



**Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 22/01/2025 at 10.00 am onwards  
at Shubhagiri Garden and Resort at Shigao Collem Goa.**

**In respect of:**

**“As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, with respect to Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of 0.095 MTPA capacity over an extent of 6.63 HA located in Plot No.29/2, Collem Village, Dharbandora-Sanguem Taluka, South Goa by M/s. Prafulla R. Hede.”**

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. Nilesh K.Dhaigodkar, Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharbandora and Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Member Secretary of the Goa State Pollution Control Board presided over the hearing.

The hearing commenced at 10.15.A.M. At the outset, Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board welcomed the public present for the Public Hearing and the Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharbandora explained the procedure to be followed during the Environmental Public Hearing.

The public who have registered their names 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 after completion the minutes will be explained to the public which subsequently be 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), Gomantak (Marathi), Bhargar 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.

Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharbandora Goa thereafter invited the public present at the Public Hearing to come forward and submit their views on the project.

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

1.	<p><b>KUSHALI DATTA MANLEKAR, CARANZOL</b></p> <p>He is representing Dudhsagar Eco Tourism</p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Collem Village. He states he is giving two application; one on behalf of Dudhsagar Eco Tourism and one his personal. He states that he objects the iron ore beneficiation plant of M/s Prafulla R. Hede in Collem Village, Dharbandora Taluka. He read out the contents mentioned in the applications. He states that the said letter be considered as part of his statements and be attached to this proceedings.</p> <p>a) EIA and EMP contents of Iron ore project in</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Land Acquisition Details:</li> <li>2) Table 2.0 – Environmental Sensivity</li> <li>3) 2.7.1. Water requirements</li> <li>4) 3.7.3 contents shows that only 1 animals in class 1 is identified in area and that is Panther.</li> <li>5) The litigation measures suggested in 4.6 chapter Solid Waste Management is insufficient.</li> <li>6) 4.7 chapter Noise and vibration.</li> <li>7) Table 4.3 tells that eco sensitive scale range is 1 (Higher sensitive area)</li> <li>8) The mitigation measures suggested in 4.9.2 in chapter 4 is unacceptable and misguided to the people.</li> <li>9) In 4.10.1.4 the mitigation measures suggested is unacceptable and misguided. It will be opposed.</li> <li>10) 7.3.2 – Disaster Management Plan.</li> <li>11) The terms of reference for environmental impact assessment.</li> </ol>
2.	<p><b>KUSHALI DATTA MANLEKAR, CARANZOL—Spoken as above</b></p>



3.	<p><b>NILESH H. VELIP COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he is resident of Collem Village. He states that there is no mentioned of the previous employees in the Draft EIA report.</p> <p>He states that in the draft EIA report 26 plus 80 employees are mentioned which will be taken on contract basis. There are more 86 nos of employees mentioned but he needs clarification on the same. He objects to the employees employed on contract basis. In The EIA report it is mentioned that skilled, semi skilled and unskilled workers will be employed, but no mention of highly skilled employees He states that the locals suffered a lot for 12 yrs as the mines were closed and the operations of the trucks were closed. He states that there is no mention of the Trucks in the Draft EIA report.</p> <p>He states that no permission was taken from the Panchayat by the Project proponent and the locals and villagers are not taken into confidence. Hence, he requests the PP to employ the previous employees when starting the operations of the Beneficiation plant. and take the locals and other villagers into confidence before starting the mine. He stated that Goa Foundation has filed petition to court and subsequently order was passed to close all mines.</p>
	<p><b>NILESH D. NAIK, KARMALE</b></p> <p>He stated that he is the General Secretary of Goa Mines Workers Union. He stated that he is happy that mines are resuming operation. He stated that from 2012, the mine workers are jobless. He submits they won't have income unless the mines resume operation and they are given jobs. He stated that for past 12 years the earlier workers have fought cases in the courts and the same old workers should be reinstated. He stated that the retired workers should be given their benefits. The truck owners from the transportation routes areas should be given preference. He stated that the Project Proponent should take care of the environment and the surroundings.</p>
5.	<p><b>SUDESH VIRNODKAR, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he is a resident of Collem Village. He was an employer of M/s Prafulla Hede. He states that he joined in 1991 and in 2012 he was terminated. He states that no salary was given to him till date. He states that atleast 50% salary may be given to him. He states that 14 employee are not connected to the company. He states that their settlement may be done first and compulsory job may be provided to them.</p>
6.	<p><b>PRAKASH AIKAR, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he had joined the mines in 1998 but he had got his increment in 2012 and after that no increment was given to the employees. He requests The Project Proponent to regularize the previous Employees and give them first preference when the operations of beneficiation plant starts. He states that he supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R.</p>



