

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 16/10/2024 at 10.00 am onwards
at Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav Mandal Hall, Sanvordem.



In respect of:

As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, with respect to Wet Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited) for Enhancement of Iron Ore Wet Beneficiation Plant from 0.64 Million TPA (0.914 Million TPA throughput) to 0.674 Million TPA (1.0 Million TPA Throughput) through Modernization located at survey no.9/1 (Part) and 10/1 (Part) of Santona Village, Sanguem Taluka, South Goa District Goa.”

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. Milindra Ganesh Velip, Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officer, Sanguem Goa and Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Member Secretary of the Goa State Pollution Control Board presided over the hearing.

The hearing commenced at 10.00.A.M. so as to enable the public present to complete formalities of registration as speakers.

At the outset, the Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officer, 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.

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

The Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officer thereafter invited the public present at the Public Hearing to come forward and submit their views on the project.

The Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officer requested the speakers to try to restrict their submissions to maximum 5 minutes each and beyond 5 minutes a written submission would be taken. 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.

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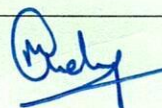
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1.	<p>SAMEER DATTA KAMAT</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Curchorem and that he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited)</p> <p>He also stated that due to this plants operation many people will be benefited with respect to employment.</p> <p>He requested to restart the surrounding mines too.</p>
2.	<p>VIRESH ANANT KUDCHODKAR</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p>
3.	<p>MOHAN PARSHURAM GAONKAR, EX-SARPANCH.</p> <p>He states that he is an ex-employee of Greater Ferromet. He stated that his Village is fully connected to mine. He states that villages are dependent on mines and the same should resume as soon as possible. This will lead to the development of other villagers. He stated that for the past twelve years, families have suffered. He stated that mining should start as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>KALIDAS LAXMAN GAONKAR</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Kirlapal- Dabal and served as the ex- sarpanch of the Panchayat. He is also the current Deputy Sarpanch.</p> <p>He stated that he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p> <p>He states that if the plant is started then it will generate employment.</p> <p>He also expressed worries about the trucks, which have rusted.</p>
5.	<p>NILESH H. VELIP</p> <p>He states that he was the President of the Workers Union in the unit previously. He states that he is an ex- employee and he requests to pay all the previous dues to the ex- employees. He requests to take note that on page 32 of the EIA report permanent workers are stated to be 71 and contract workers are stated to be 30 among which contract workers are made to work 365 days which amounts to perennial labour. He states that under the Law perennial labour has to be carried out by permanent employees and not contract employees. He requests to take into account the grievances of the previous workers. He states that on page 102 of the EIA report it is mentioned there is no pending litigation; however, he states that there is a pending litigation between the Labour and the Company which is not mentioned in the EIA report. Further he states that former 219 workers and trucks earlier used by the Company should be considered when commencing the operation of the unit.</p>

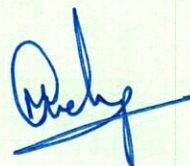
	<p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He requests to start the unit as soon as possible.</p>
6.	<p>DR. VIVEK MONTEIRO</p> <p>He greeted the stakeholders. He states that there is some brief submission that has to be made. He states that the project is for restarting an existing plant. He stated that in the year 2012 , 220 workers working in the plant. And as on date 180 are employed. He states that draft EIA erroneously states at page 47 that there is no pending litigations in the project. He states that under the Law perennial labour has to be carried out by permanent employees and not contract employees. He requests to take into account the grievances of the previous workers. He states that on pg 102 of the EIA report it is mentioned there is no pending litigation; however he states that there is a pending litigation between the Labour and the Company which is not mentioned in the EIA report. He states that the draft EIA should be amended. He states that he wants to place on record that Regular workers should be employed by the unit. He wants to highlight two points. Earlier employed workers are trained in Safety Environment Maintenance as such these workers must be given preference for re employment. He refers to Page 357 of draft EIA Report and states that EVITA depends on price of ore.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He requests to start the unit as soon as possible.</p>
7.	<p>NILESH D. NAIK</p> <p>He stated that he is a resident of Karmanem</p> <p>He is the president of Goa Mines Workers Union.</p> <p>He stated that his house situated at 500 mts away from the plant.</p> <p>He stated that 219 workers had been employed at the 30 year old unit and that they are happy about resuming the mining.</p> <p>He said it is a good initiative to begin the mining as the trucks are rusted, and trucks owners should get the benefit.</p> <p>He also said check on pollution by the unit should be kept.</p> <p>He stated that the previous workers should be given employment.</p>
8.	<p>UDAY S. GAONKAR – Kirlapal</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He states that when the operations of mines had shut down it caused a lot of problems to residents such as people were unemployed and trucks were unused. Hence the</p>

