



**Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 22/10/2026 at 10.00 am onwards
at Shree Sateri Pisani Devasthan Kalsai, Kirlapal Dabal, Dharbandora Taluka, Kushavati
District - Goa..**

In respect of:

“As per Environmental Impact Assessment 2006 and its subsequent amendments with respect to Block - XII Codli Mineral Block, Auctioned Block Area: 377.0881 ha with Iron Ore Production 3.50 Million TPA, OB/Waste 8.21 Million TPA (Total Excavation: 11.71 Million TPA) along with Installation 04 Crusher (3 Primary Crusher of 1x 250 TPH & 2 x 90 TPH and 1 Secondary Crusher of 150 TPH) and 600 TPH Dry Processing/Screening Plant & 2 x 300 TPH Wet Beneficiation Plant with Throughput Capacity 3.50 Million TPA located at Village: Codli, Taluka: Dharbandora, District: South Goa (Goa) by M/s. JSW Steel 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. Vimod Dalal, Deputy Collector, Dharbandora, and Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Scientist 'C' of the Goa State Pollution Control Board presided over the hearing.

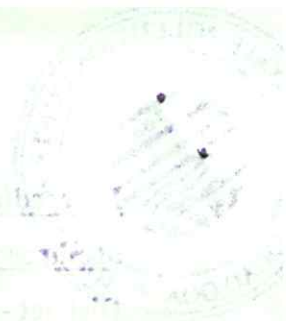
The hearing commenced at 10.00.A.M. so as to enable the public present to complete formalities of registration as speakers.

At the outset, Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Scientist 'C' of the Goa State Pollution Control Board, 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; O'Heraldo(English), Lokmat (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.



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

Dr. Mohan Girap, Scientist 'C' thereafter invited the public present at the Public Hearing to come forward and submit their views on the project.

Dr. Mohan Girap, Scientist 'C' 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.	GANESH GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL He states that he is the resident of Kirlapal. He greeted the dignitaries and the public present. As a representative he extended his support but on certain conditions as follows: Self Esteem and Employment. He said somebody has taken objection on holding Public Hearing at Sateri Devasthan. He said the venue is a part of the business activities carried out for the community. He said that due to mining closure the local were stranded without job. Now if the mining is restored, the local should be given first preference. He said the mine owner should tie up with the bank and help. He said the development should not be at the cost of ruining environment. Water bodies should not be destroyed. No dust pollution should occur. Green belt should be preserved.
2.	VILAS DESSAI, KALAY At the outset , he sought blessings from Satteri Pisani Devi. He greeted the Dignitaries on the dais. He welcomed the Hon'ble Speaker Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar, BJP member Vinay Tendulkar, Zilla Parishad Members Mohan Gaonkar and Rupesh Dessai and the Panchayat Members of Satteri Village. He stated that he is grateful to the Project Proponent JSW for the restarting the auctioned mine. He stated that the people of Sateri are happy and excited to know about this. He stated that for the past 14 years mining has been paralyzed. He stated that the Project Proponent should fulfill all the promises as claimed. He stated that the EIA reports were made available in the respective Panchayats. However, the Panchayats did not mention them for the Gram Sabha. He stated that he along with his fellow villagers visited the GSPCB office requesting to postpone the hearing to another venue, as the woman are not allowed in the temple premises. However he stated that they were made to understand that the hearing is only being conducted outside the temple premises as part of the process for the grant of Environmental Clearance and he was also informed to submit his grievances in writing. He stated that the people were not aware of today's hearing well in advance. He stated that the Project Proponent should have taken the villagers into confidence before

