

**Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 19/9/2024 at 10.30 am onwards
at Bicholim Gymkhana, Hirabai Zantye Memorial Hall, Near Santadurga High School,
Bicholim Goa 403504.**



In respect of:

**As per Environmental Impact Assessment 2006 Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block
with area of 72.055 Ha located at Pirna and Thivim of Bardez Taluka, North Goa District
for the production of 0.33 MTPA of Iron Ore By M/s. Kai International Pvt. Ltd.”**

This Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) is conducted as per the revised EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006 (as amended) issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Shri. Mahadev Araundekar, Add. Collector I, North Goa and Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Member Secretary of the Goa State Pollution Control Board presided over the hearing.

The hearing commenced at 10.30.A.M. so as to enable the public present to complete formalities of registration as speakers.

At the outset, the Add. Collector I, North, welcomed the public present for the Public Hearing and explained the procedure to be followed during the Environmental Public Hearing.

The public present was requested to express their views/objections/suggestions if any, after the Project Proponent gave its presentation on the proposed project.

It was informed that the views/objections/suggestions made by the public during the hearing would be recorded and forwarded to the Concerned Authority for processing and requisite action on application regarding environmental clearance for the proposed project.

With regard to the Publicity of the Environmental Public Hearing, the Presiding Officer informed that the GSPCB has issued public notices in the newspapers namely; The Goan (English), Tarun Bharat (Marathi), Bhangar Bhuim (Konkani), The Free Press Journal, Mumbai (English) informing the general public regarding the date, time, venue, submissions of objections, suggestions, views, placement of EIA reports for reference, etc. The GSPCB has also issued advertisements on local Television/radio channels continuously for 3 days informing general public of the Public Hearing. The local Authorities such as Village Panchayats and Municipalities were requested to give wide publicity of the Public Hearing within their Jurisdiction. Poster/banners were pasted at prominent places and Public were informed through public address system. Thus, enough publicity was given.

The Representatives of the Project Proponent have thereafter made a Power Point presentation concerning the project by explaining the contents thereof in Konkani.

The Add. Collector I thereafter invited the public present at the Public Hearing to come forward and submit their views on the project.

The Add. Collector I requested the speakers to try to restrict their submissions to 10 minutes each. He stated that speakers will be called upon to speak sequence wise.

Accordingly, the following individuals have submitted views/ objections/ suggestions, which are indicated as under.

1.	SIDDHESH PADMANATH PARAB He states that he is resident of Bicholim, Gaonkar Wada. He states that the locals should be given first preference in jobs and truck owners should get business. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd.
2.	ATMARAM MOHAN TILVE He states that he fully supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.
3.	SHRIKANT GOPAL DHARGALKAR, BICHOLIM He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block and the same should be started as soon as possible.
4.	JAGDISH S. ARONDEKAR He states that he is resident of Bicholim Goa. He states that mining should start as soon as possible. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd.
5.	MAYUR RATNAKAR KALANGUTKAR He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block. He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible. He states that the project proponent has to provide bus facilities for the school children. EC should be granted and development has to be done in the villages as for 12 years no development has taken place
6.	ARJUN YESHWANT GAONKAR, He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block and the same should be started as soon as possible. Environmental Clearance should be granted.



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7.	<p>SANDESH LAXIMAN KERKAR</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Adwalpal, Bicholim Goa. He states that he is in supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that NOC should be given to them as soon as possible and mining should resume.</p>
8.	<p>GAURESH BABLO NAIK</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Adwalpal.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p> <p>He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible</p>
9.	<p>NANDAN LAXIMAN PARAB,</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block and the same should be started as soon as possible.</p> <p>He mentioned that Adwalpal School which is mentioned as closed in the EIA report is operational and the same should be corrected.</p>
10.	<p>YESHWANT NAIK</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Adwalpal Village Goa. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that mining was shut for 12 to 13 years and people are suffering due to same. He states that mining in other areas have already started. He states that EC should be granted to them as soon as possible.</p>
11.	<p>NARAYAN RAMAKANT SALGAONKAR</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Adwalpal.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p> <p>He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible</p> <p>He states that a lot of development was done by the earlier mine owner Shri. Anil Salgaoncar. He expects the same development work and educational facilities will be continued by this Project Proponent. He states that the youth should be given employment due to the operation of the same.</p>
12.	<p>GURUDAS HARICHANDRA SWANT</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He requested that the difficulties faced by the villagers of Keri should be considered and resolved.</p>



