

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR OBTAINING  
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR ENHANCING MINING AREA I  
KOLLAM DISTRICT BY INDIAN RARE EARTH LIMITED HELD ON  
22.05.2018 AT F.K.M AUDITORIUM**

Indian Rare Earth Ltd (IREL) is holding lease for mining of 2,37,150TPA of h mineral Sand in Ayanivelikulangara, Alappad and Panmana Village of Ko District from an area of 180Ha as per G.O(Rt) No. 746/07/ID dated 08.06.200 the Government of Kerala. IREL had been accorded Environmental Clearan CRZ clearance for this mining project as per F.No.11-36/2008 IA-III d 01.03.2011. They have applied for the environmental clearance from Ministr Environment Forest & Climate Change for enhancement of the mining quai from 2,37,150TPA to 7,50,000 TPA. IRE had submitted application d. 10.04.2018, before the Member Secretary of KSPCB for conducting a Pt Hearing for the same.

The advertisement regarding public hearing was published on 22.04.2018 correction regarding change in venue was advertised on 12.05.2018 in the Kol edition of the following News papers.

- 1) MalayalaManorama (Malayalam)
- 2) Mathrubhoomi (Malayalam)
- 3) The New Indian Express (English)

The details regarding the project were made available to the public reference in the following offices;

1. District Collectorate, Kollam
2. District Industries Center, Kollam
3. District Panchayath Office, Kollam

6. Department of Environment and Climate Change Pallimukku, Pe  
Thiruvananthapuram
7. Science & Technology Department, SasthraBhavan, Pattom,  
Thiruvananthapuram
8. Ministry of Environment , Forest & Change Change, KendriyaSadai  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E & F Wing, II block, Koramangala Secular
9. Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Pattom Palace I  
Thiruvananthapuram
10. Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Plamood  
Thiruvananthapuram
11. Kerala State Pollution Control Board, District Office, Kollam

The documents were also made available in the Board's website  
[www.keralapcb.nic.in](http://www.keralapcb.nic.in) .

The public Hearing for the Environmental clearance for mining lease for I commenced at 3 PM on 22.05.2018 at F.K.M. Auditorium, Chavara and the same was presided over by Sri. K.R. Manikandan, Additional District Magistrate Kollam and Smt.Sreekala.S, Chief Environmental Engineer, Regional Office Thiruvananthapuram, assisted the A.D.M in the proceedings.

The following Officers of Kerala State Pollution Control Board were present during the hearing.

- 2) Smt. Rachel Thomas, Assistant Environmental Engineer, District Office, Kollam.
- 3) Smt. Geethu Das S., Assistant Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4) Sri. Sebastian James, Assistant Engineer, District Office, Kollam.
- 5) Sri. Mithun M., Assistant Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram.

Additional District Magistrate informed the procedure and necessity of conducting public hearing. Smt. Sreekala S. explained the role of Kerala State Pollution Control Board in the public hearing. IREL Official Sri. Ajiku presented a brief introduction of the project. He informed that mining lease was obtained for 180 hectares of land. The ownership of land will not be transferred to IRE through mining lease. After mining the land will be refilled with non-radioactive sand and will be returned back to the original owner. Following Sri. V Chandrasekar, D.G.M, I.R.E.L presented the project details and informed that applications for EC was submitted for mining from N K Block IV 1 extension. Due to strong protest from a fraction of the public attending the hearing, ADM requested Sri. Chandrashekar to discontinue the presentation and asked Dr. J. Ansari, Senior Principle Scientist, NIIST, and EIA consultant of IRE to present the draft EIA report. The draft EIA report presentation was also interrupted by the protesting public. The list of participants who had attended

individuals were presented in the public hearing is attached as Annexure A. Further participants were prevented from speaking in the hearing by protesting fraction of the public assembled in the hall. Those who could not speak in the hearing had submitted their views and concerns in writing. requests/comments received from the public are attached as Annexure C.

Minutes of the hearing was read out by Smt.Simi.P, Environmental Engineer, District Office, Kollam.

The hearing ended at 6.00 pm



**K.R. Manikandan,  
Additional District Magistrate  
Kollam.**

**Deputy Collector (GL) &  
Additional District Magistrate  
Kollam**