	<p>operation of this plant will provide a lot of employment and business to the people of the villages.</p> <p>He states the people of the villages will get direct and indirect employment. The local shops will also get business.</p>
9.	<p>BALAJI GAWAS, SARPANCH</p> <p>He states that mining should be systematically started. He states that 6 tyre trucks have to be considered for use in the plant and not 10 tyre. He states that previous workers must be given employment. He stated that 100 % of CSR funds should be given to the locals in the villages. He states that Environment will be protected by the villagers. He stated that he has no objection to the plant being started legally. Environment over the years was well protected. He states that 10 tyred trucks must not be given access to the plant.</p>
10.	<p>BHANU A. NAIK</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident Capxem.</p> <p>He stated that he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p> <p>and that they are quiet happy about it .</p> <p>He said that this is the first Public Hearing , and many such Public Hearing should take place and rest of the mines should be started.</p>
	<p>SATISH L. DESSAI, SANGUEM</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p>
12.	<p>SUSHANT B. DESSAI</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant.</p>
13.	<p>BHANUDAS GAONKAR</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Karmane and that he support the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited</p>
14.	<p>SANJAY G. NAIK (EX – SARPANCH SANVORDEM)</p> <p>He states that when the operations of mines had shut down it caused a lot of problems to residents such as people were unemployed and trucks were unused. Hence the operation of this plant will provide a lot of employment and business to the people of the villages. He states that all the trucks are rusted and all people are unemployed.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p>

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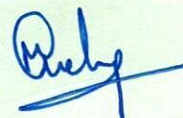
15.	UMESH D. NAIK He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant.
16.	JAVED ALI JAMADAR He stated that he is the resident of Costi and that he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited)
17.	SARVESH R. KHARBE He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).
18.	VIRAJ MANJAREKAR He states that he is a resident of Sanvordem and he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant.
19.	NITESH C. NAIK He expressed excitement over mining resumption. He explained the woes of people who bore closure of mines for 12 years He said that he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited).
20.	PRIYA KHANDEPARKAR (SARPANCH – SACORDA) He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).
21.	SUKHANTI S. GAONKAR, Ex-Sarpanch. She states that she is happy that the plant is restarting. For the past 12 years the villagers have suffered e. g. trucks owners, drivers, shopkeepers etc. she supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant.
22.	DAMODAR S. BHANDEKAR He stated that he is Sarpanch Kirlapal Dabal. He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He stated that people faced great difficulty due to mining closing He said the mining should be resumed at the earliest. He said his friend Balaji could be considered. He also said that he will submit his other views in a written manner.



23.	MADHU L. GAONKAR - KIRLAPAL He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He states the people of the villages will get direct and indirect employment. He states that the company will also provide educational facilities and result in development of the village.
24.	GURUDAS N. BAGKAR He states that he fully supports the plant. He states that the work should start systematically and must not stop in between. He states that the local problems must be addressed and the youth must be given employment.
25.	GOKULDAS KASHINATH NAIK He stated he is Panch Member He said that many people passed away with the hope that mining will resume. He stated, he is aware of the troubles faced by people. He stated that he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited).
26.	ULHAS S. NAIK He states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot because of the shutdown of the mining units for the last 13 years. The people faced a lot of problems. Hence he requested to start the operation of this project as soon as possible. He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).
27.	SHANKAR VIRDIKAR He states that he has no objection in the Wet Beneficiation Plant.
28.	SHIRILN C. DESA - ABSENT
29.	SUSHANT GAONKAR He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).
30.	NITESH P. BHANDARI He requested Goa State Pollution Control Board to give permission to the plant. He states that due to un-employment, the youth facing problem to get marriage proposals. He states that permission to be given as soon as possible.