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	scheduling the hearing as the villagers could have submitted the suggestions on the same and would be in better way to understand the project. He stated that the villagers of Sanvordem is fully dependent on the mines. He suggested that once the mine starts the operation it should not be stopped in the middle. All the stakeholders opinion should be considered and taken into confidence by the Project Proponent. He requested that mine should start as soon as possible and that mine dependent should not be harassed under pressure from any organizations. At the end, he thanked the Department for this opportunity.
3.	VINAYAK GAUNS, DHARBANDORA He states that he is the resident of Dharbandora and Ex, Sarpanch of Village Panchayat. He being the Truck Owner inquired as to what the company will do for the people of Dharbandora and Dabal He has apprehension that the company will make profit and leave and do nothing for the people. He states that he suffered because he had no work and his 4 trucks were idle. He states that as per the report there will be 124 people employed. He states that why the company does not consider this in the report. He states that what will the company do for other workers. He states that MLA told to give small finance to the truck owners. He states that the company should take people's views into consideration and tell what they will do for the truck owners. He states that Sesa and Salgaonkar has left from here and their people are suffering. He states that before this public hearing, the company should have listened to what people say. He states that by taking this mine by JSW our people are in trouble. He states that previous workers who were working for 40 years are sent home. He states that they have taken loan. He requests the company JSW to give road map about what will the company do for the people otherwise they will have to come on road, if their demands are not fulfilled. He states that he requests the Government to take people's issues under consideration and than start mining.
4.	RAMAKANT GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL He states that he is the resident of Kirlapal. In reiterate the views for the people of Dharbandora and Dhabal expressed by earlier speakers, He said the entire belt is mining belt consisting of 5 villages. He said Codli mine covers the major area and there are Two life lines Dudhsagar & Khandepar river which are required to be protected. Two streams which thrive on Dudhsagar. He said at the beginning no Public hearing would be conducted. However, taking into consideration the nature, the Public Hearing are conducted so as to balance the nature. He said some people are not even aware why public hearing is conducted and what does it mean. He said due to closure of mining for 12 years the village has lagged behind 20 years. He said people thrive on fields, and the life style of



	people is mostly in mud houses. Hence the mining should be restored so as to uplift peoples situation.
5.	DEEPAK PAUSKAR, KIRLAPAL He stated that for the past 14 years of closure of the mines, truck owners have faced many difficulties. He stated that the Project Proponent should carry the CSR activities. District Mineral fund should be deposited at the Government treasury. He stated that this year there is scarcity of rain that will affect the farmers and the village at large. He stated that because of this season the Project Proponent should come up with a solution for this problem. He stated that the import export of minerals should be started as one of the solution. He sought to know why this holy place was considered for conducting the public hearing. He stated that mining has resumed in North Goa and it is seen that Government has not given much benefits to the mine dependents. He stated that employment and medical benefits should be given to the mine dependent. He sought to know why the lease was accorded to the JSW and not to the Sesa Goa. He requested that the employees hired by earlier company should be reinstated by the JSW. He requested that the mining in South Goa should be resumed at the earliest.
6.	KISHOR DESSAI, KALAY He states that he is the Ex-Sarpanch of Kalay. He states that he support what earlier speakers said. He states that he asks a question to JSW and GSPCB to tell what will they do after the hearing. He states that ore will be taken to railway sliding but remember GSPCB has closed down kalay railway sliding due to Supreme Court order. He states that Kalay yard transport of Vedanta had stopped due to wild life. He states that JSW should be careful. He states that first they grant permission and what is next?. He states that JSW to tell what they will do for Kalay people. He states that how many JCB and tippers will be hired. He states that we are self dependant and to tell him that if now the supreme court does not have objection. He states that previously 1200 stakeholders families faced hardship. He asked to take all stakeholders into confidence. He states that he supports only if all the demands are fulfilled.
7.	MOHAN GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL DHABAL He states that he is the resident of Kirlpal, Dabal. He stated that earlier speakers spoke in two directions. He said nothing much to do with the mining. He said locals should be considered first and if they want mining. He narrated his woes about education when he went to M/s. Sesa as he was undergraduate and ITI certificate was asked. He requested JSW to take into consideration what degree local hold or else the jobs might be allotted to outsiders. He said the total benefit should be given to the locals. He appreciated the proposal of the project.



