

Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in Deomali PEL Block (113.5 Km²) in Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh executed by M/s Oil India Limited conducted on 28/07/2015 from 1130 hours onwards at Community Hall, Deomali, District Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh.

Name of the Project.

Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in Deomali PEL Block (113.5 Km²) in Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh executed by M/s Oil India Limited.

Panel Members.

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| 1 | Shri B. Puroik
Sub-Divisional Officer/ADC, Deomali
District Tirap | Chairman |
| 2 | Shri N. Tam, IFS
Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
Naharlagun | Member Secretary |

Representatives of M/s Oil India Limited.

1. Shri S. Basumatary, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
2. Shri Rupjyoti Phukan, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
3. Shri M.P. Chaliha, PR Department, OIL, Duliajan
4. Apurv Chaturvedi, S&E Department, OIL, Duliajan
5. Dr. B.N. Sahoo, S&E Department, OIL, Duliajan
6. Dr. Deo Narayan, Cons., OIL, Duliajan
7. Shri Deenanath Saroj, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
8. Shri Bhagya Sonowal, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
9. Shri Bijoy Kumar Shyam, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
10. Shri Pradip Kumar Singh, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
11. Shri Ranjit Hazarika, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
12. Shri Amitabh Goswami, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
13. Shri M.R. Deori, Security Department, OIL, Duliajan
14. Shri Pradip Kumar Das, CS, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
15. Shri G.N. Biswas, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan

Speakers from the Project Affected Villages are as follows.

1. Sri Wanglang Rajkumar, Acting Chief, Namsang
2. Sri Khenwang Lowang, Gaon Bura, Namsang
3. Mrs. Phenyang Lowang, Namsang


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4. Shri Wangpha Lowang, Former Minister & Former M.P.
5. Shri Arun Namati, Public Leader, Deomali
6. Shri C. Hondik, Former Minister
7. Shri Wangki Lowang, MLA, Deomali
8. Shri Japon Lowang, Sipini village
9. Shri L. Wangham, Public Leader, Borduria village
10. Shri Wangren Lowang, Anchal Samiti Member, Borduria village
11. Shri Windong Sawin, Zilla Parishad Member, Deomali
12. Shri Wanglin Lowangdong, Minister (Social Justice, Women/Child Development, Parliamentary Affairs and DoTCL)

An Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in Deomali PEL Block (113.5 Km²) in Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh to be executed by M/s Oil India Limited was conducted on 28/07/2015 from 1130 AM onwards at the Community Hall, Deomali in Tirap district, Arunachal Pradesh. The entire Public Hearing proceeding was presided over by Shri B. Puroik, SDO, Deomali, Tirap District-cum- Chairman of the Public Hearing. In all 210 (Two hundred and ten) people attended the Public Hearing. The attendance sheet is enclosed as Annexure – A.

Address by the Member Secretary, APSPCB.

At the outset, Shri N. Tam, IFS, Member Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Naharlagun while welcoming the Project Affected Families (PAFs) / Public elaborated the provisions of the EIA Notification dated 14th September' 2006 and subsequent amendments issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India, pertaining to Environmental Clearance for developmental projects and requirements of Environmental Public Hearing thereof. He stated that Environmental Public Hearing was being conducted as per the provisions of the said notification. Member Secretary further explained that the objectives of the Environmental Public Hearing is to solicit and record the opinions, views, comments or objections of the people residing at and in the adjoining areas of project sites likely to be affected by the commencement of the proposed Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration project. Adding on he further informed that Environmental Public Hearing is a part of the Environmental Clearance process and that no decision on project clearance can be taken during the hearing as its sole role is strictly confined to recording of opinions, discussions, suggestions submitted in writing or orally so that the same can be submitted to the MoEF& CC, Govt. of India. The Ministry will examine and scrutinize such views, comments, suggestions by project affected people while processing the application for grant of Environment Clearance. He welcomed all the project affected people to participate in the hearing actively and express their views and suggestions about the proposed project if any.

Power Point Presentation on the proposed project by Project Proponent.


Shri Rupjyoti Phukan, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan presented the project background & status and the salient features of the Project with the help of power point. He explained the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) methodology, baseline status, assessment of impacts and Environmental Management Plans (EMP). The EIA and EMP studies are prepared by SENES Consultants India Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation No. – NABET/EIA/1013/43) as per Terms of Reference (ToR) issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests (I.A. Division), New Delhi dated 14th August, 2013.

Open House Discussion.

After the presentation, the Project Affected Families (PAFs) from Project Affected Villages (PAVs) were given time to give their views / suggestions / objections / queries / words of appreciation regarding the proposed project.

Accordingly, the views / suggestions / objections / queries / words of appreciation expressed by the project affected people are as follows.

1. Sri Wanglang Rajkumar, Acting Chief, Namsang
 - We desire holistic development from this project.
 - Provide employment provisions for skilled and unskilled youths of the area.
 - OIL must take proper safety measures to tackle situations like hazardous oil spills when the project starts commissioning.
 - Welcome the project on behalf of all people.
2. Sri Khenwang Lowang, Gaon Bura, Namsang
 - On behalf of the people of Namsang I am happy that oil has been detected in our area.
 - We have cooperated with OIL during the survey of this project and are ready to cooperate in the future also.
 - We look forward to this project in hope that it is beneficial to the area.
3. Mrs. Phenyang Lowang, Namsang
 - One of the oil wells in Namsang village is at my father's land. Therefore, if any progress/activity is to happen in that land then I may be made known or informed by OIL.
 - We are going to part with our land forever therefore, appropriate compensation must be given.
4. Shri Wangpha Lowang, Former Minister & Former M.P.
 - People have great expectation and hope that they will benefit from this project.


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- OIL has to take care that during the commissioning of the project the nearby people are not affected due to oil spills and water pollution.
 - People of the area welcome the project.
5. Shri Arun Namati, Public Leader, Deomali
- The Article 371 A wherein the owner of the land has the right to whatever is beneath the earth therefore, our people being the owner of the land has to be clear on what cost the oil should be given to the company.
 - If and when oil is found in these areas then OIL has to be transparent on the quantity of oil generated.
 - Separate Namsang Area Development Fund may be proposed to avail the benefits of the project.
 - Wherever oil is found the people of that area must avail the employment benefits.
 - Locals of the project area must be given opportunity for transportation of oil. This will help in generating employment and develop socio-economic status as well.
 - If the project continues in the future then the waste it generates must not affect the water and the environment.
6. Shri C. Hondik, Former Minister
- The people of Namsang and Borduria had given NOC to OIL for survey of this project.
 - The power point presentation on the proposed project shows provision for casual labour only. Therefore, it is demanded that Officers post for project affected area must also be included in the report.
 - The tribal people are totally dependent on forest products for livelihood. Therefore, when these forests are used for exploration/drilling then the affected people must be adequately compensated.
 - Request OIL that direct benefit of the project must go the Project Affected Villages.
7. Shri Wangki Lowang, MLA, Deomali
- This is a process of development and I welcome the project.
 - OIL must clarify whether they did get oil or not during the preliminary survey.
 - The benefit of development from the project must reach to all the people.
 - Poverty, illiteracy and unemployment are the problems faced by the people of the area. Therefore, if OIL doesn't implement Corporate Social Responsibility responsibly then whom do I approach for redressal?

