

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2016 OF THE  
PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LIMESTONE MINE FROM 2.0 MTPA TO 5.0 MTPA AT NONGTRAI  
IN EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, MEGHALAYA BY M/S LAFARGE UMIAM MINING PVT.  
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An Environmental Public Hearing in respect of the proposed Limestone Mine of M/s Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd. at Nongtraï in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. The hearing which commenced from 11:00 A.M. was presided over by Shri P. S. Dkhar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Shillong, East Khasi Hills District.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the officers and public present at the Hearing and invited Shri. S. Syiem, Asst. Environmental Engineer, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB), Shillong to give the welcome and introductory address.

Shri. S. Syiem, Asst. Environmental Engineer, welcomed the Chairman, the members of the Press, the project proponent and public who have turned up in large numbers to attend the Hearing. It is explained that the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 (14<sup>th</sup> September 2006) and subsequent amendment E.I.A. Notification No. S.O. 3067(E) Dtd 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF& CC), Govt. of India and explained that the objective of the Hearing is to solicit and record the opinions, views, comments or objections of the people residing in the adjoining areas of the Project site likely to be affected by the proposed expansion of the existing LIMESTONE MINE at Nongtraï from 2.0 MTPA to 5.0 MTPA, in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya by M/s Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd.

Further, he stated that the Environmental Public Hearing is a part of the Environmental Clearance process and that no decision on the Project will be taken during the Hearing as its role is strictly confined to recording of opinions, discussions, suggestions submitted in writing or orally so that the same can be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India. The Ministry will examine and scrutinize such views, comments, suggestions, etc. regarding the project as recorded during the hearing while processing the application for Environmental Clearance. He also emphasized that the Hearing should not be taken as a platform for any public debate. The views of the public are recorded and filmed. The proceedings are then drawn and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi for the Environmental Clearance.

In the Opening Address Shri P. S. Dkhar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District and Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing, welcomed the Public, the Local Headmen, NGOs, villagers, members of the press and representatives of M/s Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd. present at the Environmental Public Hearing. He invited those who wanted to speak to submit their names to the staff of the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board and reiterated that speakers should not repeat the views, comments, etc. presented by those who spoke ahead of them.

On invitation from the Chair, Shri Narayan Sharma, Operation Director, M/s Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd. welcomed the Chairman, Officials from the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Officials from the Police Department, the Headman, Secretary, Executive

