

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EXISTING LIMESTONE MINING CAPACITY FROM 15,000TPA TO 40,000TPA & DOLOMITE MINING CAPACITY FROM 5,000TPA TO 60,000TPA AT SY.NO. 75/3, M.L.NO. 2316 & M.L.NO. 2432 OF MUDDAPUR VILLAGE, MUDHOL-TQ, BAGALKOT DIST, KARNATAKA STATE OF M/S. AMBA MINERALS (MUDDAPUR LIMESTONE AND DOLOMITE MINES), SY.NO. 75/3, M.L.NO. 2316 & M.L.NO. 2432 OF MUDDAPUR VILLAGE, MUDHOL-TQ, BAGALKOT DIST, KARNATAKA STATE.

DATE : 22.06.2019

TIME : 11.00AM

VENUE : AT PROJECT SITE

M/s. Amba Minerals (Muddapur Limestone and Dolomite Mine) has proposed to undertake following project.

- The proposed expansion of existing Limestone Mining capacity from 15,000TPA to 40,000TPA & Dolomite mining capacity from 5,000TPA to 60,000TPA at Sy.No. 75/3, M.L.No. 2316 & M.L.No. 2432 of Muddapur Village, Mudhol-Tq, Bagalkot Dist, Karnataka State.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECT LOCATION

Sy.No. 75/3, M.L.No. 2316 & M.L.No. 2432 of Muddapur Village, Mudhol-Tq, Bagalkot Dist, Karnataka State

OFFICERS PRESENT

The public hearing was conducted as per EIA notification of MoEF, Government of India 14-09-2006 & amendment notification 01-12-2009.

Public Hearing Panel

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	Shri Duragesh, K.A.S., The Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	Shri. VijayKumar T Kadakbhavi, The Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Dharwad.	Member
3	Sri. M A Maniyar, The District Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.	Member

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M/s. Amba Minerals (Muddapur Limestone and Dolomite Mine) (Project Proponent)		
1.	Shri. Hayavadana T SMNT	EIA-Consultant
2.	Shri. Mohamed Shoheb Dangi	Mines Manager
3.	Shri. Sadashiv P Hanchate	Mine Mate
4.	Shri. Shivaji Vasudev Devagiri	Mine Owner
5.	Shri. C D PrabhakaReddy	Environmental Consultant, M/s. Sri Sai Manasa Nature Tech Pvt Ltd., Hyderabad.
6.	Shri. I S Rao	Environmental Consultant, M/s. Sri Sai Manasa Nature Tech Pvt Ltd., Hyderabad.

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the MoEF and it is mandatory that, an Environmental Public Hearing at the project site is held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner or an officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference Letter dated: 22-03-2018 and the concurrence of The Deputy Commissioner Bagalkote letter dated: 02-05-2019, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 22-06-2019 at the Project Site, chaired by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the paper Notification 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Vijay Vani" and English Daily Newspaper "The New Indian Express" dated: 22-05-2019 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Uday Vijay" on 23-05-2019.

The suggestions / views / comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located at the Project site and are likely to be affected by the expansion were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. Either orally or written or through E-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification.

The copy of the EIA draft report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkote
- District Industries and Commerce Centre, Bagalkote
- The City Municipal Council, Mudhol, Bagalkote-Dist.

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- The Gram Panchayat Office, Muddapur village, Mudhol Tq and Bagalkote District.
- The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkote.
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th floor, E&F Wings, 17th main road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel Bagalkote verified the notifications issued in the newspapers and ascertained whether sufficient publicity had been made as required under the statute.

The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote received 02 E-mail till 21-06-2019.

1. Shri Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist on 18-06-2019 is enclosed with this proceeding, enclosed as Annexure-01.
2. Rural Environment Education & Health Awareness Society, Hyderabad on 20-06-2019 is enclosed with this proceeding, enclosed as Annexure-02.

On 22-06-2019, the day fixed for public hearing, Sri M. A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to the Additional Deputy Commissioner Bagalkote, the Senior Environmental Officer, Dharwad all the public, all the officials of different departments, elected representatives and members and the Staff of the Company who were present.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification, and informed that, accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public hearing and the documents kept for the Public Hearing. He requested the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing and requested the Public to interact and to give their views/opinion about the project and to present all their submissions either in writing or orally. The proceedings will be video graphed.

On behalf of Sri Sai Manasa Nature Tech Pvt Ltd., Hyderabad., the Environmental Consultants, Shri. C D PrabhakaReddy., presented the Power Point presentation of the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data, present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impact of the project on the environment. Environment Management Plan, measures proposed to control / mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding, enclosed as Annexure-03.

Leaders of various political parties, villagers from surrounding villages, NGOs, Students, press and other interested parties, attended the Public Hearing. List of participants, who attended the Public Hearing, is enclosed as Annexure-04.