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8.	RUPESH DESSAI, SANCORDA He stated that he is Zilla Parishad Member Dharbandora, which has 4 Panchayats and 32 wards under it. He stated that he is happy that mining is resuming. He stated that people has suffered when mining stopped. He stated that there are many Restaurants, garages, shops truck drivers etc. who are mining dependent. Further 50 years they have been dependent on the mines and that they are so used to it that they were affected a lot when the mining stopped. He submitted that the project proponent should consider all the 40 thousand people from all the seven Panchayats. He stated that lot villagers have lost their lives due to accidents. He requested that there should be facilities of GPS trackers, speed limits, and alcohol test for the truck drivers. He requested that the locals drivers should be hired and not the outsiders. He stated that benefits should be given at par to all. He stated that even woman have attended this hearing as they are also affected with no business. He stated that he agrees with all the points raised by his fellow speakers. He stated that proper justice should be given to all. He thanked the Departments for giving this opportunity.
9.	ADV. ISHWAR KUTTIKAR, DHABAL He states that he is a Advocate. He states that due to closure of mining, people are suffering. He states that the company should fulfil people demands and give employment to locals and truck owners. He states that company should solve peoples problem. He states that the company should provide prior roadmap. He states that CSR activity fund is about 30 lakhs and the same should be increased. He states that peoples demands should be fulfilled. He states he supports Block-XII Codli Mineral Block of JSW Steel Limited.
10.	NARAYAN PRABHU, NIRANKAL He states that he is the resident of Nirankal. He said he is full support to mining. However he stated there are some flaws in the EIA. Such as the mine should not be stopped prematurely once started. There should be distance from the river to the mining activity. He stated that supply of water through tanker should be made available. He asked so to which direction the flood water is moving accordingly corrective measures should be taken. The study survey is done only for 3 months and it should surveyed for entire year. He requested the road map from the mine owner. He said he is not against mining. However proper measures to be taken.
11.	NITIN K. P.TENDULKAR, DHABAL He submitted his written submissions. he stated that there are a lot of wells which supply water to their fields. He stated that earlier when Sesa Goa operated the mines they used to release rain water into the rivers which would result in mud deposition in the fields. He stated that this type of situation should not arise.

12.	KALIDAS GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL He states that he is the Deputy Sarpanch of Kirlapal Panchayat. He states that this mine was earlier owned by Sesa and than Vedanta. He states that he was working there for 30 years. He states that when mine was stopped, he had taken VRS. He states that he supports because their children need employment. He states that previously when mine was stopped 1500 trucks was scrapped, because no mine was operational. He states that today Sanvordem market is all down because of mine closure. He states that when Sesa was operating this mine, they were providing machinery to cultivate fields and they were providing funds to remove silt from the fields. He states that the company should pay them money as they were paid earlier and also help schools and balwadis. He states that he supports this mine.
13.	BANUDAS GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL He states that he is the resident of Kirlpal. He said he supports the mine. He said the mine is close to his village and project proponent should help to solve health issues and uplift the village.
14.	NILESH D. NAIK, KARMALE He stated that he is an employee of Fomento Resources. He requested that the mining should start at the earliest. He stated that Sesa Goa had hired employees from outside Goa . He requested that locals should be granted employment. He stated that 80% of the jobs should be granted for the locals. He stated that mining should be given to local youth if required. He stated that benefits should be given to all the mining dependents at par. He stated that once the mine resumed that there will be scarcity of water. Project Proponent should ensure that the wells are cleaned and provide water tankers if required. Medical, travelling facilities should be made available to the locals. He stated that dust pollution caused due to mining should be curbed. He supports the mining project subject to compliance with the conditions to protect the environment and solve our issues.
15.	MANOJ GAONKAR, CODLI He states that he is from a village which is most affected and that is Codli. He states that 35 years back our villagers was shifted. He States that maximum mining was done in Codli but Codli village has remain same as 35 years before. He states that the company should develop Codli Village. He states that CSR benefit should be utilised in the 3 Societies available in the Panchayat and give benefits to the Board of Directors.
16.	GAUTAM SAWANT, SACORDA He states that he is the resident of Sacorda. He said restoration of mining is the need of the hour. Employment should be provided to the affected people.CSR fund should be utilised for the betterment of people. Yesterday children have become youth

the Board has been informed that the Government of India has decided to set up a National Commission for the Control of Pollution. The Commission will be responsible for the control and regulation of pollution in the country. The Commission will be headed by a member of the Council of Ministers and will have representatives from the various ministries concerned with pollution. The Commission will also have representatives from the States and Union Territories. The Commission will be empowered to recommend measures for the control and regulation of pollution and to monitor the implementation of such measures. The Commission will also be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information on pollution and for the conduct of research on pollution. The Commission will be a permanent body and will report to the Council of Ministers. The Commission will be established on 1st January 1980.

