

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 17.08.2021 AT 11:00 AM WITH RESPECT TO BABA AKILA SAI JYOTHI INDUSTRIES PVT LTD, SY NO.79 and 84 OF CHIKKABAGANAL VILLAGE AND SY No. 90/5,90/7,90/8,90/9, and 91/6 OF KUNIKERI VILLAGE, KOPPAL TALUK AND DISTRICT FOR ITS EXPANSION WITH MODIFICATION IN THE EXISTING SPONGE IRON PLANT WITH CAPACITY FROM 175 TPD TO 375 TPD, ROLLING MILL OF CAPACITY 72,000 TPA WITH CAPATIVE POWER OF CAPACITY 12 MW (WHRB 6MW, AFBC 6MW).

Date : 17.08.2021

Time : 11.00 AM

Venue : Baba Akila Sai Jyothi Industries Pvt Ltd, Sy No.79 And 84 Chikkabaganal-Village & 90/5, 90/7, 90/8, 90/9, and 91/6 of Kunikeri-Village, Koppal Taluk And District.

Expansion Project : Expansion With Modification in the Existing Sponge Iron Plant With Capacity From 175 TPD To 375 TPD, Rolling Mill Of Capacity 72,000 TPA With Captive Power Of Capacity 12 MW (WHRB 6mw, AFBC 6MW).

Proposed Environmental Public Hearing Place	:	Baba Akila Sai Jyothi Industries Pvt Ltd, Sy No.79 And 84 of Chikkabaganal Village And 90/5,90/7,90/8,90/9, And 91/6 of Kunikeri Village, Koppal Taluk And District.
Name of the Officers Present	:	Annexure - 1
Representatives of the Proposed Industry Present	:	Annexure - 2
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As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (amended to date 01.12.2009), it is a pre requisite for such project to conduct Environment public hearing prior to award of Environment Clearance Certificate.

As the proposed project is classified under category of the notification, Environmental Clearance is to be obtained from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India

Accordingly the Project Proponent has made an application to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India in Prescribed Format. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Government of India after scrutiny of the application made by the Project Proponent issued Terms of Reference (T.O.R) Vide a letter no MoEF & CC Vide IA-J /1101/163/2010-IA.II (I) Dated 13.06.2019. As per the Terms of Reference issued conducting of public Hearing is mandatory.

In order to comply with the TOR, the Project Proponent have submitted the Rapid Environment Impact Assessment (REIA) report and Executive Summary both Kannada & English prepared by M/s. METAMORPHASES Project Consultant Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the environmental public hearing vide their letter Dated:18.02.2021

Considering the request made by the Project Proponent, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide its letter Dated: 12.03.2021 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental public hearing. Accordingly the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal accorded consent to conduct the environmental public hearing on 28.05.2021 at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental public hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level newspapers namely Prajavani (Kannada) and Indian Express (English) on 28.04.2021. Due to Covid-19 pandemic the public hearing scheduled on 28.05.2021 was postponed.

Further the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal has rescheduled the environmental Public hearing date on 17.08.2021 at 11.00 AM at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published environmental public hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level news papers namely Prajavani (Kannada) and Indian Express (English) on 17.07.2021 & in the local newspaper namely "Nagarika" on 16.07.2021 by informing the public to submit their objections/grievances/suggestions /opinions if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days.

In continuation to the above, the draft Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report and copies of the executive summary in Kannada and English were kept in the following places for the perusal of the public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Koppal District.
- District Industries Centre, Koppal District.
- Office of the City Municipal Council, Koppal.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal.
- SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, M.S.Building, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bangalore.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the notification, the Environmental public hearing commenced on 17.08.2021 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal at the proposed project site.

PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Sri. K. Raju, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Koppal and also Senior Environmental Officer, (Additional Charge) Zonal Office, KSPCB, Ballari Welcomed Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District. He also welcomed Tahashildar, Koppal and other Government Officers, General public & press representatives and he explained the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. It was informed that the proposed project proponents have to obtain Environmental Clearance and also informed that all required procedure mentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 (as amended till 2009) before conducting public hearing have been followed with. Further he requested Deputy Commissioner, Koppal to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar IAS, Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate Koppal has addressed the gathering and briefed about the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006. Further, the chairperson of the Public Hearing panel informed the project proponent to present the technical details of the proposed project.

