STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

(Department of Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha)
ParibeshBhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII
Bhubaneswar – 751012

No. 13732 / **IND-II-PH- 1257** Date 22-07-2025 /

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha issued an advertisement in the newspapers **"The Sunday Times" and "Prameya" on 01-06-2025** to conduct the public hearing in respect of **Balapadu Quartz & Quartzite Mines of Sri Balakrishna Padhy on 02-07-2025 at 9.00 A.M at Panchayat Office, Irukubadi under Rayagada tahasil of Rayagada district with proposed excavation of 54500 CUM/Year of Quartz & Quartzite having ML area of 55.394 Ha. at Plot No.53/P&69/P, Khata No.18 in village Balapadu under Rayagada tahasil of Rayagada district.** But due to **mass leave protest by OASA,** the public hearing scheduled above has been postponed**.** The same public hearing is now **re-scheduled to be** held **on 12-08-2025 at 11.00 A.M at Panchayat Office, Irukubadi under Rayagada tahasil of Rayagada district.**

By virtue of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006, the Board has been authorized to conduct public hearing for environmental clearance and as such invites suggestions, views, comments and objections on matters relating to environmental aspects of the proposed project from all the persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at the proposed site / sites of displacement / sites likely to be affected.

For the above purpose, a person will only mean:

A. Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.

B. Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.

C. Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and / or functioning in the field of environment.

D. Any local authority within any part of whose limit is within the neighborhood, wherein the project is proposed to be located.

Persons as above who desire to submit their views, comments, objections etc. relevant to the project, may do so in writing within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice addressing the same to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha through Registered Post. Besides this, persons interested to submit their views relevant to the proposed project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing **re-scheduled** to be conducted **on 12-08-2025 at 11.00 A.M at Panchayat Office, Irukubadi under Rayagada tahasil of Rayagada district.**

Persons desirous of participating in the public hearing may go through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) / Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the said project which will be available at the following offices. Copy of the Executive Summary both in English & Odia also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website **https://ospcboard.odisha.gov.in/** free of cost.

1. District Collector's Office, **Rayagada.**
2. District Industries Center, **Rayagada.**
3. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, ZillaParishad, **Rayagada**
4. Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, PariveshBhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit – VIII, Bhubaneswar -12.
5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, **Rayagada**
6. Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

For any further clarification in the matter, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, **Rayagada** or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

By Order of Member Secretary

22/7/25

CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER

Memo No. 13733 /date 22-07-2025 /

Copy forwarded to **The Collector and District Magistrate, Rayagada** with reference to **his letter No. 331/X-101/2025 dated 11-07-2025** for information and necessary action.

CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER

Memo No. 13734 /date 22-07-2025

Copy forwarded to the Sr. Administrative Officer, SPC Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to take action to publish the notice in Newspaper **"The Times of India"** in middle pages of one issue within **25-07-2025**.

CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER

Memo No. 13735 /date 22-07-2025 /

By Speed Post / Email

Copy forwarded to Regional Officer, SPC Board, **Rayagada** with a request to ensure that the notice of public hearing should be exhibited in the office of the concerned local bodies of the area affected by the project as per Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India Circular No. L-11011/2005-I.A.I, dtd. 22.01.2008

CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER

Memo No. 13736 /date 22-07-2025 /

Copy to the **Sr. Env. Engineer (IT Cell), SPC Board, Bhubaneswar** for information and necessary action. She is requested to add the Executive Summary in English submitted by the above project in the web site of the Board before **25-07-2025.**

CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER

Memo No. 13737 /date 22-07-2025 /

Copy to the **Asst. Env. Scientist, SPC Board, Bhubaneswar** for information and necessary action. She is requested to ensure and make a note in concerned file that the executive summary in English submitted by the above project is displayed in the website of the Board as well as advertisement has been released in News Paper before **25-07-2025.**

CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER

Memo No. 13738 /date 22-07-2025 /

By Speed Post

Copy forwarded to **Sri Balakrishna Padhy, Plot No.228, Narayan Plaza, Bapuji Nagar, Bhubaneswar - 751009** for information and necessary action. she is requested to exhibit the notice of the public hearing in the office of the concerned local bodies of the area affected by the project as per Circular No. L-11011/2005-I.A.I dtd.22.01.2008 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India.

CHIEF ENV. ENGINEER