31.	VALLABH DALVI He stated that he is President of the Sesa Goa truck owner association. He stated that the local area is in the mining belt and that mining has to be resumed. He said only vehicles of 10 tyre capacity should ply on the road and that it should not be extended to 25 ton. He stated that the previous workers should be given employment.
32.	VINAYAK GAWAS- ABSENT
33.	SHAILESH VIRDIKAR He states that he fully supports the plant. He states that previous workers should be given preference.
34.	KALPESH GAONKAR He stated that he is Ex- Panch of Kilbhat Panchayat. He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited. He said that the truck proposed for mining work should be only of 6 tyres and that trucks of 10 tyres should not be hired.
35.	VITHOBA GAONKAR He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He requests to take into account the grievances of the previous workers and employ the ex-employees. He requests to take into account the environmental aspects of the villages and start the operation of the unit.
36.	SANTOSH GAONKAR He states that he has been residing in Bandoli Village for the last 50 years. He states that when the mining stops village face problems with water. He states that he has no objection, however sustainable mining is to incorporated.
37.	SHASHIKANT NAIK He stated that he is truck owner and Panch member . He stated his support to the Project. He said when he was the Sarpanch , the standard of living was high due to operation of mining . He said that since the closing of mining , every local shop keeper and truck owner have faced the brunt. He stated that the locals should be employed.
38.	PRITESH S. NAIK – KIRLAPAL

	<p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He states that preciously a lot of his friends were employed in this unit and then this unit was shut down all of them and other villagers were unemployed. Hence he requests to start the operation of this project as soon as possible.</p>
39.	<p>VISHWAS FADKE</p> <p>He is a resident of Bandoli village. He states that he fully supports the plant. He states that last 12 years the business activities have stopped.</p>
40.	<p>NARAYAN J. NAIK - ABSENT</p>
41.	<p>KRISHNA H. SHIRODKAR - ABSENT</p>
42.	<p>DEEPAK SHASHI SAWANT</p> <p>He stated that he is a truck owner. He requested that the local youth to be given first preference for jobs at the unit.</p>
43.	<p>ANKUSH KUSTO SAWANT DESSAI</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the plant. He states that the truck owners and the locals must be given preference for employment at the unit. He said over the years people have suffered due to the closure of the mining activities.</p>
44.	<p>NIWAS HARICHANDRA NAIK</p> <p>He requested to take into account the grievances of the previous workers. He requests to provide employment to all the 219 ex employees at the unit and provide all the loca shops business.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He states that when this unit will start there will be benefits to Educational facilities, and also the machinery owners will benefit. He pleads to the Government to start the project as soon as possible as the villagers will benefit from the same.</p>
45.	<p>DEVIDAS NAIK</p> <p>He states that he fully supports the plant. Employment should be given to the existing workers.</p>
46.	<p>MAHADEV DESSAI</p> <p>He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited.</p> <p>He expressed difficulties due to mine closing.</p> <p>He also said the affected people had to go the extent of selling jewellery and property.</p> <p>He also said he is happy about mine resuming.</p>



47.	<p>CHAMAAYI NAIK, SANVORDEM SARPANCH</p> <p>She states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot because of the shutdown of the mining units for the last 12 years . The people faced a lot of problems. She requests to do sustainable practices.</p> <p>She states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). The truck owners had to put up the trucks for scrap and had to sell the trucks for a minimal amount. The shops were closed. She requests to provide employment to the truck owners and provide business to the shops.</p>
48.	<p>UNNATI M. VADAR, SANVORDEM PANCH.</p> <p>She states that she fully supports the plant. She agrees to the submissions made by the Chamaayi Naik, sanvordem sarpanch</p>
49.	<p>SHEKAR PATIL</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Bandoli, 500 mtrs away from the plant.</p> <p>He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p> <p>He stated that they lack behind by 20 years due to closing of mining.</p>
50.	<p>NARENDRA GAONKAR (SARPANCH) – Kale Panchayat</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot because of the shutdown of the mining units for the last 13 years . The people faced a lot of problems. He requests to provide employment to all the 219 ex employees and provide all the shops business. He requests the Project proponent to provide employment to the locals and the local truck owners previously employed and especially villagers of the Kale panchayat be given employment. He states that the plant feeding tripper trucks must be only 6 wheeler trucks. He requests that 50 to 60 trucks in the Kale village must be engaged during the operation of the plant.</p>
51.	<p>BALU RAKDO, PANCH MEMBER OF KALAY PANCHAYAT</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant. He states that the existing workers to be given employment. He said over the years people have suffered due to the closure of the mining activities.</p>

