

Annexure –B (ENGLISH)

Issues raised by the affected people and replies given by the representative of the Project Proponents.

As per Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, the EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14/09/2006 amended thereafter, The Public Hearing is Schedule on 16/06/2016 at 11.00 am at the proposed limestone mining project site of M/s Ultra Tech Cement Ltd., Village Jhanjmer, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar. under activity-1(A) of category “A” in this schedule under the said notification

Shri R.R. Vyas, Regional Officer (RO), Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), Bhavnagar, explained about the need of obtaining Environment Clearance for the proposed project and also need of the Public Hearing which is an opportunity to the people of the affected village to represent their concerns and suggestions about the environmental aspects of the proposed project.

Shri Aayush Oak (IAS), District Magistrate, Bhavnagar, explained to the people about the importance of Public Hearing under the same notification and appealed to the affected people present in the event to represent their suggestions and concerns in a free and fair manner. It was further emphasized to the participants that Public Hearing shall be conducted in a peaceful manner and the representations shall be made in a very clear and precise manner. Those who are not from the affected villages are asked to submit their suggestions and concerns in writing.

Shri R.R. Vyas, R.O., G.P.C.B., Bhavnagar informed participants about the names of the affected villages of the project site and also about the written representations received before the Public Hearing. Shri R.R. Vyas, R.O., G.P.C.B., Bhavnagar with the consent of The District Magistrate, requested the representatives of the Project proponent to make detailed presentation regarding the proposed project.

On completion of the presentation by the company representative the proceeding was declared open for the oral and written representation from the concerned stake holders.

The questions asked and Representations/Suggestions made by the people from the affected villages and replies given by the representatives of the Project Proponent during the Public Hearing are as below:

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1	Shri Mavjibhai Ukabhai Bhaliya Village: Jhanjmer, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	1. In our farms we have Coconut tree & banana tree, will get destroyed due to the mining project.	1. Mining will be done by eco-friendly method using surface miner and no drilling and/ or blasting is proposed. There will be no impact of the mining activities outside the M.L. area.	Most of the people present during the public hearing refused to signed the attendance sheet which

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		<p>2. Only 43 men power proposed in project, what will happen to other people of this area?</p> <p>3. We are doing agriculture in our land, this our home, will not give land for the project.</p>	<p>2. The direct manpower required for the proposed mining project will be around 43 persons. UTCL will give preference to land losers and local people based on their skills and qualifications. Besides this, indirect employment will also be generated due to the proposed mining activities in the area.</p> <p>----</p>	<p>is required to be annexed with the minutes of meeting as Annexure-A. Only few person signed the attendance in the Public Hearing have signed in the attendant sheet, which is attached herewith.</p>
2.	Shri Bharatbhai Jairambhai Bhil Village: Nicha Kotada, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	<p>1. This is one mining project, why three public hearing are conducted at different locations instated of one? One public hearing should be conducted for all three Projects.</p> <p>2. Presence of numbers of vulture& their habitats in vicinity of Mahuva & Talaja Taluka, Not mentioned in EIA Report.</p> <p>3. The project is in very closed vicinity of Reserve forest and some affected Villages. Forest is adjacent to Methla village, infect some part of village falls under forest. The information is not given in EIA report.</p>	<p>1. There are three separate leases so per EIA notification, three separate Public hearing were conducted by GPCB in line with the separate ToRs issued by MoEF&CC, New Delhi.</p> <p>2. Details of Flora & Fauna are included in EIA report and list for authentication is submitted in DFO office and same will be included in Final EIA report.</p> <p>3. Methla Protected Forest is about 0.78 km in East from proposed project site, it included in draft EIA page no. 25. No afforestation will be done. In the periphery of lease boundary, 7.5 m wide green belt shell be developed. Total 88 ha green belt is proposed out</p>	