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	today. The development seen today is only because of mining and the same should continue. He agreed to what Mr. Balaji said. He said locals should be taken into confidence. He said though a bit of hesitancy, everyone is in support of mining.
17.	KAPIL C. NAIK, MOLLEM He stated that he is Ex-Sarpanch of Mollem and presently acting as Panch of Ward no.4. He stated that for the past 14 years there is no mining. He stated that people from his Panchayat asks as to when the mining will resume. He states that 80 % there are mining dependents. He praised the JSW for resuming the mines and demanded that the locals should be considered while granting employment. He requested that the CRS funds should be utilized for the flourishing of the fields of the Dhabal village.
18.	GURU B. GAONKAR, DHARBANDORA He states that he supports this Environmental hearing on conditional basis that no environmental loss should be done. He states that earlier Sesa and then Vedanta used to operate this mine, the same way JSW should operate. He states that he requests the company to help the truck owners during starting of transportation because truck owners have taken loan by pawning on their wife gold ornaments for repairing the trucks. He states that company should provide employment to local youths who are educated and graduates. He states that Dudhsagar river is the only source of drinking water which is located near the mine and it should not be affected. He states he supports this mine.
19.	VINAY D. TENDULKAR, DHABAL He states that he is the resident of Dabal. He said he supports mine of JSW. However he said he has one condition. He said as per the EIA, 154 vacant places will be available and that whoever was working earlier in mining should be given first preference.
20.	SANJAY NAIK, SAVORDEM He is the Ex-Sarpanch and the present Panch of the Savordem village. He stated that ex-Board member of GSPCB. He stated that in the presentation the Project Proponent has laid a lot of conditions in the EIA. He stated that as the management frequently changes the next person says he does not know anything. Hence he requested the GSPCB to consider their demands and grievances by way of granting another public hearing. He requested that the proponent should consider the workers be retain. Mining affected people should be considered by the granting employment. Precautions should be taken while transporting the ore. CRS activities should be conducted for the mine dependent.



21.	CYRIL D'SOUZA, CODLI He stated that he supports the mining block which will be operated by M/s. JSW. He said that lot of people have suffered due to closed down of mining opewration. He said that many people who are directly or indirectly linked to mine and they suffered a lot due to closing of mining. He said that the people should not law in their hand. He said that to restart mining is not corporate demand but it is the demand of the local farmers. He said that the local youth should get the job so they don't have to migrate. He said that project proponent should start the mine safely and legally. He said that he request the authorities to take suggestions given by the speakers and accelerate the proceedings. He states that when mining stopped their lifeline was affected. He states that they demand youth to get job., He states that because of stopping of mining they have lot of problems. He said that he supports the operation of the mine provided the above things are considered.
22.	BENZITA D'SOUZA, CODLI She said it is a ray of hope with mines being restored. She said she is in support of the mine accepts the views expressed by earlier speakers.
23.	VISHWANATH GAONKAR, SADGAL He stated that he was working for 35 years in Sirigao. Locals should be given employment. He stated that mining should be started at the earliest. He states that he supports Block XII Codli Mineral Block of JSW Steel Limited.
24.	SHEKHAL PATIL, BANDOL He states that he is a truck owner. He states that he supports mining. He states that they have 1000 trucks. He states that internal short trip should be provided to them. He states that the JSW should not hire 10 tyre trucks. He supports mining.
25.	PRITESH NAIK, KARMANE He states that he is the resident of Karmane He said he has no objection in mining restoration. He said he is truck owner and due to closing of mining their trucks are in not in shape to run. He requested for 3 lakhs to be given to them by the company. The amount can be taken back in instalment. Their trucks should be allowed to go at the place of transportation. He said mining should be started.
26.	SUKANTI GAONKAR, DHABAL She requested that the mining should resume at the earliest. She supports the points stated by the MLA and fellow villagers. He submits that the women from the locality could be supported by the project proponent. Earlier Sesa Goa accorded full support to the Self Help Group of the village and she requested JSW