	Hede.
7.	<p><b>ANIKET DESSAI, SHIGAO</b></p> <p>He stated that he is a Panch member of Shigao. He stated that he supports the beneficiation plant. He states that since 2012 the mines were non-operational and that the resumption of mines will bring hopes of development to the village. He stated that the Project Proponent should solve the issues by taking them into confidence. He stated that the workers from the Collem village should be given first preference. He also stated that the company should use the existing 6 wheeler trucks from the village. He stated that the Project Proponent should take care of the environment and the surroundings.</p>
8.	<p><b>NARESH K. SHIGAONKAR, SHIGAO COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he is the Chairman of Jai Vidi Samitte.</p> <p>He states that iron ore beneficiary plant</p> <p>Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) should be given the copy of EIA report and obtain their views/suggestions. Fodder security, food security, water security and bio-diversity security for future should be included in the local plan and proper financial support should be provided to B.M.C.'s.</p> <p>He stated that Bhagwan Mahavir wild life sanctuary, Rastriya Udyaan is shown as 2km away. In sy. No 29/2 plot there is Historical structure. Also field is located. People depend on the agriculture. In the EIA report Pit is shown in the field. Tailing's are shown at the corner Everything is shown as good in the report and all measures will be taken. However in reality it is not happening. In the EIA report Dudhsagar is mentioned as Stream which is highly objectionable. It is shown as 215 KLD water requirement. Water bodies will be effected, Wildlife will be effected due to water requirement.</p> <p>BMC should be given EIA plan so as to protect the environment, Forests, trees etc. He further stated that he submitted written letter. The same be considered. The letter is attached to the proceedings.</p>
9.	<p><b>DAMODAR BANDEKAR, SARPANCH KIRLAPAL</b></p> <p>He states that he is resident of Kirlapal Village. He states that he supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede. He states that the operations of the beneficiation plant has to follow all the required norms of the government and start the unit. He states that the environment has to be protected and the Air, Water pollutions has to be controlled. He states that the unit can't be 100 percent pollution free but the unit has to try and minimize the pollution so that the environment is not damaged.</p>
10.	<p><b>KALIDAS GAONKAR, DEPUTY SARPANCH, KIRLAPAL</b></p> <p>He stated that he supports the beneficiation plant. He requested that 14 workers should be reinstated. He stated that due to unemployment these workers have</p>




	<p>difficulties to fund their children education. He stated that for 12 years people are suffering. He stated that the due to non-operation of the mines, the truck are not being operated and have rusted. The owners will require lots of funds to maintain them.</p>
11.	<p><b>MOHAN GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL</b></p> <p>He states that he is the Ex. Sarpanch of Kirlapal Panchayat. He states that he supports the iron ore beneficiation plant of M/s Prafulla R. Hede in Collem Village, Dharbandora Taluka. He states that he is the employer of M/s Fomento – Cuddegal Mining Goa.</p> <p>He stated that in Goa lot of the area is identified as Eco sensitive Zone , No Development Zone, Forest area as compared to other states. He states that for last 12 years truck owners are suffering as no mining is operated and closed they cannot ply their trucks and cannot earned their livelihood</p> <p>He states that this plant should start as truck owners, people are dependent on this plant and for the development of the local village people.</p>
12.	<p><b>PRASHANT PANDU SAWANT, SHIGAO</b></p> <p>He States that he is a member of the Truck owners association. He stated He states that he supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede. He stated that after the closure of the mines the people suffered as there was no means of livelihood. He requested to start the operations of the unit as earlier as possible.</p>
13.	<p><b>MAHADEV S. SHETKAR, SAKORDA</b></p> <p>He stated he agrees with the submissions made by Nilesh D. Naik. He stated that he agrees that the locals have suffered due to closure of mines since 2012. He questioned as to whether the Project Proponent will grant employment to the locals or whether they will not fulfil their promises it appears that the project proponent are not listening to the Authorities. He requested that the Project Proponent should abide by the law and take measures for protecting the Forest/bhagwan Mahavir wild Life sanctuary, Nallahs, Rivers.</p>
14.	<p><b>SHIRISH DESSAI, DEPUTY SARPANCH, SAKORDA</b></p> <p>He states that he the Deputy Sarpanch of Sakonda Village. He welcomed everyone gathered for the Public Hearing. He stated that since closure of mining the people from Collem, Mollem and Sanvordem are suffering.</p> <p>Local workers should be given preference while giving employment and considered on humanitarian ground.</p> <p>He stated that he doubts that Rs.70000 Thousand sanctioned for CSR activity mentioned in the EIA report will be sufficient. He states that the same may be increased for the betterment of the local people. Most of the village panchayats are poor and not financially sound hence some amount form CSR funds should be given to these panchayats.</p>