52.	<p>VILAS BICHOLKAR</p> <p>He stated that he is resident of Kalay and a Panch Member</p> <p>He expressed happiness over the plant public hearing with respect to the plant.</p> <p>He said earlier employees should be absorbed by the Project Proponent.</p> <p>He said that the owner of the mine had helped villagers in many way by providing transport to the villagers and especially students.</p> <p>He stated that stopping of mining has affected the travel facilities in the area.</p> <p>He also said that mines like Chowgule too should be resumed.</p>
53.	<p>GURUNATH KALANGUTHKAR- ABSENT</p>
54.	<p>GANGADHAR RAMA GAONKAR, PANCH MEMBER OF KALAY PANCHAYAT</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant.</p>
55.	<p>RAMESH METI</p> <p>He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p>
56.	<p>NITIN NAIK</p> <p>He states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot because of the shutdown of the mining units for the last 13 years. The people faced a lot of problems. Hence, he requests to start the operation of this project as soon as possible. He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p>
57.	<p>RAJENDRA PRABHUDESSAI</p> <p>He states that for the last 25 years he has been the Panch in the mining belt.</p> <p>He states that he is used to the mining dust. Further he stated that 83 vehicles are lying vacant in his village. He requested the company to support the villagers and provide facilities like security guard to the school.</p>
58.	<p>NILESH TARI, PANCH</p> <p>He stated he is the Panch.</p> <p>He said that for past 12 years people live with heavy hearted.</p> <p>He expressed helplessness of his friends due to non-operation of mines as people find difficulty to map out the day to day expenses.</p> <p>He also suggested the truck owners too face great difficulty and hence they may be given work.</p> <p>He stated that taking the above things in consideration mining be resumed.</p>

59.	<p>VAMAN GAONKAR, SARPANCH</p> <p>He states that a lot of people were dependent on the mines. He requests to start the mining projects and the environmental aspects have to be considered before the start of the mining units. He states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot due to the shutdown of the mining units. He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). This project has provided hope that the situation will improve</p>
60.	<p>SUHAS GAONKAR, PANCH OF VILLAGE PANCHAYAT MOLLEM</p> <p>He is a truck owner. He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant. He states that 10 tyred trucks must not be given access at the unit and previous workers employed at the unit should be given fresh employment.</p>
61.	<p>AMARISH SAWANT DESSAI</p> <p>He stated that he is resident of Devalmol Kallay.</p> <p>He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited)</p> <p>He said that the plant operation should begin at the earliest.</p>
62.	<p>BABURAI A. NAIK</p> <p>He states that hearing that the project is starting all the people of the villages were happy and congratulated former employees and he requests all to provide support to the project.</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p>
63.	<p>DNYANESHWAR GAONKAR</p> <p>He is a truck owner. He stated that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant. He stated that previous workers to be given employment.</p>
64.	<p>ANIKET DESSAI</p> <p>In the first place thanked the mine owner.</p> <p>He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p> <p>He said for 12 years the mining had been stopped and that it should be resumed.</p> <p>He said that trucks of six tyre should be hired and that higher capacity trucks should not be allowed at the unit.</p> <p>He stated that the previous workers should be given employment.</p>

65.	<p>JAMES H. FERNANDES</p> <p>He states that he is a truck owner. He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).</p>
66.	<p>SANDEEP PRABHU, EX-SARPANCH OF VILLAGE PANCHAYAT SANVORDEM</p> <p>He is a truck owner. He states that he is happy that mining activities is starting. He stated that for the last 12 years people dependent on mining have suffered. He requests the company to consider the problems of the previous workers. He fully supports the starting of mining. He states that 6 tryed trucks should only be considered. He is happy that mining is starting in the south.</p>
67.	<p>KAPIL NAIK</p> <p>He stated that he is resident of Mollem and Ex- Sarpanch</p> <p>He said that the mining had stopped from 2012 – 2024 and many youths were left unemployed.</p> <p>He expressed his support to the plant and that the He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited</p> <p>However he said that the workers who lost his life, his family member should get the job. He stated that the previous workers should be given employment.</p> <p>He said that all trucks from Mollem are purchased either by selling gold jewellery obtaining bank loan and that they should also get employment at the unit.</p>
68.	<p>RAJENDRA SHIRODKAR</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He states that the roads and the villages were developed by the company only and now when the company shut down no development was done. Hence he requests to start the operation of this project as soon a as possible. He states that when mining was operational locals & the villagers benefitted.</p>
69.	<p>GOVIND SHIRGAONKAR, SARPANCH OF COLLEM</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant. The workers of the village should be given employment after resolving the problems. Truck owners should be given employment. Overall employment should be generated. He stated that written submission will be submitted by him.</p>
70.	<p>BENNY AZAVEDO, PANCH MEMBER</p> <p>He stated that he is resident of Collem panch member</p> <p>He welcomed the decision of Fomento for thinking of resuming it.</p> <p>He said that other companies too should resume their operations by following all rules and regulations.</p> <p>He said the trucks of only 6 tyres should be used for mining purpose.</p>