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		<p>4. More than 70 species of migratory birds are found in this area. Flamingos are also observed in water body which is 2 to 3 km from Methla village which is not mentioned in EIA Report.</p> <p>5. It is mentioned that in EIA report most of the project land is barren, wet land and unfertile, but is not true. Land is very fertile, so EIA report should not be considered.</p> <p>6. Aquatic vegetation (mangroves) are found in the 10 K.m. radius of the project, the sea turtles are also seen in the sea, which fall under Schedule-1 species. It is not mentioned in EIA report.</p> <p>7. Most part of the Methla village falls under CRZ area. If mining project executed marine ecology may be affected. It is not included in EIA report.</p>	<p>of 851 ha of ML area at the end of life of mine. There is no forest land involved in the M.L. area.</p> <p>4. Details reg. the same are given in Draft EIA/ EMP report. Authentication of list of flora and fauna is under process with Forest department and further action will be taken as per the authenticated list.</p> <p>5. Details of crop and cropping pattern is included in draft EIA report in chapter no. 3, page no. 33. Land is purchased directly from land owners. No land acquisition process has been done so far.</p> <p>6. Aquatic vegetation (mangroves) will not be affected by proposed project and detail of mangroves is given in Draft EIA/ EMP report at Pg. No.- 110.</p> <p>7. No land of this project falls under CRZ area. Study of CRZ has been done by the scientist of IRS and map will be prepared which will be incorporate in the final EIA report.</p>	

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		<p>8. Solid Waste and waste water generated from mining project will be dumped in sea. As other projects in India polluting rivers through industrial activity, in the same way here sea will be polluted.</p> <p>9. It is mentioned in EIA report that Mahuva seva sadan will supply water to this company. But such type of permission can not give by Mahuva Nagarpalika. So corruption is involved in this project. Agreement to provide water has been made in between mahuva Nagarpalika and Grasim. Ultratech Cement cannot say this is between them.</p> <p>10. Tree species like Neem, Khijado, Pilludi, Ramtal, etc. grow on the forest near bench of river which is not mentioned in the EIA report.</p>	<p>8. No Hazardous solid waste will be generated due to proposed mining activities. Sub- grade and Rejects so generated will be backfilled in the mined out followed by plantation. No waste water will be generated due to proposed mining operations. Waste water generated from mine workshop will be treated in oil- water separator and treated water will be used for dust suppression.</p> <p>9. Water requirement will be met from Narmada water supply initially. Later on, rain water stored in mined out pits/ mine sump will be used.</p> <p>10. Authentication of list of flora and fauna will be obtained from Forest department. Approval will be taken from forest department and same will be implemented accordingly.</p>	

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		<p>11. Public from this area requested, to construct Methla Bhadhara dam which is like life line of this area. Approval of Methla Bandhara was given by Govt. of Gujarat in the year 2013, but after that 60% of land was removed from the project, the project become small and benefit is given to Ultratech Cement.</p> <p>12. There is one survey which shows approx. 90,000 people will get employment though Methla Bandhara Project. Then why should project permitted which give employment to 30 persons only.</p> <p>13. Reputed institued has suggested that, salinity ingress is increasing at sea cost of India, for which bhadhara are to be constructed. Same type of Bandhara has been constructed in Bhavnagar Dist. Limestone below ground, conserve from salinity ingress and calamities like earthquakes.</p> <p>14. In surrounding areas of proposed project there are various religious and archeological places exist like Gopnath Temple,</p>	<p>11. Methla Bandhara project is Govt. project. UltraTech has no say in this project.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>----</p> <p>14. Archaeological places as per the ASI list will be incorporated in the Final EIA/ EMP report accordingly, although as</p>	

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		<p>Jhanjamer Fort etc. this places are not mentioned in EIA. So EIA report should be cancel.</p> <p>15. Village like Jhanjmer, Raliya & Gadhula are connected with canal of Sethruji Dam, because of proposed project this canal will get disturbed so will be farming will also. Which is not mentationed in EIA report. Therefor EIA report should be cancel.</p> <p>16. The main agriculture crop is this area are Bajar and Jurar and are famous even with low water availability. EIA report reflect land is not fertile, which is objectionable. So EIA report should not be considered.</p> <p>17. 150 KL water requirement will be meet by Narmada Canal for the project and people of this area getting drinking water fortnightly/monthly. This is injustice. So project should not be Considered.</p> <p>18. As per EIA report green belt will be developed only after 32 years. But by destroying existing green belt and forest development of artificial afforestation is not appropriate.</p>	<p>per TOR this is not required.</p> <p>---</p> <p>16. Cropping pattern details is included in draft EIA at Pg. no. 97.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>18. As per approved Mining Plan, life of mine is about 25 years. Phase- wise greenbelt development/ plantation will be done after the commencement of the project At the end of life of mine, about 88.02</p>	