15.	<p><b>PRIYA KHANDEPANKAR, SRAPANCH, SAKORDA</b></p> <p>She states that she is the Sarpanch of Sacorda village. She states that states that she supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede. She states that there are many poor people in the villages and hence this will provide employment to them.</p>
16.	<p><b>GAYATRI MAPARI, SACORDA</b></p> <p>She stated that she supports the beneficiation plant. She stated that she agrees with the submissions made by Deputy Sarpanch and the Sarpanch. She submitted that the plant should be operated taking into consideration all the submissions made above.</p>
17.	<p><b>GOVIND S. SHIRGAONKAR, SARPANCH, SHIGAO COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he the Sarpanch of Collem Shigao Village. He states that he supports the iron ore beneficiation plant of M/s Prafulla R. Hede in Collem Village, Dharbandora Taluka. He states that the local workers be considered first. He states that the waste water should not go in the fields in the surroundings. He states that the demarcation of Eco Sensitive Zone be removed as we are mining dependent people and are facing hardship in view of closure of the mines. He states that Project Proponent should consider our problems and provide benefits to all the effected people and also taken all measures to protect the environment while operating the plant. He states that this Plant should be encouraged.</p>
18.	<p><b>SHASHIKANT S. VELIP, SHIGAO</b></p> <p>He states that he is resident of Shigao village. He States that he is a member of the Truck owners association. He states that he supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede. He stated that after the closure of the mines the people suffered as there was no means of livelihood. He states that he has still kept the trucks safely so as to use for the trucks for the operations of the plant when it starts. He states that only 6 wheel trucks have to be given permission to ply on the roads. He opposes the operation of 10 wheel trucks. He request the project proponent to give first priority to the villagers for employment purpose.</p>
19.	<p><b>DEEPAK R. VELIP, SHIGAO</b></p> <p>He stated that he was not a mine worker. He was a painter and had his own garage. He stated that in 2012 the activists complained and it led to the closure of mines. He stated that the villagers had agitated so that the locals can get benefit through mines. He stated that the people of Shigao got together to stop the mines. He stated that earlier there was no control and there used to be accidents on regular basis. He stated that the people have suffered a lot over the past 12 years and the mines should resume operation as soon as possible so that mine dependent people should benefit.</p>



20.	<b>MOHAN P. GAONKAR, DABAL</b> <b>ABSENT</b>
21.	<b>S.AUDI, COLLEM</b> He states that he the resident of Collem Village. He speaks on behalf of Smt. Jyostna Bhandarkar who is owner of property located at Survey no. 37/1 however in the said property mining/beneficiation activity is being carried out by Hede without NOC of co-owner. How can authorization be given to operate the plant Objection raised by owner some compensation has to be paid but no response ESA not finalized how this activity can start.
22.	<b>GAUTAM NAIK, COLLEM</b> <b>ABSENT</b>
23.	<b>NILESH VELIP, SHIGAO- Repeat registration at serial no. 3</b>
24.	 <b>SUHAS S. GAONKAR, MOLLEM</b> He states that he is the resident of Mollem Village. He states that since 2012 after the closure of mining people has suffered. He states that previous employees should be given employment. He states that the truck owner residing in the surrounding area of the plant be given first preference. He states that 10 wheelers truck should not be hired. He states that the 6 wheeler truck should be hired first. He states that he supports the iron ore beneficiation plant of M/s Prafulla R. Hede in Collem Village, Dharbandora Taluka
25.	<b>THAKO KOKRE, MOLLEM</b> <b>ABSENT</b>
26.	<b>VAMAN GAONKAR, MOLLEM</b> He stated that due to the resumption of the mining dependent people will benefit. There will be employment. He requested that the issues should be resolved before the plant starts operation. He requested that there should be no injustice done to anyone.
27.	<b>JANI DHANEKAR, MOLLEM</b> She states that she is the Deputy Sarpanch of Mollem Village. She states that the truck owners in the Mollem Village be hired first. She states that she supports the iron ore beneficiation plant of M/s Prafulla R. Hede in Collem Village, Dharbandora Taluka.
28.	<b>PRANALI VERENKAR, MOLLEM</b> She states that she is a member of the Mollem Panchayat. She states that she is a resident of Mollem village. She states that she supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede. She states that the operation of the plant will provide employment to the truck owners. Hence she is fully in support of the operation of the plant.