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The Additional Deputy Commissioner requested all the participants to submit their views and comments in writing also, if any to the Chair. In the Public hearing 0 persons expressed their views and are as stated below:

1. Shri Suresh Mali, Muddapur

- He informed that, the mining was in operation from last so many years and requested the authorities to encourage the proposed expansion project.
- He informed that, they are not facing any pollution issues from the existing mining operation.
- He requested the mining authorities to undertake further more massive plantations along with the boundary of the mining area and also increase the green belt in and around the mining area.
- He requested the mining authorities to provide employment to the surrounding villagers, so that, their economical status will improve.
- He informed that, there is no objection from his side for the proposed expansion project and he requested to the authorities to grant necessary permissions for the proposed expansion project.

2. Shri Yallappa Madar, Muddapur.

- He expressed his displeasure that, the mining authorities have not provided financial assistance to improve the status of the schools in Muddapur village. Such as construction of toilets, sanitation and network of water supply for school children.
- He requested the mining authorities to undertake necessary steps to provide necessary requirements at the Muddapur schools.
- He submitted his written opinion to the presiding officer regarding the project which is enclosed as Annexure-5.

3. Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist.

- He informed that, he is an environmentalist and advocate by profession and expressed his views and comments on the behalf of the mining authorities.
- He informed that, 01 crore educated youths will come out every year. But, the organised sectors and other institutions will provide hardly 04-05 lakhs employments to them and the remaining the employments will be catered by the industries.
- He congratulated the mining authorities for assigning the task of preparing the environmental assessment report to the highly qualified, experienced environmental consultants.
- He informed that, the detailed study has been carried out on Air, Water and Soil while preparing the environmental assessment report.
- He demanded that, the industry should take up the study on health status of the surrounding villagers, crop yield and ground water recharge within the 10 K.M. radius of the industry.
- He requested the mining authorities to take the corrective and preventive environmental measures to avert the pollution causing during the mining operation.
- He submitted his written opinion to the presiding officer regarding the project which is enclosed as Annexure-6.

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4. Shri. Sadashiv I Mali, Muddapur

- He informed that, Rs. 6.5 crore of tax amount has been collected at DMF and the same was not utilized in the social and economical upliftment programs in surrounding villages.
- Hence, he requested the authorities to utilize District Mineral Foundation Funds for upliftment of surrounding villages.

5. Shri. Ashok Poojari, Muddapur.

- He expressed his happiness for the proposed expansion project.
- Hence, he requested the authorities to utilize District Mineral Foundation Funds for upliftment of surrounding villages.

The memorandums received from the surrounding villagers during the public hearing are enclosed along with this proceeding as Annexure-7.

SHRI DURAGESH, K.A.S., THE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BAGALKOTE HAS SUMMED UP THE PROCEEDINGS AFTER PERUSING THE DOCUMENTATION, LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC AND RECORDING, WHAT IS IN PUBLIC INTEREST AS UNDER.

1. The demands, views, grievances & suggestions submitted by the local people in the public hearing meeting will be viewed seriously.
2. Undertake stringent dust control measures & dust suppression systems to combat the dust emissions generated during the operations. The emission levels in the surrounding areas shall be maintained well below the stipulated standards.
3. KSPCB shall ensure that the project proponent adopt the best available technologies in prevention & control of the emissions. The Ambient Air Quality monitoring values are to be maintained within the stipulated standards.
4. Rain water harvesting and water shed management plan should be implemented.
5. He informed that, the mining authorities shall provide employment, education, health facilities and other amenities as promised by them and in case of any violations shall be viewed seriously and appropriate action shall be taken.
6. He informed that, the mining authorities shall undertake socio-economic development schemes and programs in the surrounding villages.
7. The CSR costing should be as per actual and should not include a separate line item, etc for deliberate buffering to take care of inflation in the CSR time bound action plan submitted.

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Also, wherever explicitly increase in contribution or execution has been delineated with regards to inflation year on year on a compounding bases, this has to be scrupulous. followed and in this CSR should not include existing item/Assets. The action plan includes implementation after public hearing report submission date.


8. He directed to the mining authorities to undertake adequate plantations and development of the green belt in the mining area.
9. The mining authorities are directed strictly to submit the details of the limestone and dolomite stone production duly approved by the Department of Mines & Geology of last 10 years.
10. They have to undertake construction of check dams, retaining walls in the mining area to prevent the soil erosion during the rainy season.
11. The Mining authorities have not undertaken adequate safety measures.

The appeals, suggestions, complaints and grievances of the public have been recorded through video and same would be compacted into CDs and the proceedings of the meeting, as it has to be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate change, Government of India for further action.

Based on the remarks and views received from the public, who have attended the environmental public hearing, the recommendation will be sent to Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, while considering permission to proposed projects with conditions that the project proponents shall take all precautionary measures during the establishment and operation of the Unit by following guidelines / norms / conditions / directions / standard stipulated by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment & Forest & Climate Change, Government of India and other competent authorities.

At the end Shri M A Maniyar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional office Bagalkote has extended his thanks to the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote, the Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Dharwad and Other Departmental Officers. He also extended his thanks to the public, other dignitaries, Press, Police personnel for the support extended during the course of the public hearing and concluded the meeting.


(M. A. Maniyar)
Environmental Officer
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board
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(Duragesh, K.A.S.) 30.07.19
The Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Bagalkote, Karnataka.