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13.	VITTHAL THANEKAR He states that he is resident of Adwalpal Village Goa. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that this mine should start as soon as possible as it will provide employment and business opportunities to the villagers. He states that EC should be granted to them as soon as possible.
14.	TUSHAR KAUTHANKAR He states that he is a resident of Adwalpal. He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.
15.	SHASHANT D. GOSAVI He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He requested to start the mine as soon as possible so that the villagers get employment and other services.
16.	DINESH MAHADEV DIVEKAR He states that he is resident of Adwalpal Village Goa. He states that for last 12 years mining was shut and the same should start as soon as possible and employment should be provided to locals first. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd.
17.	PANDU KUNDAIKAR- ABSENT
18.	VIJAY NAVNATH GOSAVI, MAYEM He requested the Goa State Pollution Control Board should start the mine as soon as possible and grant EC to the mine. He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He also requested GSPCB to grant ECs to all the other mines in Goa and full fledged mining should be started.
19.	VITHAL V. GOSAVI He states that he is resident of Adwalpal Village Goa. He states that he is a driver in profession. He states that all driver brothers should get benefit from the same. He states that all Goa mining should be started. He states that Government and Companies should support drivers. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd.

20.	<p>DEEPAK BABU GAONKAR</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Bicholim.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block. He states that it will general business opportunities for the local people in the villages.</p>
21.	<p>SHAMBA SAKARAM SAWANT, KEL PIRNA</p> <p>He stated that there are houses, lakes, in the close vicinity of the mine, He stated that after the grant of EC the villages have to fight for their rights with the project proponent. He stated that there is a well within 50 meters distance from the mine. He requested that the same should be protected. He stated that there are houses, schools, temples within close proximity of the mine and the same should be protected after the mining operations are commenced. He requested GSPCB to conduct a site inspection to study the impact of the mines on the villages and environment. He requested that the water bodies should be protected. He stated that the villagers should be given employment He states that only if the Project Proponent assures that the villages will benefit than only the mine should be granted permission.</p>
22.	<p>SAIRAJ R. KARBOTKAR</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Adwalpal Village Goa. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that EC should be granted to the Company as soon as possible.</p>
23.	<p>DATTA B. GAONKAR</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Mayem.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p> <p>He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible</p> <p>The Locals and truck owners should be given first preference for employment.</p> <p>And it has to be seen that mining activities should not harm the health of the people of the villages.</p>
24.	<p>SHRIKANT JAIRAM GAONKAR, ADWAPALE</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He also stated that the mine should be started as soon as possible.</p>
25.	<p>SAGAR MADHUKAR LADE</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Mulgao Bicholim Goa. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that mining should resume as soon as possible.</p>

26.	<p>ANAND T. KHOLKAR</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p> <p>He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible Grant EC to the unit as soon as possible.</p>
27.	<p>AMIT POKALE</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He also stated that the mine should be started as soon as possible. So that the villagers get employment and other facilities.</p>
28.	<p>NIKHIL NITIN KAMAT</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Mapusa Goa. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that mining should resume as soon as possible and direct/indirect employment should be provided to the locals.</p>
29.	<p>KRISHNANATH MANOHAR KARBOTKAR</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Chorna.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block. He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible. There was a lot of unemployment. Provide direct and indirect employment for the villagers. The Locals and truck owners should be given first preference for employment. Washing centers will get business. Grant EC to the unit as soon as possible.</p>
30.	<p>HENRIQUE FERNANDES, ALDONA</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block.</p>
31.	<p>SATYWAN A. GAONKAR</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Mayem- Vaguinim Goa. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that village brothers should get employment.</p>
32.	<p>AMAR S. PATIL, BICHOLIM</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Bicholim.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p> <p>He request the Project Proponent that all the problems of the people will be considered . a lot of Development will be done in the villagers through sustainable development. He hopes that the project proponent will provide good facilites to</p>