29.	<b>VERNON VAZ, MOLLEM</b> He stated that he supports the beneficiation plant.
30.	<b>SHASHIKANT V. VELIP, SHIGAO</b> He states that he is social worker and farmer, since 2012 truck business has suffered. People taken loans from bank and now unable to repay, now trucks are become scrapped, for Rs. 35000/- auctioned start not feasible for truck business. He stated that earlier worker to be reinstated by hede, VM Salgaonkar , GN Agarwal , Fomento etc all stopped. Workers not be taken on contract but on company rule. Company should address issue regarding dust and water pollution and maintain speed limit on road to avoid accidents on the road and risk to people.
31.	<b>NAMDEV P. MANDODKAR, METAWADA</b> He states that he lives close to the plant. He states that he has no objection to the operation of the plant. He states that the waters flows in his field. He states that once the plant starts there will be development in the village and he requests the Project Proponent to built canals and water ways for the irrigation of the fields. Hence, he supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede.
32.	<b>RAGHOB VISHRAM GAONKAR, MOLEM</b> He is a resident of Mollem. He stated that he is a President of Collem Devasthan and treasurer of Mahadev Devasthan. He stated he supports the beneficiation plant. He stated that the transportation of ore should be done abiding by the rules and regulations and without disturbing the general public and maintain the speed limit.
33.	<b>NANDISH V.N. DESSAI, COLLEM</b> He states that that he supports the plant. The local workers of the surrounding village should be given employment. He states that many tourists come to Dudhsagar. He states that if the tourist feel they are not safe, then they may not come and they will have to suffer as they will won't get employment. He states that the truck owners should control the speed limit as many accidents occur due to rash driving. He states that the fields surroundings should be protected He states that dust pollution should be controlled in the surroundings. He states that Once again supports the workers of the village which were employed previously. He states that he supports this plant.
34.	<b>SOCORRO DA COSTA, COLLEM</b> <b>ABSENT</b>
35.	<b>ASHWINI N. NAIK DESSAI, PANCH COLLEM</b> She stated that she supports the beneficiation plant. She stated that Government Rules and Regulations should be abided by the Project Proponent. She stated that preference should be given to the local employees. She stated that the earlier



	workers should be given preference. She submitted that Dudhsagar waterfall is a world-famous tourist spot and the company should ensure that the entrance road to the village should be maintained and cleaned regularly. She stated that the indirectly mining dependent people had suffered and the operation of this plant will benefit for the people.
36.	<p><b>BENNY AZAVEDO, PANCH MEMBER OF V.P. COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he is the Panch Member of Collem Village. He states that he is the President of Truck Owners Association. He states that he is also involved in Tourism Activity. He states that he is also involved in farming. He states that since 2012 mining was stopped; the truck owners and employees are suffering. He states that the 6 wheeler trucks be hired first rather than the 10 wheeler trucks. He states that the previous 14 employees be hired first. He states that he will see that these 14 staffs are recruited first. He also stated that the fields and the environment be protected. He stated that local machinery owners should be included and provided employment.</p>
37.	<p><b>PRAKASH KHANDEPARKAR, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he is resident of Collem Village. He states that he supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede. He requested to start the operations of the unit as earlier as possible. He states that the truck owners and the people who were depended on the operation of the mines suffered. the previous employees have to be given first preference when the operations of the plant resumes. He opposes the operation of the 10 tyre truck and is in favour of the operations of the 6 tyre truck only. He states that the project proponent has to give full guarantee to the previous employees that it will employ them. He requests the PP to provide employment opportunities to the locals and the villagers. He strictly objects to the employment provided to the outsiders. He requests the Project Proponent to protect the Environment and conduct sustainable operation of the Plant.</p>
38.	<p><b>SAGAR K. GANJEKAR, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He Stated that he supports the beneficiation plant. He stated that the locals from Collem village should be given first preference and the trucks from Collem village we given first preference than to other villages.</p>
39.	<p><b>MILIND DEVIDAS, NAVAWADA</b></p> <p>He states that he is the resident of the village located close to the plant. He states that the employees of the surroundings should be given first preference. He states that the previous employees dues be settled first. He states employment may be provided to the local in the surrounding of the plant first. He states that he supports the plant of M/s Prafulla Hede.</p>
40.	<p><b>KRISHNA SHIRSODKAR, NAVAWADA</b></p> <p>He states that he lives within 100 mts from the plant. He states that he has</p>