Accordingly, on behalf of Baba Akila Sai Jyothi Industries Pvt Ltd, representative of **M/s. METAMORPHASES Project Consultant Pvt Ltd, Bangalore** has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report which is comprising of Government sanctions, photos of the proposed expansion project, Study area map, salient features of the site, land use details, infrastructure demands, rain water management, the environmental aspects viz., land, water, noise, environment, economic and financial status, environment management plan, environment management programme, income, expenditure and total environment management plan and CSR activities proposed, through power point presentation.

After the presentation, the Chairperson of the Environmental public hearing panel requested the public gathered at the meeting to express their views/ opinions objections/suggestions if any and informed to restrict their views to environmental issues only.

Following are the views/opinions, suggestion of the general public.

1. SRI MEHABOOB BETAGERI-CHIKKABAGANAL VILLAGE

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all Officers and public who are present in the meeting India development is depending upon two zones of agriculture and industry. M/s. Baba Sai Akila Jyothi Industries was operating from last 13 to 14 years near Kunikeri Village. There was a problem in the early years but now the industry has rectified all the problems. Now the industry helping to village festivals and also social works by giving contribution in terms of economic developments of villages. Only because of Agriculture there will not be any development and industry development is very much required. This industry is helping all farmers for development of village. Hence I request Deputy Commissioner to give approval for the proposed expansion of the industries. Because of this industry local village people economic condition was improved I thank Deputy Commissioner for giving the opportunity to express my views.

2. SRI NINGARAJ VEERAPUR, CHIKKABAGANAL VILLAGE

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all officers and public who are present in the meeting, I first of all I support on behalf of industry. During 2008 Baba Akihal Industry was established afterwards Dhruvadesh Industry was established. The Baba Akila Industry has helped for villages to construct the school building hence the students have benefitted. The industry should grow more trees to protect environment. The Chikkabaganal village located at 500mtr and 700 families are living in the village. Keeping in view of the poor people health the industry should operate. I request Deputy Commissioner to give approval for the industry. The medical students from Chikkabaganal village and industry should help the students. The industry is located near to the Chikkabaganal village and all social helps should be given to poor family of the village. The industry should give employment to local people. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

3. SRI MANJUNATH CHIKKABAGANAL VILLAGE.

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all Officers and public who are present in the meeting, for the development of village industries are very important due to the development of the industry village and nation is also developed. The industry should give to help to schools. The industry should help local people for religious function. Due to the operation of the industry there was a health problem and hence the industry should arrange for medical check to village people and also to construct hospital. The employee working in the industry should get best Medical facility. Due to the operation of the industry the land may damage and hence industry should grow more trees and also tall growing trees. The industry should take all measures to avoid deposition of dust to the villages. The industry should adopt dust pollution control measures. The industry should give priority employment

to local people only. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

4. SRI KANAKAGOUDA, CHIKKABAGANAL-VILLAGE

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all Officers and public who are present in the meeting Industry development helps to economic growth of the country and also leads to employment growth, development of Country, State and Villages are depending upon the development of industry. The industry has given employment to local people. In the present expansion project also industry should give importance to local employees and help to improve the economics status of local people. Earlier there was drought and hence people used to migrate from villages. But now after the establishment of industry, employment opportunity was created. The industries are taking care of health of the people. From last fifteen years development of villages was undertaken by the industry. The local people have getting employment. The Roads are damaged and it needs improvement. Lastly the industry has given all facility I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

5. SRI RAMANNA BELAGINAHAL, KUNIKERI (MA IN SOCIOLOGY)

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all Officers and public who are present in the meeting. I request in the industry to take up the plantation program during the month of June. The plantation program should be taken near all residents of village by planting one or two trees. The industry should adopt villages for development. The industry should select burial ground for plantation. The village Roads is damaged due to trucks and tippers which are moving very fastly. Due to this the school children's and small children's are not able to play on the Road sides in the villages. Hence it is required to control the speed of the trucks and tippers.