	<p>the villagers and</p> <p>He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible</p> <p>Grant EC to the unit as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Locals and truck owners, drivers, cleaners should be given first preference for employment.</p> <p>The people have suffered a lot when the mines had closed down. Hence by starting the mines the people will have relief. He states that there will be opposers but he hopes that the Project Proponent will solve all the problems of the Opposes.</p>
33.	<p>CHANDRASHEKHAR VISHNU PALNI, BICHOLIM</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He also stated that the mine should be started as soon as possible.</p>
34.	<p>RAJAN GAONKAR</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Ussap Latambarcem, Bicholim Goa. He states that he supports Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd.</p>
35.	<p>PRANAY GAJANAN JADHAV , MAPUSA</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Mapusa.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p>
36.	<p>VIRAJ GADEKAR, SIRSAIM-ABSENT</p>
37.	<p>MUKESH MAHADEV SAWANT, PIRNA</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Kel Pirna Goa. He states that last 12 years mining has been shut and hence EC should be granted to the Company and mining should resume as soon as possible. He states that he is in support of Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd.</p>
38.	<p>GOKULDAS SHANTARAM KHADOLKAR, SIRSAIM</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Sirsai.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p> <p>He states that they were waiting for 12 years for the start of the mine. He hoped to drive the truck but now he has to bring other people to drive the trucks.</p> <p>He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible</p>

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39.	CHANDRA VISHWANATH GAONKAR, SIRIGAO He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He also stated that the mine should be started as soon as possible.
40.	VIKAS SHIRODKAR, MULGAO He states that he is resident of Mulgao Goa. He states that he support of Block-VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd
41.	PRAVIN SAWANT, PIRNA He states that he is a resident of Kel, Pirna. He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block. The financial condition of the villagers will become strong by starting the operation of the mine as the villagers have already suffered a lot during the closure of the mine since last 12 years.
42.	TUSHAR FALARI, NANODA He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block and Environmental Clearance should be granted as soon as possible. He stated that for the last 12 years the locals have suffered losses. He stated that mining is a business that supports locals. He requested that all the mines should be granted EC's as soon as possible. He requested that locals should be given first preference while granted employment.
43.	BHOLANATH GAJANAN GOSAVI, BICHOLIM He states that he is resident of Bicholim Goa. He states that he support of Block-VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that EC should be granted to the Company as soon as possible and job opportunities should be created directly/indirectly.
44.	JOSE D'SOUZA, ADVALPAL He questioned whether the M/s. Sesa Goa has purchased the land and if so show the documents He states that Sy. No. 22 is changed. He states that he has the Portuguese documents of the plot and an inquiry has to be done in the matter. The field have been destroyed, the plots are filled with a lot of mud and the coconut plantation is destroyed. He states that he opposes the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.

45.	<p>SANDEEP TANAVDE, KEL, PIRNA</p> <p>He stated that he is Sarpanch of Pirna. He agrees with the submissions made by Shamba Sakaram Sawant. He stated that mining activities should commence considering the protection of the villages and the environment. He requested that job opportunities should be given to villagers of Pirna.</p>
46.	<p>SUDIN VASANT NAYAK, BICHOLIM</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block.</p> <p>He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible</p>
47.	<p>SUJAY ANANT TELI, BICHOLIM</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Bicholim Goa. He states that he support of Block-VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He stated that job opportunities should be provided to the truck owners. He states that market economy will increase due to mining resumption.</p>
48.	<p>ANIKET M. TARI, MAYEM</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block.</p>
49.	<p>VIVEK VINAYAK KUDASKAR, MAYEM, BICHOLIM</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Mayem, Bicholim. He states that he support of Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd.</p>
50.	<p>SURAJ HANUMANT VALVAIKAR, BICHOLIM</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Bicholim.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block. He states that he received financial aid for his studies. The education system was effected due to the closure of the mining operations for 12 years. The income of the villagers has been affected due to the closure of the mining operation.</p>
51.	<p>DINESH K. DEVIDAS, BICHOLIM</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He urged the Government to grant EC to the Project Proponent which will create job opportunities to mining engineers like him.</p>

