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20th September 2024

To

The Member secretary
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha
Parivesh Bhawan, A/118
Nilakanthanagar, unit- VIII
Bhubaneswar- 751012

**Sub: Submission of Environment Statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2024
with respect to Baphalimali Bauxite Mine of M/s Utkal Alumina International Ltd.**

Dear Sir,

We are enclosing herewith the **Environmental Statement** for the financial year ending **31st March 2024** in the prescribed FORM-V with respect to **Baphalimali Bauxite Mine of M/s Utkal Alumina International Ltd. Paikkuphakhal, Maikanch, Rayagada, Odisha**, as per the Rule 14 of The Environment Protection Act, 1986 and Rules made thereof.

This is for your kind information and necessary records please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Utkal Alumina International Ltd.


Vijay Chauhan
Head- Mines
Baphlimali Bauxite Mine

Encl: As above

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ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2024



**8.50 MTPA BAUXITE PRODUCTION
BAPHLIMALI BAUXITE MINE
M/s UTKAL ALUMINA INTERNATIONAL LTD
AT
DORAGUDA, RAYAGADA, ODISHA**

FORM-V
(See rule 14)

**Environmental Statement for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2024, of
Baphalimali Bauxite Mines of M/s. Utkal Alumina International Ltd.**

PART-A

- (i) Name and address of the owner/
Occupier of the industry operation : Mr. S K Mishra
: Baphalimali Bauxite Mine
Utkal Alumina International Ltd.
At- Doraguda, Po- Kucheipadar
Dist. Rayagada- 765015
- (ii) Industry category : Primary(Large/Red)
- (iii) Production capacity : 8.5 MPTA (Bauxite Ore)
- (iv) Year of establishment : 2012
- (v) Date of the last environmental statement submitted.: 20.09.2023

PART-B

WATER AND RAW MATERIAL CONSUMPTION

(1) Water Consumption in m3/Day

- Process : As the operation is mining of bauxite by open
cast method with shallow depth, therefore water
is not required for processing.
- Industrial (Dust Suppression & others) : 449 m3/Day
- Domestic & others : 202 m3/Day

Name of products	Process water consumption per unit of product output	
	During the previous financial year (2022-23)	During the current financial year (2023-24)
	(1)	(2)
Bauxite Ore*	Nil	Nil

* Bauxite is a natural product. As such no water is required for processing.

(2) Raw material consumption

Not applicable, as it is a raw material (Bauxite Ore) generating unit for its parent concern Utkal Alumina International Limited.

Name of Raw Materials	Name of the Product	Consumption of raw material per unit of output	
Not Applicable	Bauxite*	During the previous financial year (2022-23)	During the current financial year (2023-24)
		Nil	Nil

*Since Bauxite is a natural product, it is produced by heavy duty mining machinery. As such no raw material is required in mining process.

PART- C

POLLUTION DISCHARGED TO ENVIRONMENT/UNIT OF OUTPUT

(Parameter as specified in the consent issued)

Pollutants	Quantity of Pollutants discharged (mass/day)	Concentration of Pollutants discharged. (mass/volume)	Percentage of variation from prescribed standards with reasons.
(a) Water	No Discharge	No Discharge	Not applicable since no discharge.
(b) Air		PM10($\mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$): 48.11	Well within the NAAQS 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
		PM2.5($\mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$): 24.74	Well within the NAAQS of 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

PART-D

HAZARDOUS WASTES

(As specified under Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016).

Hazardous Wastes	Total Quantity		
HAZARDOUS WASTES: Authorization No.: IND-IV-HW-1035/4012/18-03-2023			
1. Generation from Process	During the previous financial year (2022-23)	During the current financial year (2023-24)	
	a) Used Oil (Stream- 5.1)	: 40.18 MT	: 40.63 MT
	b) Wastes/Residue Containing Oil (Stream- 3.3, 5.2, & 33.2)	: 0.383 Tonne	: 2.72 Tonne
	c) Discarded barrels (Stream- 33.1)	: 221 Nos	: 392 Nos
	d) Contaminated cotton rags (Stream- 33.2)	: 0.034 tonnes	: 1.31 tonnes
	e) Oil & grease skimming residues	: Nil	: Nil
2. From Pollution Control Facilities	: NIL	: NIL	

PART- E

SOLID WASTES

Solid Wastes	Total Quantity	
	During the previous financial year (2022-23)	During the current financial year (2023-24)
(a) From process (Overburden)	47,14,425 tonnes	48,92,203 tonnes
(b) From Pollution Control Facility	Nil	Nil
(c)		
i. Quantity recycled or re-Utilized within the unit.	47,14,425 tonnes (backfilling)	48,92,203 tonnes (backfilling)
ii. Sold	Nil	Nil
iii. Disposed	Nil	Nil

PART - F

Please specify the characteristics (in terms of concentration and quantum) of hazardous as well as solid wastes and indicate disposal practice adopted for both these categories of wastes.