	<p>He stated his supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited.</p> <p>He requests that all ex- workers should be employed at the plant.</p>
71.	<p>KISHOR DESSAI</p> <p>He feels pleased that the mining operations will commence. He states that the people have come out in support .</p> <p>He states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot because of the shutdown of the mining units for the last 13 years . The people faced a lot of problems. He hopes that all the mines all will be in operations as soon as possible. He warns the Project Proponent to take precautionary measures even after the start of the operation of the unit. He requests to do sustainable development and take care of the environmental aspects in the unit. He states that the Panchayat has to take precautionary measures when making letters to Government Departments. He states that if the unit defaults the activists and the people will object to the operations of the unit. Hence he requests the Project Proponent to carry out the operations of the unit in a sustainable manner. Letters that mining activity has caused environmental damage , have caused mining to stop, so he urged the local bodies to be mindful of the same when issuing further letters and also pleads to the company to follow SOPs to prevent environmental damage. He stated that the previous workers should be given employment.</p>
72.	<p>SATYAWAN RAMA GAONKAR, EX-SARPANCH KALAY</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant. He congratulated the Government of Goa for starting the process of mining in the South. He stated he has given a Memorandum the same may be considered. He said that time is not sufficient. He also stated about the Civil Petition filed before the Supreme Court by South Goa Trucks Owners Association. The 10 Tyred trucks must not be allowed. He stated that he has given a representation, the same is to be conveyed to the Chief Minister and permission should be granted to the unit.</p>
73.	<p>CAITAN FERNANDES - ABSENT</p>
74.	<p>KESHAV NAIK, CAPXEM.</p> <p>He states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot because of the shutdown of the mining units for the last 13 years. The people faced a lot of problems. The Truck owners waited for the mines to start. The truck owners have done passing of their vehicle by paying 1.5 lakhs without any income. The children of the truck owners were affected by the closure of the mines. The truck owners faced a lot of problems to pay the fees for admission purpose of the children. Hence, he requests to start the operation of this project</p>

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	as soon as possible. He requests the government to provide the necessary permission and start the operations and provide the truck owners and ex-employees employment. He states that 8 to 10 villages are dependent on the mining dependent activities and pleads that government considers the same & starts mining activities as soon as possible.
75.	SHAYM BHANDARI, He is a resident of Sanvordem. He thanked the Supreme Court giving the direction. He stated that the pollution should be properly controlled and the Government machinery must work on this. The Goa State Pollution Control Board must control pollution and protect the environment. He states that he is in full support for starting of the Project. He agreed with the demand of others that there must be no access to 10 tyred trucks as the roads have no capacity to handle the same. He states that the 219 workers earlier employed at the unit, must be given employment and the environment should be fully protected. He states that no opportunity should be given to Claude Alvares to approach the court.
76.	SHAMIRO DSOUZA- ABSENT
77.	SHASHIKANT VELIP He states that truck owners and the people and all the villagers suffered a lot because of the shutdown of the mining units for the last 13 years . The people faced a lot of problems. He states that he has kept the trucks safely for further use and how he hopes to operate the truck during the operation of the unit. Further he states that former 219 workers and trucks should be considered when commencing the operation of the unit. He states that he opposes the use of 12 wheeler or 10 wheeler trucks and pleads the company to promote the use of 6 wheeler owned by the locals. He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited).
78.	GURUDAS DESSAI SOLTENCAR- ABSENT
79.	PRADEEP TUKARAM DESSAI He stated that he is an Ex- ZP Member He said that he purchased his first truck in 1984. He further stated that since 2012 the mining had been stopped and that people are badly affected. He requested that mining dependent should be given solace by Government. He said the earlier employees should be absorbed by the Unit. He said that first preference for employment should be given to the locals.