	to continue the same. She thanked the Department for granting this opportunity.
27.	VAISHALI CHARI, DHABAL ABSENT
28.	NARENDRA BABAY GAONKAR, KALAY He states that he is resident of Kalay. He states that he congrats the authorities of JSW for starting the mine. He states that Codli block should start and as a Sarpanch of Kalay he support. He states that the Kalay workers which were working with Sesa should be employed back. He states that their village is at the boundary of Kalay Village. He states that minimum of 25 to 30 trucks should be taken from Kalay. He states that the company should employ one officer to ensure that CSR fund is properly utilised by inspecting. He states that the CSR fund should be utilised to education hub located in the surrounding and also to the anganwadis located in the Kalay village.
29.	 CHINMAYI C. NAIK, SANVORDEM She states that she is the resident of Sanvordem. She appreciated GSPCB. She said they are dependent on mining that women had to sell and pawn their gold jewellery and the same state should not be brought again. She said, the youths should be given employment. She said women should be benefited by the mining. She said they should take Panchayat members into consideration. The CSR fund should be utilised maximum for the village.
30.	SHASHIKANT S. GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL At the outset, he congratulated the project proponent and he supports the mine. He requested that once the mining resumes it should not be stopped and it should be continuously in operation. He stated that his area belongs to the Dhabal Panchayat. He stated all the orchid lands, plantation farms, wild animals etc in the locality should be preserved. He stated fair wages should be given to the villagers. He stated that there is no fair price for the farmers for the produce. He stated that the CSR funds should be utilized for the welfare of the farmers. The differently able and elderly sick villagers should be granted medical facilities. The proper education facilities should be provided in schools. There should be development of Dhabal village by utilizing the CSR funds. He supports the mine.
31.	ADV. SANJIT DESSAI, KARMANE He states that GSPCB is a total failure. He states that this is 852 pages report, and no time given to study the same. how can you read it in 5 minutes no awareness is carried out. He states that village people are not aware of this hearing. He states that GSPCB is failure in this and GSPCB should correct it. He states that GSPCB cannot provide employment and it is not their work. He states that GSPCB is a



	technical work and they should tell where the waste water from the beneficiation plant will go. He states that in 1951 mining was given to the previous owners. He states that Rupesh Dessai has told about the accidents which will happen due to transportation activity. He ask if GSPCB has any previous data, regarding the existing infrastructure and whether they are capable. He states that 11.71 millions tons TPA will be excavated and over burden generated will be 8.21 overburden millions tons TPA He asked how many people have read the report?. He states that the MLA has said that he will start co-operative societies, can you ensure that 10% of profit will be given to the 5 villagers. He states that CSR fund is not decided by GSPCB. He asked if they can tell from where transportation will be carried out. He states that the EIA report study is done in March to May 2025 and the base is wrong. He states that the accidents which will happen and the GSPCB has no part in it. He states that previously written mails to GSPCB, but my representation were not considered. He states that if the fish in the river are dead than where the villagers will go. He states that there is no proper roadmap. He states that he has even eaten dust alongwith his food during his childhood. He states that the GSPCB is not following proper process and he asked whose failure is it?. He states that the previous workers who were removed and has now crossed 60 age should be given pension from CSR fund. He states that people have given their land in 3 rupees to Sesa and now Sesa is selling the same land in 1300 rupees to JSW.
32.	SURENDRA KIRLAPALKAR, KIRLAPAL He states that he is the resident of Kirlapal Dharbandora . CSR fund to be utilised in affected area and affected women. There was no electricity earlier.CSR fund to utilised only in rural area and not in district level.75% employment to be given to be affected people.
33.	UDAY DESSAI, CODLI ABSENT
34.	GANGADAR GAONKAR, KALAY He stated that he is the Ex-Sarpanch and present Panch of Kalay village. He stated that he supports the mine.
35.	PRITESH GAONKAR, CODLI He states that his house is located just 50 meters away from the mine. He states that the issue of dust pollution, Sound pollution and water problems in the month of march and may should be addressed. He states that employment should be provided and their trucks should be hired. He states that he does not object resumption of mining. He states that he supports mining.



36.	VIKAS DESSAI, KHALULI He states that he is the resident of Khaludi He said before this Public Hearing general public hearing should have been conducted by GSPCB. He said except for few none spoke upto the point. With respect to dust pollution he said no road map. When mining restores likely to have dust pollution. He said areas around mining will have water problem. In monsoon, pits get full and flooded what is the solution for this ?After consideration above EC should be given. About finance many spoke but the public hearing is strictly for Environment. After clearing all draw backs EC be given.
37.	DILIP TENDULKAR, DHABAL ABSENT
38.	JAYESH ASHOK PATIL, KHALULI He stated that three types of pollutions affect the mine affected areas i.e. air pollution, water pollution, sound pollution. He stated that dust pollution is caused due to mine activities which migrates to 10 km and thereby affecting agriculture. He stated that when Vedanta operated the mines there was a reduction of water levels by 2 inches every year. The wells used to run dry. He stated that when the machinery on the site at night time, the sound pollution caused by the same affects the heart health of the villagers. He stated that the EC should be granted only considering the above issues faced by the villagers.
39.	DAMODAR BANDEKAR, WAGON He states that he is the Sarpanch of Kirlapal Panchayat. He spoke about dust pollution, sound pollution and water pollution. He states that water problem is more in the village. He states that the company should solve water problems. He states that previously to reach in Sanvordem, it used to take 4.5 hours due to mining transportation now it takes 5 minutes and this issue should be resolved. He states that previous employers should be taken back. He states that their suffered for 14 years. He states that he supports mining.
40.	RAMAKANT GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL ABSENT
41.	RAMNATH GAONKAR, SADGHAL ABSENT
42.	RAMKRISHNA GAONKAR DESSAI, MOLLEM He states that he is the resident of Mollem- Ex- Sarpanch of Mollem. He said he is in support of public hearing. He said traffic control and pollution control should be taken care of. He said due to closure of mining people suffered and that they had to shift to agriculture. Seven Panchayats in the area there are