52.	<p>DHARMANAND ECNATH PEDNEKAR, SIOLIM</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Siolim Goa. He states that he is in support of Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that mining should resume as soon as possible and employment opportunities should be created.</p>
53.	<p>UMAKANT GAJANAN KUDNEKAR, SIRSAIM</p> <p>He thanked the GSPCB and the People on the dais to have the Public hearing, The people have faced a lot of problems during the closure of the mines for 12 years as the education, employment opportunities for the youth, and the businesses of the truck owners have been affected. Hence he requests to start the mining operations. He requested to solve the problems of the villagers getting affected due to mining operations, and the temples, schools and other educational institutions have to be taken into account and developed by the Project proponent and it has to be seen that higher education has to be provided for the benefit of the locals. The mineral funds has not been shown for what it is been used as it is very important to show that in the EIA. The Dust pollutions and the other health issues have to be solved by the project proponent. He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block. He states that the mining operation should start operations as soon as possible. He requests to Grant EC to the unit as soon as possible. The Locals and truck owners should be given first preference for employment.</p>
54.	<p>SANTOSH GOVIND KOTAKAR,</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He stated that after 12 years due to commencement of mines there will be development in the villages. The locals will benefit due to the CSR activities.</p>
55.	<p>DEELIP H. GAONKAR, ADWALPALE</p> <p>He states that he is resident of Adwalpal Goa. He states that he support of Block- VIII Thivim-Pirna Mineral Block of M/s Kai International Pvt. Ltd. He states that mining should resume as soon as possible.</p>
56.	<p>NARENDRA GAWAS</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Latambarcem.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the mining Block -VIII Thivim – Pirna Mineral Block. He states that the Project Proponent has to see for the sustainable development of the villages. He requests the Goa State Pollution Control Board to Monitor the operations of the mineral Block.</p>

57.	<p>SANJAY EKNATH MANDREKAR</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the operation of Block VIII- Thivim Pirna, Mineral Block. He also stated that the mine should be started as soon as possible. So that the villagers get employment and other facilities.</p>
58.	<p>CHARLES, PIRNA</p> <p>He states that he is from Pirna Village.</p> <p>He states that there is a Church of St. Francis Xavier which is not mentioned in the EIA Report. He states that there are Springs within 50 meters that is also not mentioned in the EIA Report. He states that there are no hospitals in the Pirna Village. He states that the air flow is from west to east side and at the east side there are residential houses and how the dust will be controlled? He states that there is a leopard in the area and the same is not mentioned in the EIA Report. He states that does the owner of the Survey no. 161/0 of Pirna Village is aware of the same.</p> <p>He states that there is a 220 KV feeder line which is feeding Thivim station. He states that from which side the same will be diverted. He states that the same is not mentioned in the EIA Report. He states that there is a road Pirna Cansa Road- which is going through the mineral block. He states that the New route of the same is not shown in the EIA Report. He stated that how the Buffer Zone will be barricaded?</p> <p>He stated that there is a Government Primary School within 50 meters vicinity which is not mentioned in the EIA Report.</p> <p>He states that GSPCB should visit the site once mining is resumed in this mine once a month so that no fights get created in the village due to mining. He stated that all activities are conducted legally.</p>
59.	<p>KUNAL SHINDOLKAR</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Pirna.</p> <p>He states that considering all the above points mentioned by the villagers in the hearing , additionally he states that the wells, ponds and the springs have to be monitored and the water should not be contaminated and the water table has to be maintained and monitored.</p> <p>He submitted written submission objecting for mining to be started in Pirna by Kai International.</p>

Add. Collector I North requested the people present that if they so desire they may file their written objection/suggestion/views within 2 days from today to the GSPCB. The same will be part of the hearing and accordingly it would be forwarded to the concerned Regulatory Authority.

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The recorded minutes were accordingly read out/explained to the public in Konkani and subsequently after receiving suggestions and as agreed were signed by Shri. Mahadev Araundekar, Add. Collector I, North Goa and Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Member Secretary of Goa State Pollution Control Board

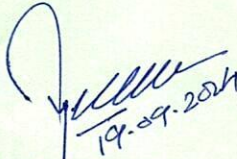
A total of 107 numbers of persons present for the public hearing and have signed the enclosed attendance sheet.

A total of 1329 written submissions received supporting the mine

1 written objection has been received.

The hearing ended at 2.00 p.m.

On this 19th day of September, 2024.


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Shri. Mahadev Araundekar,
Add. Collector I, North Goa



Dr. Shamila Monteiro,
Member Secretary
Goa State Pollution Control Board