	<p>He pointed out that money spent on education as displayed in the EIA, should be used at more needy places.</p> <p>He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited</p>
80.	<p>FAROJ R. NAIK – mining engineer</p> <p>He states that he supports the operation of the Wet Beneficiation Plant of Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociadade de Fomento Industrial Private Limited). He states the operation of the mining should be done in a legal way. He states that the mining boosts economy in the same way as tourism & fishing industry. The stoppage of the mining industry caused a lot of problems even in educational field due to the lack of funds. The mining diploma and degree holders were affected as there were no jobs due to the shutdown of the mines. The higher education facilities in the mining field have stopped. The celebrations in the villages were only name sake as the same were affected due to financial problems faced by the villages. The government had to have sustainable mining and monitoring of the mines, however the lack of the same stopped the operations of the mines. He states that the whole process of restarting mining activities is consuming a lot of time. Hence, he request the government bodies to restart the mines as soon as possible.</p>
81.	<p>LAXMAN DESSAI</p> <p>He stated that he is the Joint Secretary, South Goa Truck Owners Association. He stated that he is happy that the mining is starting. He says that he is 68 years old. His entire family worked for the mines. He stated that transportation of ore was done through his village since he was a child. He stated that he could complete his education due to mining. Since 2012, when the mining stopped the situation of the villagers worsened. He further stated that he has given his grievances to the Chief Minister. He stated that the villagers are eagerly awaiting the mining operation to start. He asked the Government to restart 4to 5 mines in the South as it would be beneficial. He further stated that people need to be compensated. He stated that various facilities such as school bus/water, should be given by the company. Trucks that are lying idle should be engaged. He also stated help should be given to him to get an appointment to meet the Prime Minister and Amit Shah. He concluded by stating that he is in full support of the Project. He stated that he is representing the truck owners, drivers, etc.</p>
82.	<p>RAVINDRA AUDIEKAR</p> <p>He stated today the Goa State Pollution Control Board has conducted the Public Hearing at devotional place of Ganpati. The Project Proponent is seeking permission for their project. People who suffered for 12 years due to mining closure.</p>

	<p>He said that he requested the Government including the Chief Minister to start mines and he has been given an assurance by the CM. But someone goes to the Court and gets Stay.</p> <p>He stated that the he supports the operation of Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Greater Ferromet (Division of Sociedade De Fomento Industrial Private Limited and that the Plant should start after following all Laws.</p>
83.	<p>SANJIT DESSAI</p> <p>He states that the tailing pond in the EIA report is not shown. He questions if the same is not a part of the Project. He states that he supports but he has certain issues that need to be highlighted. He states that there was a murder at the site of the project on 17/06/2017. There was an FIR registered but there was no action was taken in the matter. Prior there was another murder which took place of a truck driver namely Mr. Prisco Azavedo. He questions the GSPCB regarding the mechanism to control such accidents and prevent the same in the future. He stated that the previous speakers mentioned that all 219 former staff will be employed for this project, however as per the EIA Report only an addition 22 workers will be employed making it a total of 71 workers. He requested for a justification on the same.</p>
	<p>CLARIFICATION GIVEN ON THE STATEMENT GIVEN BY SANJIT DESSAI</p>
	<p>NILESH VELIP, PRESIDENT OF THE WORKERS UNION</p> <p>He stated that with regard to the statement made by Sanjit Dessai that murder of Azavedo had taken place; the word 'murder' should be expunged and only be mentioned as an 'accident'.</p>
	<p>BENNY AZAVEDO</p> <p>He states that he is the son of Prisco Azavedo. He mentioned that his father's death was an accident. It was not a criminal activity. Further the company also provided compensation.</p>

With regard to the Publicity of the Environmental Public Hearing, the GSPCB has issued public notices in the newspapers namely; Navhind (English), Tarun Bharat (Marathi), Bhangar Bhuim (Konkani), Times Day, 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.

Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officer 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.

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. Milindra Ganesh Velip, Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Officer, Sanguem Goa and Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Member Secretary of Goa State Pollution Control Board

A total of 365 numbers of persons present for the public hearing and have signed the enclosed attendance sheet.

As informed by the Goa State Pollution Control Board, a total of 1108 written submissions received in favour of the project.

1 written objection has been received.

The hearing ended at 3.30 pm

On this 16th day of October, 2024.



Shri. Milindra Ganesh Velip,
Dy. Collector and Sub Divisional Officer,
Sanguem Goa



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