	vehicles related to mining's, the same to be consider
43.	SANKET N. BHANDARI, SANVORDEM He stated that the whole process of the hearing is wrong. He stated that the presentation as presented by the project proponent for today's hearing should have been displayed earlier top them so that they could study the same. He stated the mines of Fomento have resumed in Sanvordem. He sought to know how many local have been employed by them. He sought to know whether GSPCB has the power to take any action. He stated that this public hearing is conducted to know the impact on the environment. He stated that people should be assured that the issues as raised by them would be considered by the project proponent. He submitted that time should be granted for people to study the project and another hearing should be conducted. He stated that the raw material extracted from the mines will be utilised in the JSW steel plant located outside the State. He sought to know either the 6 tyre trucks owned by the locals will be utilised to transport the same. He sought to know whether the dust mitigation measures as stated in the EIA will be followed by the Project proponent once the fees are granted. He sought to know the GSPCB has conducted any inspection to verify whether Fomento has complied with the EIA submission. He stated that people should be taken into confidence before resuming the mines. He stated that this should be sustainable mine. He sought to know the conclusion of this public hearing whether the issues raised will be considered or not. Whether the locals will be granted employment or not. He stated that the company should be made to assure that the queries laid by the people will be considered. He stated that he objects the project till such time that the queries are resolved.
44.	SHASHIKANT V. NAIK, SANVORDEM ABSENT
45.	NOOR L. SHAIKH, WAGON He states that he supports sustainable mining.
46.	ANIKET DESSAI, SHIGAO He states that he is the resident of Shigao. Supportive to JSW. Need to restore mining. Shigao vehicles are to be benefitted. Employment should be given to the locals.
47.	SADANAND BANDEKAR, COLLEM He stated that he has few suggestions to record. He stated that the truck owners should be given the benefits and employment should be given to the locals. He stated that the water bodies and the environment should be preserved. He stated



	that he agrees with the suggestions as put up by the MLA and fellow villagers.
48.	PRATISH GAONKAR, DABAL He states that he is qualified degree mining engineer. He states that he has suffered due to mining closure. He states that locals should be employed.. He states that medical compensation should be given to the locals. He states that previously hearing was conducted and the transportation is carried near his house but he was not taken into consideration. He states that JSW should give first preference to locals. He states that he supports.
49.	VALLABH DALVI, SANVORDEM He states that he is the resident of Sanvordem, President. Mining has been stopped since last 15 years. It should be restored. Nearly 1000 trucks of 6-tyred should be absorbed / utilised for mining. People should be benefited as they cannot afford to purchase 10-tyred trucks at this stage. He supports mining only after above condition have been fulfilled.
50.	KALPESH GAONKAR, KALULI He stated that he is the Ex-Panch of Dhabal. He stated that he supports the mine. He requested that there should be medical facilities provided for the locals. Employment should be prioritised to the villagers. Truck owned by the owners should be utilised. He requested that earlier employees of Vedanta should be reinstated by M/s JSW Steel Ltd., He requested that the employees working on the other sites should be transferred to the nearby sites.
51.	DEVIDAS PARAB, CODLI He is the president of Truck Owners Association and Shree Sateri Devasthan Kirlapal-Dhabal. He states that he supports the mining. He states that previously there are 750 trucks in Dhabal and now there are only 350 and to make this truck operational, we need 3 lakhs compensation and accordingly, we request M/s JSW Steel Ltd., to provide the same in the form of loan to us. He states that there are 1,200 trucks in Sanvordem, so we request the firm not to hire 10-tyred trucks and hire only existing 6-tyred trucks, after their repair. He states that the Government policy states that 15 years & above vehicles should be scrapped, but he pointed out that these trucks remained idle unutilised (i.e. not on roads or used since 2012) and he requests the Government to increase tenure to get the vehicle scrapped by more 10 years. He states that in the months of November, December there is no water in the wells and the company should provide water to cultivate the agricultural fields. He states that he requests M/s JSW, GSPCB to start sustainable mining, He states that he fully in support of this mining.
52.	SHRIDHAR GAONKAR, WAGON ABSENT