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		<p>19. As per the EIA report company required the 5000 Bigha land, for his mining project but presently they purchase only 200 bigha land, so how company will get remaining 4800 bigha land it is not mentioned and misguiding the people.</p> <p>20. There is no mention about safety of the coastal area, no plan is drawn for that. Also safety of cattles & humans are not considered in the EIA report.</p>	<p>ha area will be covered under greenbelt/ plantation. Wide greenbelt will also be developed as 7.5 m barrier in the lease area.</p> <p>----</p> <p>20. Mined out pit will be properly fenced and DGMS guidelines will be followed for safety.</p>	
3	Shri Shivabhai Bariya - Surpanch Village: Methla, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	<p>1. Information about the project has been given to village tality but consciences form gram shbha has not been taken.</p> <p>2. Forest land of Methla Village was acquired in 1961. There is no extra land available in village. Maximum land is of farming, CRZ and forest. Keeping in mind permission for mining should not be granted.</p> <p>3. Methla village is a part of extension of GIR Forest,</p>	<p>----</p> <p>2. No forest land is involved in M.L. area. CRZ study is under process by IRS. Outcome of the report and map received from the agency will be taken into consideration accordingly and same will be incorporated in Final EIA/ EMP report.</p> <p>3. Schedule- 1 species are mentioned in Chapter- III</p>	

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		<p>where Asiatic Lion is observed. Leopard and Peacock are also observed. Keeping in mind mining permission should not be granted.</p> <p>4. A Bagadh river is passing near the village and so many trees are in surrounding area. Three water bodies of Methla Village comes under forest which not mentioned in EIA report.</p>	<p>of Draft EIA/ EMP report.</p> <p>-----</p>	
4	Smt. Rambhaben Bariya Village: Talli, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	It is mention in EIA report that no crop grows in land of this area but so many crops are growing in this area land. Not only this company but any other industry should not come in this area.	Cropping pattern details is included in draft EIA at Pg. no. 97.	
5.	Shri Rajubhai Bariya, Village: Methla, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	Approx. 400 to 500 fisherman of 40 to 50 villages doing fisheries business along the Talaja cost out of that 80% doing this in all year. Which not mentioned in EIA report.	Proposed mining activity will not affect the fishery business.	
6	Shri Hiteshbhai Pujabhi Bhil, Village: Nicha Kothda Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	<p>1. National Bird is Peacock is not mentioned in EIA report.</p> <p>2. Farmers are not getting electricity and company gets it immediately.</p>	<p>1. Authentication of list of flora and fauna is under process with Forest department and suitable action will be taken after receiving the same.</p> <p>-</p>	
7	Shri Gabhabhai Village: Dayal. Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	1. What will happen to Methla bhandhar tender which is out now? This project should not be considered.	1.Methla Bandhara project is Govt. project and there is no linkage of this with our project.	

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		2. Company has been violating the Rules.		
8.	Shri Gigabhai Bangara, Village: Bhambor, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	As per EIA report there are no wild animal in this area.	Authentication of list of flora and fauna is under process with Forest department and suitable action will be taken after receiving the same.	
9.	Shri Ashokbhai Baliya, Village: Nani Jagdhar, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	<p>1. Company should mention details of plantation and other good things in EIA report has been done after 32 years in their existing plant.</p> <p>2. No safety provisions considered for man and Cattles form mined out pit.</p> <p>3. Details of fatality caused by mined out pit at their existing plant located in Rajula has not been mention in EIA report. So project should not be considered.</p> <p>4. Company should give the guaranty of employment. In this area farmers, shepherd and fisherman are getting employment. So no need of project, and boycotting the project.</p>	<p>1. The Company's factory at Kovaya, Rajula has paid tax of 300 Cr. to the government.</p> <p>2. Top priority will be given to the safety during and after mining and all the rules and regulations of the government for safety will be followed.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>4. Response regarding employment as given earlier.</p>	
10.	Shri Ravjibhai Parmar, Village: Jhanjmer, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	This area is famous for Corn crop and awarded for the same. We are growing corn crop in 200 Ha. Of land. In addition to that Onion is also growing. Due to this project this crop will be destroyed, so we are opposing.	Mining will be done by eco-friendly method using surface miner. No drilling and/ or blasting is proposed. There will be no impact of mining outside the M.L. area.	

