

**TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, SALEM**

**PROCEEDING/ MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED  
ON 29.01.2010 FOR THE RENEWAL OF MINING LEASE FOR THE EXISTING  
MINING ACTIVITY OF M/S. SRI PONGURU MAGNESITE MINES, JAGIR  
AMMAPALALYAM, SALEM TALUK , SALEM DISTRICT.**

**PRESENT:**

In this Public Hearing Meeting the following were present:

- 1) Thiru.J.Chandra Kumar, I.A.S. : District Collector  
Salem District, Salem.
- 2) Thiru.A.Thangapandian : District Environmental Engineer  
TNPC Board, Salem.
- 3) Thiru.P.S.Pandian : Assistant Engineer  
TNPC Board, Salem.
- 4)Thiru.S.Sundararajan : Proprietor,  
M/s.Sri Ponguru Magnesite Mines
- 5) Public Representatives : List Enclosed.

The Public Hearing was commenced with the welcome address by the District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Salem. The District Environmental Engineer, Salem welcomed the District Collector, Salem District, Representatives of Sri Ponguru Magnesite Mines, Government Officials, Public who

have attended the Public Hearing Meeting on the renewal of mining lease and expansion of the existing Magnesite Mines of M/s. SRI PONGURU MAGNESITE MINES, JAGIR Ammapalayam, Salem-Tk, Salem-District. The District Environmental Engineer, TamilNadu Pollution Control Board, Salem in his introduction speech informed about the requirements for the Public Hearing to be conducted for the renewal of mining lease and expansion of the existing mining of the **M/s.Sri Ponguru Magnesite Mines, Jagir Ammapalayam, Salem Taluk, Salem District** in an extent of **77.50 Hect.** At S.F.Nos.178 in the for manufacture (Mining) of **Magnesite Stone-38,000T/Y.**

The District Environmental Engineer also briefed about the need for Public Hearing for the project and invited all persons including bonafied residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the project Site/Sites of displacement/sites likely to be affected to participate in the Public Hearing and requested to make oral/written suggestions on the above renewal of mining lease of existing magenesite mining project as said above.

The District Environmental Engineer assured that the views of the public will be submitted to the Government of India, MOEF through the Corporate Office, TamilNadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai. The District Collector, Salem presided over the function as Chairperson. The District Environmental Engineer invited the project proponent to explain about the renewal of mining lease and expansion of the existing Magnesite mining project activities to the gathered public.

49 Nos. of Public were attended the Public Hearing Meeting. The project proponent explained about the renewal of mining lease and expansion of the existing Magnesite Mining project with details by Power Point presentations. M/s.Sri Ponguru Magnesite Mines, Jagir Ammapalayam, Salem-Tk, Salem-Dist. The presentation took place for about 30 minutes and the public viewed the presentation carefully and peacefully.

In the presentation by the unit authorities they informed about the existing mining activity of the unit and informed that the mining activity was started by them at Jagir Ammapalayam Village, Salem-Taluk, Salem-District during the Year 1963 and they were carrying out mining activity for the past 48 Years without causing any Environmental degradation and hazard. Further they informed that they had submitted the application for the renewal of mining lease and expansion of the existing Magnesite Mining project on 9.04.2007 and received terms of reference from Ministry of Environment & Forest Department on 30.4.2009 and this Public Hearing was carried out today by adopting all the Government Norms. They focused about the improvements made in Environment area and the Mining License and IBM License obtained by them. In the presentation they informed the production capacity of **Mining of Magnesite -38,000T/Y** at Jagir Ammapalayam Village and Salem Taluk, Salem District and carrying out mining operation process by adopting low noise simple open mechanized as per IBM Guide Line. They informed that the water collected during mining activity and the surface run off during rainy season in the mining pits and pumped for cultivation activity to the near by formers for the agriculture and sprinkling on the roads where the lorries were moving. For noise control they informed that the vehicles used for mining operation is being well maintained and controlled blast technique for mining activity was being adopted. They are also informed that they were concerned about the Socio Economic Development of the surrounding Villages and were helping the public and near by Village by means of supplying portable water, providing hospital facility, developing educational facilities, maintaining roads and providing street light etc.

Regarding water pollution they informed that they had provided septic tank with soak pit/dispersion trench arrangements for the treatment and disposal of the sewage and there would be no trade effluent generated from the process.

Further they have informed that they were adopting mining plan activity which had been submitted already including the reclamation of the mining area. They were developing green belt in the mining area as per mining plan schedule.

Further they informed the details about solid waste management, Air Pollution Control, Noise Pollution Control, Pollution Control practices adopted in this project. Social Welfare Activities carried out the **M/s.Sri Ponguru Magnesite, Jagir Ammapalayam, Salem-Taluk, Salem District** was also shown in the power point presentation.

**The Public Participants view on the project are detailed below:**

**1) Thiru. Vanathu Antony, M.Sc., Geology, Mamangam, Salem Questioned “Whether the unit will provide training programme for the Geology Students in the mining area”.**

The unit authority informed that they are providing the training programme during March & April of every year for the Geology Students and if they submit proper application for training programme it will be considered.

**2) Annakodi, Mamangam : My land is located in Mamangam. “Is my land will be affected due to the new activity?”.**

The unit authority informed that they are going to carryout operation only in the existing mining area which is away from Mamangam area and we will not take additional land for mining activity and the land in Mamangam will not be affected.

**3) Thiru.Gunasekaran, Head Master, Govt.School, Jagir Ammapalayam – requested to provide two Computer Printers for the students and the District Collector asked the Head Master, “Whether the School is facilitated with good sanitary facility?”. The Head Master informed that the school is in need of sanitary facility.**

The unit authority in their reply accepted to provide Computer Printer to the school and also on receipt of proper Estimate for the sanitary arrangement, it will also be considered by the management to provide good sanitary facility.

**4) Thiru.Gopal, Mamangam: “Whether you will continue to send your Machineries for my work shop since I am totally depend on the project?”.**

The unit authority in their reply informed that they will continue the existing practice and will send machineries to the workshop. The management will support the local people for their development.

**5) Thiru.Ramar, Jagir Ammapalayam - “The road provided by the project authority is in damaged condition whether they will maintain it?”**

The unit authority in their reply informed, that the road is belongs to Local body even though the maintenance work will be carried out by them

**6) Thiru.Arumugam, Mamangam – Asked , Whether his Tipper Lorry will be used for the new project?”.**

The unit authority assured to use Tipper Lorry and informed that they would utilize 95% of local people source.

At the outset, the District Environmental Engineer thanked all the participants of the Public Hearing Meeting and the meeting came to an end.

**DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER  
TNPC BOARD, SALEM.**

**DISTRICT COLLECTOR  
SALEM.**