53.	HEMANT SAMANT, NIRANKAL ABSENT
54.	JITENDRA KALEKAR, SANCORDEM He states that he is the resident of Sancorda. He welcomed M/s JSW Steel Ltd., towards allotment of Block – XII . He support mining. He requested Government to begin mining at the earliest.
55.	PRASAD GAONKAR, CODLEM He stated that he is the Panch member of the Sigao village. He stated that he supports the mine. He requested that the youth from the mine affected areas should be given employment on priority.
56.	ULHAS RAMNATH NAIK, KARMANE He states that he was an Ex- Mines Manager of M/s SESA Goa Ltd., He states that his residence is located within 3 kms radius of the mine lease area. He states that when mine was closed, he lost his job and his family suffered. He states that he thanks the Directorate of Mines and Geology (DMG) to remove / de-list AjobaPed from the mine-lease area. He states that previously M/s SESA Goa was solving local issues and now the same should be continued by M/s JSW Steel Ltd., He states that accordingly, the said company should take initiate to solve water issue within the locality. He states he will support 100% sustainable mining.
57.	UDAY S. GAONKAR, KALSA He states that he supports the mine conditionally. He states that our wards Coldi and Kalsa is located 2 to 3 kms from the mine. He states that the mining slit deposited in their field. These environmental issues were started by Sesa Goa and after Vedanta taking over not considered till now.
58.	GOVIND SHIGAONKAR, He states that he is a resident of Shigao. Praised Sateri Devi. He said if the mining is sustainable than he would support it. Accordingly, he suggested two conditions in respect of the most affected villages. These villages were affected as mining slit was flooded in the fields resulting into siltation. He said when M/s SESA Goa was operating the said lease, the firm would compensate the mine-affected persons purely on humanitarian grounds. Further, M/s Vedanta Ltd., did not take the initiative of compensating. Therefore, he urged M/s JSW Steel Ltd., to continue with the practise as adopted by M/s SESA Goa. He said Government built bandh but it is of no use to villagers. Thus, he requested justice in terms of affected fields. He said the ore transportation roads should be restored. Locals should get first preference. Restoration of mining is the need of the hour. It should be started and he has no objection.
59.	BARKELO TILU GAONKAR, CODLI He states that he prays Shree Sateri Devi. He states that he is an Ex-Sarpanch and Panch of the location where mine is located. He states that the M/s JSW Steel





	Ltd., should take him into consideration concerns of other villages - Kullem, Kallay, Sanvordem and Dhabal and adopt a sustainable mining practices. He states that as everyone has spoken on various issues, he would not repeat the same but desired that it will be good if company takes him into consideration these points raised by earlier speakers and I support the mining.
60.	DILIP GAONKAR, CODLI - He states that he is a resident of Codli village. He said mining is necessary, but he questioned what about the Environment. He questioned what precaution will be taken by the GSPCB to restore the water level. He asked how the pits will be back-filled in. Kirlapal-Dabal is most affected regions due to earlier mining activities. Hence, he requested the local body to hold a general body meeting and verify what best the village and its villagers can be benefitted due of the proposed mining by M/s JSW Steel Ltd.,
61.	BENNY AZAVEDO, COLLEM He stated that he is the truck owner and that for past 12 years the affect of mines being not in operation was very bad. He states that there is hope when the mining will resume. He states that the truck owners should be given the benefits. Local youths should be granted employment. He stated that he supports the mine.
62.	GOKULDAS TUKARAM GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL He states he is from Codli – Kirlapal village and an ex-employer of M/s SESA Goa and now retired. He states that he is having fields in 3 vaddos / areas and no authority has taken the responsibilities in ensuring that these fields are not affected by min-related activities. He stressed that the locals should be given first priority in job. Only few members from panchayat are supporting us. Our Hon'ble MLA – Dr. Ganesh bab is supporting us in many ways. He states that he supports mining.
63.	PRAMOD GAONKAR, WAGOD ABSENT
64.	NILESH HARICHANDRA VELIP, SHIGAO He states that he is a resident of Shigao. Praised Sateri Devi. He said public hearing is taken to take view of the general public / affected population and such everyone expressed their concern during this public hearing. However, M/s JSW and Steel Ltd., is not a local company. This makes it difficult to understand how it will work / operate the mine in a manner to benefit the village and the villagers. He said that once permission is granted for mining, they are not bothered about village and its people and thereafter the villagers have to come on road to raise their legitimate demands. He said people / villagers are ignorant of the mining after-effects. He clarified that his parents worked in the mines and as such, he requested that the Government should look properly into the all such matter to avoid future conflict. He advised to adopt systematic procedure to restore the