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11.	Shri Dayabhai Vitthalbhai Vansiya Village: Talli, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	What we will eat stone! Instead of grain after grabbing the farmers land.	-	
12.	Shri Ghelubha Popatbha, - Sarpanch Village: Madhuvan, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	Good strength of cattle in village so we are opposing the project.	-	
13.	Shri Bhupatshin Rathod, Village: Madhuvan, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	In this area farming and animal husbandry is good so proposed project is not required.	-	
14.	Shri Dipakbhai Nathabhai Bariya, Village: Methla, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	1. Shall Grazing will be allowed on developed green belt after 30 years. 2. Transportation of Lime stone by 40 Tons capacity dumpers shall be carried out by existing road or any other road is planned.	-- 2. The company will use water spraying to reduce dust on the road.	
15.	Shri Maheshbhai Arjanbhai Bhil, Village: Nicha Kotda, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	Forest also falls at proposed project site and so many variety of medicinal plants grow in proposed site, which are ignored. So we oppose the project.	There is no forest land involved in the M.L. area.	
16.	Shri Narsibhai Babubhai Bhil, Village: Nicha Kotada, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	Any facility provided by company is not required.	-	
17.	Shri Vijuben Bhil, Village: Methla, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	Animals should consider and leopard also observed in this area.	Authentication of list of flora and fauna is under process with Forest department. Approval will be taken from forest department and same will be implemented accordingly.	

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18	Shri Rameshbhai Ranabhai Bariya Village: Methla, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	Govt. hospital is available in village, hence company's offer of dispensary is not acceptable.	-	
19	Shri Laxmanbhai Nathabhai Bhil, Village: Nicha Kotada, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	Everybody has the right to speak and I am opposing industry.	-	
20	Shri Govindbhai Chauhan, Village: Nicha Kotada, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	How refilling shall be done and where will be plantation to be done.	Low grade mineral and rejects will be backfilled in the mined out area followed by plantation. Greenbelt/ plantation will be done on this reclaimed land.	
21	Shri Rameshbhai Dhanabhai Village: Methla, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	<p>1. Permission for digging the well has not been granted by forest department due to safety of animals and whether animals will not fall in mined out pits.</p> <p>2. We have sanctuary of sea turtle and vultures.</p>	<p>1. No forest land is involved in the M.L. area. Top priority will be given to the safety during and after mining and all the rules and regulations of the government for safety will be followed.</p> <p>2. Authentication of list of flora and fauna is under process with Forest department. Approval will be taken from forest department and same will be implemented accordingly.</p>	
22	Shri Pankajbhai Manabhai Bariya Village: Methla, Tal. Talaja, Dist. Bhavnagar	We want Methla Bandhara not factory.	-	
23	Shri Pragjibhai	No industry should allow in	-	

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	Karshanbhai Bariya Village: Dayal, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	this area and forest may not give permission for the same.		
24	Shri Jinabhai Dahiyabhai Bariya Village: Dayal Tal: Mahuva Dist.: Bhavnagar	1. If water is provided to industry so why not to farmers. 2. We want Methla Bandhara not factory	---	
25	Shri Shyamjibhai Shiyal Village: Nicha Kotda, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	We are not using this limestone to construct our houses we are getting form Una so how we will permit the others to use this limestone.		
26.	Shri Bharatbhai Jairambhai Bhil, Vill. Nicha Kotda, Tal. Mahuva, Dist. Bhavnagar	Replies given by company's representatives is not acceptable to us. -		

Note:- Most of the people present during the public hearing refused to signed the attendance sheet which is required to be annexed with the minutes of meeting as Annexure-A. Only few person singed the attendance in the Public Hearing have signed in the attendant sheet, which is attached herewith.

At last Shri R.R. Vyas, Regional Officer, Gujarat Pollution Control Board stated that company will give the replies of oral objections and suggestions raised in the Public Hearing and written objections and suggestions received. All the document will be included in the minutes of the Public Hearing. Minutes of this Public Hearing will be forwarded to the authorized person/committee to take a required decision and then after with the due permission of the Chairman this Public Hearing was declared as concluded.

Place: Vill. Jhanjmer,
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Date : 16/06/2016


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