Characterization of Hazardous waste & Solid waste:

The used or spent oil, contaminated cotton rags, oil filters etc. from the maintenance of HEMMs and other machineries have been identified as hazardous wastes. The composition of solid waste (Overburden) mainly consists of laterite.

Disposal Practices:

a) Solid Waste:

Over Burden is being systematically and scientifically backfilled over the voids of mined out area followed by plantation.

b) Hazardous wastes:

The used oil generated is collected in leak proof barrels and then kept on an impervious floor under shed with oil catch pit. It is also ensured that the caps of the barrels remain intact and horizontal. During transfer of waste oil to barrels, a trough is placed underneath in order to prevent land contamination due to oil spillage. Provision of impervious pit with oil for collection of oily waste is there at the workshop premises in addition to the existing practice of collection at specified barrels.

Similarly, the used cotton wastes, oil filters generated are collected in designated impervious pits. The hazardous wastes are being dispatched to the authorised re-cyclers of SPCB/CPCB.

PART-G

Impact of the pollution control measures taken on conservation of natural resources and consequently on the cost of production.

The topsoil and OB are being used for concurrent reclamation and rehabilitation of the mined-out areas.

The main pollution control measures taken at Baphlimali bauxite mines of M/S Utkal alumina international ltd are as follows:

Air pollution control measures:

- ❖ Drilling machine with in-built vacuum cyclone dust collector & equipped with water spraying system is being adopted.
- ❖ Controlled blasting with the application of NONEL is being practiced checking fly rocks and pre-wetting is practiced before charging.
- ❖ The haulage roads are being maintained, compacted periodically.
- ❖ Regular water sprinkling is being carried out by fixed type & mobile water sprinklers at sources of fugitive dust generation like loading & unloading areas, material transfer points etc. to suppress emission and distribution of dust particles.
- ❖ Dry Fog System is in place for dust suppression at crusher.
- ❖ The transportation of Bauxite ore from the mine pit to the refinery unit is being carried out through closed conveyor system to restrict the dispersion of dust. Periodic maintenance of Diesel machines is being carried out to decrease the emission level of NOx and SOx.
- ❖ Plantation is carried out in the plateau slope, safety zone, backfilled & other areas to prevent dust flow outside the lease area.
- ❖ Periodical monitoring of Air quality is being carried out by an approved external agency & is found within permissible limit.
- ❖ Three No's CAAQMS (Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station) have been installed inside the core zone for real time monitoring of air quality parameters for effective control of air pollution.

Water pollution control measures:

- ❖ Runoff is coursed through garland drains provided with intermediate settling pits subsequently allowed to the mined-out pit where it gets recharged. The drains and settling pits are regularly de-silted and maintained.
- ❖ Check dams are provided around the slopes of valley to arrest the sediments.
- ❖ Peripheral barrier is provided around the mine to stop the direct flow of water down to the valley.
- ❖ Domestic effluents are treated in the sewage treatment plant (STP) located at mines. Treated water is being used for vehicle gardening and horticulture activities.
- ❖ Implementation of recommendations as suggested by NIT, Rourkela for Runoff Management are complied.

- ❖ Water quality & ground water level is monitored periodically through an approved agency and is found within prescribed limit.

Sound and Vibration control measures:

- ❖ Preventive maintenance of machineries is carried out properly to control the noise level below 85 dB in the work environment.
- ❖ The controlled blasting technique is adopted using delay detonators to minimize noise & vibration. Blasting vibration is being measured regularly by using Seismograph.
- ❖ Installing immovable machinery on foundations and in closed rooms.
- ❖ The HEMM operators are provided with AC close cabinets which itself is acoustic in nature.
- ❖ Workers engaged in blasting, drilling & HEMM operations are provided with ear plugs/muffs.
- ❖ We have a fixed crusher plant which is underground mounted with enclosed rotors. Thus, the noise level is within the standard.
- ❖ Noise level (ambient as well as work environment) is monitored periodically through an approved external agency & is found within permissible limit.

