

Juna-Kunada OC PUBLIC CONSULTATION

To ascertain the concern of local affected and others who have a plausible stake in environmental impacts of the project / activity public consultation has been done at project site or close proximity for local affected persons with the following activities.

The Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed M/s Juna Kunada Opencast Expansion Project, WCL, Majri Area, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur for enhancement in production capacity from 0.60 MTPA to 1.20 MTPA and increase in mine lease area from 184.87 ha to 325.87 ha was held on 13/07/2012, 11.00 am at Samudaik Bhawan, Chargaon Ekta Nagar Colony, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur. The public hearing was conducted under the Chairmanship of **Shri P.D. Badkelwar, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur** (The representative nominated by District Magistrate, Chandrapur).

Shri K.P. Pusadkar, I/C Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur was the Convener of the Public Hearing. **Shri N.G. Nihul**, Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur was the Member of Public Hearing panel. **Smt. Meena Nikhare**, District Mining Officer, Chandrapur was also present during the public hearing. The public hearing started at 11.30 am with the permission of the Public Hearing Panel.

First of all, the Convener welcomed all present for Public Hearing. He told that, the Public Hearing is being conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006 and amended Notification dated 01/12/2009 of Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi. He told that the project proponent received TOR (Terms of Reference) for this project from Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi on 23/03/2012. Accordingly, project proponent prepared Draft EIA & EMP Report and submitted their application on 11/05/2012 to the Board requesting for conducting the Public Hearing. Accordingly, the Board has issued public notice on 10/06/2012 in Daily Lokmat (Marathi) and Daily Hitvada (English) stating date, venue and time of public hearing. The copies of Draft EIA/EMP and Executive Summary in English and Marathi were made available at the office of District Collector, Chandrapur, District Industries Centre, Chandrapur, Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur, MPC Board (HQ), Mumbai, Regional Office and Sub Regional Office, MPC Board, Chandrapur, Environment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai, Tahsil Office, Bhadrawati and offices of the concerned Gram Panchayat namely Chargaon & Kunada, Tal. Bhadrawati for the knowledge of concerned. Also, through this notice it was requested to file their objections/suggestions within 30 days from the date of public notice to the Sub Regional Officer, MPC Board, Chandrapur. The Member Secretary, MPC Board, Mumbai has issued the Panel Order no. E-28 of 2012 dated 05/07/2012 for the Public Hearing.

The Minutes of Public Hearing in respect of M/s Juna Kunada Opencast Expansion Project, WCL, Majri Area, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur conducted on 13/07/2012 11.00 am at Samudaik Bhawan, Chargaon Ekta Nagar Colony, Tal. Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.

S.N.	Comments / Suggestions of Participants	WCL's Reply
1	<p>Shri Madhukar Bhaurao Nagapure (Juna Kunada) stated that WCL authorities assured that whatever facilities required at Juna Kunada will be provided but the same has not been fulfilled. Employments were given to few people and rest are jobless due to which their life became very difficult. He demanded that contract of different works should be given to co-operative society in the village. He requested to the Chairman to give justice to the villagers.</p>	<p>Shri Zakir Hussain (Area Planning Officer, WCL Majri Area) replied the queries as below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public hearing has been conducted for the expansion of Juna Kunada mine. WCL is not going to acquire any land for the expansion of this project. • Every year plantation work is carried out by WCL and different species of plants are planted which suits the local environment. People are getting benefit due to this plantation work.
2	<p>Shri Rajendra Wankhede stated that WCL should complete the work related to environment and asked about the plans of WCL to make the healthy atmosphere around coal mines and to control the pollution from mine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every precaution is being taken for conservation of water. Regular water sprinkling is done for dust suppression by fixing sprinklers and deploying water tankers on regular basis.
3	<p>Shri Ranganath Ganpati Awari (Ex Sarpanch, Juna Kunada) stated that before opening of Juna Kunada Project, land compensation was given in lieu of employment and requested to take back the compensation and give employments to affected persons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mine water is treated at sedimentation tank before discharging to nearby river. • Several developmental works are carried out every year in the villages under CSR programmes. All works are carried out as per the Government Directives.
4	<p>Shri Uday Gundawar stated that he is working at underground mine of WCL since 1 ½ year and demanded for posting at opencast mine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation and employments are given to the land owners as per Government norms. Some cases are sub-judice and verdict is awaited.
5	<p>Shri Sudhir Udhavrao Satpute (Vijasan) put the demands as below:-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points raised by the Trade Union representatives regarding dust

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalmines of WCL Majri Area are situated adjacent to river. Due to vicinity of mine, water level of the river is going down and river water is getting polluted. Water is being supplied to Bhadrawati town from Chargaon and he suggested that WCL should check water quality of water supply system of Bhadrawati town and to take necessary action for filtration of water, if needed. • Plantation done by WCL on OB dumps should be useful for the villagers. Only those species of plants should be planted which are useful to the villagers and cattle. So that question of fodder is resolved. Closed mines should be filled by soil and land should be returned to the farmers. • All the civic amenities should be provided at the rehabilitation site of Navin Kunada village. Proper land for community latrine should be provided at rehabilitation site. • WCL has initiated proposal for expansion of Juna Kunada mine. WCL is getting huge profit from coalmines. But the farmers will not get any benefit from these mines as employment is also not given to their dependents. Land of some farmers is not acquired till date. Same land should be acquired at the earliest. 	<p>suppression, necessary steps / parameters are already implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijasan village comes under jurisdiction of Bhadrawati Municipal Council and hence decision regarding land for community latrine is to be taken by Municipal Council. WCL has already paid tax to the Bhadrawati Municipal Corporation.
6	<p>Smt Shobha Parkhi (Sarpanch, Kunada) requested for providing employment in lieu of monetary compensation paid earlier against the acquired land for Juna Kunada. She complained that WCL authorities</p>	

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	didn't initiated action even after people submitted applications in this regard.	
7	Shri Bandu Wasudev Dohe (Juna Kunada) stated that he has no objection for expansion of this project.	
8	Shri Deepak Dongarwar (Majri) stated that villagers are benefited due to mining projects. Eligible people got employment and sufficient compensation has also been given by WCL. Several welfare activities in the affected villages are carried out by WCL under CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) programmes. He showed his support to the expansion project.	
9	Shri Manohar Makode (Majri) stated that land should be given for mining projects as such projects are necessary for nation's development. He added that employments will be given by WCL to the eligible persons as per rules and medical facility will also provided to all the family members. He showed his support to the expansion project.	
10	Shri Suresh Datarkar (Juna Kunada) stated that proposed project will create employment opportunities for the locals. He demanded for provision of welfare fund to the @ Rs. 5 per ton of coal for the development of the people. He showed his support for the early start of mine and developmental works in villages.	
11	Shri K.P. Bansode complained that affected people often didn't get employment in WCL and demanded	

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	<p>that WCL being a Government Sector should follow Government Policies in this regard. He said that WCL should follow the commitments regarding tree plantation on open places. And on OB dumps. He demanded for proper arrangement for dust suppression to control emission due to transportation and suitable compensation / employment to affected farmers.</p>	
12	<p>Shri Sudhir Satpute (Vijasan) stated that Vijasan village is rehabilitated by WCL and hence the facility for community latrine should be developed by WCL.</p>	