

Sk. Ansar Ahamad, Additional District Magistrate (LR) and DL & LRO, Jhargram District requested the project proponent to strictly maintain the depth of mining and take adequate safety and precautionary measures during mining operation. He also mentioned that use of suction pump for sand mining is strictly prohibited and project proponent should carry out the mining manually or semi-mechanized way as per rules and regulations.

Sri Sisir Mondal, Environmental Engineer, WBPCB, suggested that mining will not intersect the river bed water level or ground water table of the area and no diversion or modification in the river flow will be allowed. He also mentioned that trees will be planted along the river bank and along the approach road.

Finally, the public hearing was concluded by Sri Sisir Mondal, Environmental Engineer, Haldia Regional Office, WBPCB, after taking consent from Sk. Ansar Ahamad, Additional District Magistrate (LR) and DL & LRO Jhargram District.

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