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65.	VEDANT GAONKAR, SANGOLDA ABSENT
66.	ADV. RAJESH GAONKAR, CODLI He stated that 80 crores are deposited in the Government treasury. As such, part of this should be utilised for the development of the betterment of mining affected employees. The general public / villagers are not aware about the mode of utilisation of such CSR-funds. He requested that there should be a representation given to the people on the same towards use of such CSR-funds. He also stressed on the fact that there should be a dedicated mining corridor to undertake mining-related activities as well as transportation of mined material out of the lease and the said condition be incorporated in the EC. There should be two-way road for the public and dedicated two-way road for the mine-related activities. He stated that the CSR funds to be utilised to provide these facilities. He stated that the locals should be given mining-operations related training and necessary courses should be made available to them so as to be eligible for the jobs generated by the mines. He stated that GSPCB should conduct a study on the impact of the water table of the river located in the vicinity of mine-lease / Block – XII.
	 ASHOK GAONKAR, KIRLAPAL ABSENT
	 RAGHOBHA GAONKAR, CODLI He states that he is a resident of Codli village. He states that the Block X-II is close to his residence. Further, he states that the temple has also been shifted due to the mining which was earlier operated by M/s SESA followed by M/s Vedanta upto 2012. He also said that he was working for 35 years in the M/s SESA Goa. Currently, the mine pits are about 70-meter-deep and it will go further deep which may lead the water shortage within the Dudhsagar river. So, the company – M/s JSW Steel Ltd., should ensure that the Dudhsagar river should not be disturbed. Further, the pits located within the mine-lease area should be effectively backfilled as for 02 months in year during the post-monsoon season, we are suffering from water shortage. Accordingly, the company should provide support in arranging / supplying uninterrupted water supply to the villagers. Based on these conditional aspect, he supports the proposed activity.
69.	VEDANT SAWANT DESSAI, CURCHOREM He states that he is a resident of Curchorem and a mining engineer by profession. While briefing the history about the Codli mines, he said that initially during the Portuguese times, mining started on 3 rd Jan 1973. Subsequently, he highlighted the Hon'ble Supreme Court intervention. However, he opined that sustainable

	mining restoration will help employment and generate revenue. He informed that an Advanced technology of mining operation has come in recent times and it should be balanced by taking environmental fall-outs and its remediation into consideration. Locals should be taken into confidence while restoring the mining-related activities in a Codli village. Accordingly, he supports the proposed activity.
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The Public hearing was concluded with free and open participation. The issues regarding venue i.e conducting the hearing in temple premises was addressed stating the hearing was held in the open constructed pandal not within the temple. There was active participation without any protest. The local residents attended the hearing voiced their opinions on the projects environmental and other social, economic issues. No attendees were restricted entry for the hearing.

Dr. Mohan Girap, Scientist 'C' requested the people present that if they so desire they may file their written objection/suggestion/views within 7 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/expained to the public in Konkani and subsequently after receiving suggestions and as agreed were signed by Shri.Vimod Dalal, Deputy Collector, Dharbandora and Dr. Mohan Girap, Scientist 'C' of Goa State Pollution Control Board

A total of 510 numbers of persons present for the public hearing and have signed the enclosed attendance sheet.

A total of 2 written objections have been received.

A total of 10 suggestions submitted during the public hearing.

A total of 1764 written supporting have been received

The hearing ended at 6.40 pm.

On this 22nd day of October, 2026.


Shri. Vimod Dalal

Dy. Collector Dharbandora


Dr. Mohan Girap 22/10/2026
Scientist 'C'

Goa State Pollution Control Board