PART- H

Additional measures/investment proposal for environmental protection including abatement of pollution.

- ❖ Mitigation measures shall be continuing to implement for minimization of soil erosion & choking of stream.
- ❖ Loose boulder check dams shall be constructed across the seasonal nallah, drainage line & semi-perennial nallah occurring along the sloppy area of the lease.
- ❖ Installation of Organic waste converter to treat organic solid waste generated from canteen.
- ❖ An environmental cell has been established for monitoring and implementation of safeguard measures for environmental parameters.
- ❖ Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have been provided at mine for treatment of domestic wastewater. Treated water is being used for gardening and horticulture activities.
- ❖ Plantation is being taken up in the Mine slope including a 7.5-meter safety zone since 2012-13. In the year 2023-24, we have planted around 1,14,588 saplings in different areas which includes safety zone around the mining lease, backfilled area, 15 Mtrs peripheral barrier of plateau boundary, mining lease slope area, around void, roads etc. The remaining area will be covered progressively in a phase wise manner as per the Scheme of Mining.
- ❖ Nursery has been developed with shed net arrangement to develop, preserve, and cater for the saplings during plantation period.
- ❖ An ETP has been installed to treat workshop effluent with oil and grease separation mechanism. Treated water is being used for vehicle washing and dust suppression.
- ❖ Retaining wall along with Garland drains, settling tanks and check dams of appropriate size, gradient and length has been constructed around the remaining part of over burden dump to prevent run off water and flow of sediments directly into the natural Nallah and other water bodies.
- ❖ Check dams and concrete weir are constructed around the slopes of valley to arrest silts and sediments.

- ❖ Fixed type water sprinkler of around 3.1 Km length has been provided around stockpile area & haul road.
- ❖ Two fog cannons have been deployed at strategic locations to suppress fugitive dust.
- ❖ An efficient dry fog system is installed in the fixed crusher for suppression of dust at ROM hopper and Transfer points.
- ❖ The whole long conveyor belt (18.2 km long) is being covered from outside to restrict the dispersion of dust. Metal hoods are also provided at transfer points in crushing and conveying system to confine the dispersion of dust.
- ❖ Regular water sprinkling is done on haul roads, loading & unloading areas, and material transfer points by deploying two dedicated water tankers of capacity 28 KL.

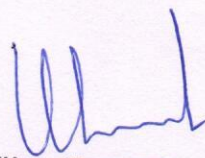
PART - I MISCELLANEOUS

Any other particulars in respect of environmental protection and abatement of pollution.

- ❖ An environment cell has been established for monitoring and implementation of safeguard measures for environmental parameters.
- ❖ Three No's. of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) have been installed and the real time AAQ data is being transmitted to OSPCB server through RT-DAS.
- ❖ Four No's of IP cameras have been installed at major predictable dust prone areas of the mine viz. crusher hopper, stack yard, mines operation and material transport areas and connected with SPCB server.
- ❖ Environmental information w.r.t Air, Water, Haz, Wastes & Haz. Chemical are Displayed at the main gate for public review.
- ❖ We have developed a full- fledged Nursery in approx. 3000 Sq. Ft. with a capacity of more than 1,00,000 saplings within our ML area to develop, preserve & cater the saplings during plantation.
- ❖ Expenditure incurred on Environment & Pollution Control during the year 2023-24 is approx. 847.89 lakhs.
- ❖ Total 54.09 MT of Used Oil to N.S Chemical a SPCB authorised party for FY24, and Filter contaminated with Oil 3.9 MT disposed to **RE-Sustainability**.
- ❖ **53040 KL** water harvesting through surface rainwater harvesting structure.
- ❖ **34570 kg** of organic food waste treated through OWC and converted to manure for FY24.
- ❖ Weather Monitoring Station Installed with dashboard facility at Mines.
- ❖ Baphlimali Bauxite Mines has been Awarded the **TATA STEEL Award for sustainability Mining by FIMI**.
- ❖ Baphlimali Bauxite mines Won various prizes on the occasion of **25th MEMC week** concluding day function at Bhubaneswar:
 1. Reclamation Category-1st
 2. Afforestation Category- 2nd
 3. Overall, in all categories- 2nd

Date: 21.09.2024

Place: Doraguda


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