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### **India: Orissa Vedanta bauxite mine hearing resumes 10 May**

The official hearing on a challenge to the Indian governments' decision to grant environmental clearance to a Vedanta subsidiary's bauxite mine in Niyamgiri, Orissa, is resuming at the National Environment Appellate Authority in New Delhi on 10 May, 2010.

The hearing is on the petition filed by 23 Dongria Kondh endangered indigenous (adivasi) community members and four Orissa-based social activists against the government decision, on 29 April 2009, to grant environmental clearance to the Orissa Mining Corporation and Vedanta Resources' subsidiary Sterlite Industries India Limited.

A 2009 Amnesty International report detailed human rights violations due to the proposed mine project at Niyamgiri, and Vedanta Aluminium's alumina refinery at nearby Lanjigarh. *Don't Mine us out of Existence: Refinery and Bauxite Mine Devastate lives in India* states that the authorities provided scant or misleading information on the two projects and failed to adequately consult with or obtain the consent of the adivasi communities concerned.

Amnesty International's South Asia team researcher Ramesh Gopalakrishnan and Bikramjeet Batra will be in Delhi and attend the hearing. They can be contacted from Saturday 8 May 2010 on +91 97174 38759.

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