	<p>suffered a lot due to the operation of the plant. He states that the project proponent is a liar. He states that he has not been given any monetary benefits from the operations of the plant. Hence he states that he opposes the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede.</p> <p>He further stated that he submitted written letter. The same be considered. The letter is attached to the proceedings.</p>
41.	<p><b>VINAYAK GAUNS, DHARBANDORA</b></p> <p>He is a Sarpanch of Dharbandora. He stated that He is a mine dependent but does not fully support the plant. He requested not to give NOC to the plant unless the company settles the issues with the 14 earlier workers. He stated that the Project Proponent should protect the natural resources in the village. Collem is village full of natural resources. It is Tourist spot and the same should not be affected. No 10 wheeler trucks be operated but only 6 wheeler rucks should be allowed to ply.</p>
42.	<p><b>GANGARAM LAMBOR, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he the Ex – Sarpanch of Collem Panchayat. He states that the previous workers be given first preference. He states that the 100% trucks from the surrounding village be hired first. He states that the people from Navwadda and Metawadda Village be given all the benefits first and all their issues be taken into consideration. He states that tourism activity should not be disturbed due to operation of this plant. He states that the wash water of plant should not come on the road. All the disadvantages with respect to the operation has to be controlled by project proponent. He states that 106 jobs/ employment will be given is mentioned in the report; not 100% but atleast 80% should be provided jobs and that also to people from the Collem and Mollem Village.</p>
43.	<p><b>CHINMAYI NAIK, SAVORDEM</b></p> <p>She states that she is very happy that the plant is resuming operations. However, she states that the grievances of the people who oppose the plant have to be looked into and solutions to the same have to be provided. She states that the truck owners and the locals have to be given employment opportunities and have to be given first preference. She states that the previous employees have to be given first preference when the plant resumes operations. She states that she supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede</p>
44.	<p><b>SHASHIKANT V. NAIK, SAVORDEM</b></p> <p>He stated that he is a truck owner, farmer and a Panch Member. He stated that he supports the beneficiation plant. He states that after the mines stops the people has protested and even held Dharnas in Delhi, Andolan and Morchas to resume mine operations. He stated that now the operation of mines will generate employment to the locals and to the truck owners. He stated that the truck owners were recognised as “patrao”. He stated that there are a lot of people talking about eco</p>



	<p>sensitive areas etc. and put unnecessary demands but the authorities should not blindly trust to these people. he further stated that the pit water was removed for the benefit of the people and same should be allowed.. He stated that the employees in the plant should be locals. The truck owners should be locals and also the contractors should be locals.</p>
45.	<p><b>RAMKRISHNA GAONKAR DESSAI, MOLLEM</b></p> <p>He states he is Ex. Sarpanch of VP Mollem.</p> <p>He suggested that villagers of Mollem and Collem are most affected. Market/bazaar is located half kilometre from the project and 2 school of govt and 1 private 62 to 70 student and private 200 student are located close by hence the transportation be controlled during morning and afternoon times for protecting the children.</p> <p>Dudhsagar is a tourist spot. 435 jeeps are operating and many local people are operating their Jeeps for transporting the tourist hence speed limit has to be maintained deploy Traffic police for controlling the traffic in the area</p> <p>He states that Navwadda Village be taken into consideration first as it is affected by pollution. Malikeshwar temple to be help for any work like painting.</p> <p>He states the sustainable mining should be carried out. He states that 6 wheeler trucks in the surrounding be hired first and 10 wheeler trucks may be left out.</p>
46.	<p><b>AJAY BANDEKAR, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He states that he is resident of Collem village. He states that he supports the operation of the Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of M/s. Prafulla R. Hede. He request to provide first preference to the 14 employees previously employed. He request to provide employment to the truck owners and the local villagers. He also requested the project proponent to follow all the norms laid by the government to protect the environment and to operate the plant in a sustainable manner so as to control pollution.</p>
47.	<p><b>SAHISH NAIK, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He stated that he is Panch Member of Collem. He stated that he supports the beneficiation plant. He stated that the 14 earlier workers to be reinstated and further employed, the locals should be given preference. He stated that the company should take care of the environment.</p>
48.	<p><b>VASUDEV R. DESSAI, COLLEM</b></p> <p>He requests that the Navwadda Village issues be taken into consideration first.</p> <p>He states that fields located 50 meters from the plant .</p> <p>After mine closure from 2012 the local people faced hardship</p> <p>He states that the 14 previous employees be taken back.</p> <p>He states schools and Dudhsagar tourist spot should not be affected due to the mining. 431 jeeps are plying for transporting tourist to Dudhsagar. However, the trips are uncertain.</p> <p>Earlier promises made by Hede Mine are not fulfilled and is leading to water</p>



	<p>pollution in the vicinity.</p> <p>M/s. Chowgule washing plant waste water flows in our village.</p> <p>Project should not affect the school, tourist spot and the surrounding environment.</p>
49.	<p><b>RAMDAS DEVIDAS, NAVAVADA</b></p> <p>He stated that he supports the beneficiation plant.</p>

Shri. Nilesh K.Dhaigodkar, Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharbandora 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. Nilesh K.Dhaigodkar, Deputy Collector and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharbandora, and Dr. Shamila Monteiro, Member Secretary of Goa State Pollution Control Board

A total of 119 numbers of persons present for the public hearing and have signed the enclosed attendance sheet.

A total of 11 written objections and 1 written suggestions have been received.

A total of 1 written supporting have been received

The hearing ended at 4.00 p.m.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025.

*(Signature)*

Shri. Nilesh K.Dhaigodkar, Deputy Collector and  
Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dharbandora

*(Signature)*

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





**DUDHSAGR ECO TOURISM  
CARANZOL & SONAULIM GOA**

Reg no:

From  
The President / Secretary  
Dudhsagar Eco Tourism  
Caranzol & Sonaulim Goa

Date:- 21/01/2025

To  
The member secretary  
Goa State Pollution Control Board  
Saligao, Bardez Goa

Sub: Objection to operate Iron ore plant of Mr. Prafulla Hede plot No 29/2 095  
MTPA 6.63 Hac of As per your notice no.1/25/2023- PCB/FLM/23973/  
legal/22148.

Sir,

As per above subject I am hereby raising my objection to give Environmental clearance to operate Iron ore plant of Prafulla Hede in Surey No 29/2 of Collem village of Dharbandora taluka as per the revised Environmental Assessment Notification No 1533 (E) dated 14/09/2006 as amended, issued by the ministry of Environment, forests and climate change. Government of India, and the same will be placed before the public hearing on 22/01/2025 at Shubhagiri garden and Resort shigao collem. My objection to the Iron ore plant on following grounds by considering the grounds on

1. EIA & Emp contents of Iron ore project In

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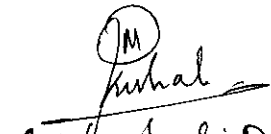


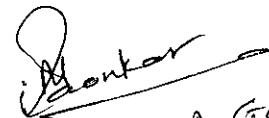
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Date:- 21/01/2025

To  
The member secretary  
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Saligao, Bardez Goa

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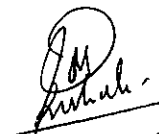
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**VILLAGE PANCHAYAT COLLEM-SIGAO,**  
**TALUKA DHARBANDORA-GOA.**

Ref.No.:VPCS/Dhar/BDMC/2024-25/07

Date:- 22/01/2025

To,

- ✓ 1. The Member Secretary,  
Goa State Pollution Control Board,  
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Saligao-Bardez-Goa – 403511.
2. The Collector & D.M.,  
Mathany Saldhana Administrative Complex,  
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**Sub:- Local Biodiversity Management Plan in regard to Iron Ore Processing Wet Beneficiation Plat at Hede Mines – Collem, Tal. Dharbandora-Goa.**

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The undersigned on behalf of Bio Diversity Management Committee attached to V.P. Collem-Sigao submits before your Office as under:-

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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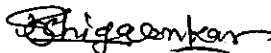


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