Secondly the industry should give importance to education and govt schools should get benefits from the industry. The industry should give tuitions to school children's on science and mathematics subjects. The industry should help local festivals, social works and religious functions. The industry should give the employment local people. The industry should give help to farmers and also education of Local people is the prime importance for industry. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

6. SRI LOKESH, CHIKKABAGANAL

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all officers and public who are present in the meeting, there is benefit from the local industries and also there was a problem the local industries. The industry should construct 18 feet wall, provide concrete road and adopt pollution control measures to avoid the waste. The environment Officer is required to give attention to compliant. The industry should give health protection and health guarantee to the employees working in the industry by giving helmet and Shoes and also more protection equipment. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

7. SRI RAMANNA CHOUDAKI, GRAM PANCHYAT MEMBER

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all Officers and public who are present in the meeting. There is a benefit from the industry and also there was a problem from the industry. Industries required for the development of economic growth of the country. A Hospital is required for protection of Health for the local people. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

8 . SRI BALAPPA, HIREKASANAKHANDI VILLAGE (GRAM PANCHYAT MEMBER)

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all Officers and public who are present in the meeting, the roads are damaged and also for school children's school bus facilities should be provided. The village Roads have become pot holes and the matter was brought to the local MLA and Deputy Commissioner. The Road repair work was not undertaken. For 1KM repair of road they have taken 7 months and till now half km of road repair was not completed. The roads are damaged with 4 feet path holes and nobody is giving concentration. Due to the damage of roads kasanakhandi village and other villages are facing problem. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

9. SRI B V REDDY, ENVIRONMENTALIST BALLERI

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all officers and public who are present in the meeting I support the expansion project of the industry. Industries are required for development of country. From the development of industry the direct and indirect employment created for local people. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

10. SRI H MADHUBABU, ENVIRONMENTALIST BALLERI

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all officers and public who are present in the meeting, I request to give permission to speak in English. The local people should get employment from the expansion project of the industry. The industry should help the local students from the nearby villages and should give more contribution for development of all local villages. The industry should grow more trees and ecology of the area, should sprinkle water regularly to the trees/plants, water sprinklers are to be adopted to control the dust problem. The CSR fund should be used for development of local villages. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

11. SRI NAGABASAYYA

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all officers and public who are present in the meeting. The industry should give more help to local people and also help the development of temples of villages, schools and also for religious functions of the villages. The industry also paid compensation for crop loss to the farmers. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

12. SRI SIDDANAGOUDA POLICE PATIL

Respected Deputy Commissioner and all Officers and public who are present in the meeting. The industry is helping all people of Chikkabaganal village. This is the only

industry which is giving all facilities for the local villages and also for the land from 4 to 5 Km. This is the only industries which is helping to farmers and villages. I thank Deputy Commissioner forgiving the opportunity to express my views.

The chairman of the public hearing **Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar IAS, Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Koppal** in his presidential address informed the following to the public.


The iron ore is abundant in Sandur and Hospet region of Ballari and Vijayanagar Districts. The sponge iron production plants are established at Koppal taluk. The iron ore required for these production plants is being transported from Ballari and Vijayanagar Districts using heavy load carrying vehicles/Trucks through the roads of the villages. Due to heavy load and more number of truck movements the village roads are being damaged. So, the industries including the one for which this public hearing is being conducted has to bear the responsibility for this road damages and contribute substantially for the improvement, maintenance and if need be reconstruction of the roads in this area.

Because of the exhaust from the industries in this area the particulate matters present in the air, especially during night time in winter season is crossing the permissible limit. The same has been quite clearly expressed as a concern by the people offered their thoughts today.

I am of the opinion that as in this particular case it is the case of expansion of capacity of the iron ore processing. In this particular industry they have to get the most updated technology to get the exhaust filtered, so that their contribution to the particulate matters exhaust is least. At the cost of repetition I would like to repeat with the above 2 conditions of contribution towards the infrastructure, maintenance, development and abide to adopt the modern most updated technology to curb all kinds of environmental pollution, especially air pollution, The expansion of M/s Baba Akhila Sai Jyothi Industries Pvt Ltd located at Chikkabaganal village may be considered.

The Chairman of the public informed that all the oral and written statements will be recorded in the proceedings in Kannada and English same will be forwarded to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board along with the Photographs and video documents so as to forward to the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change for further necessary action.

The Public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.


(Vikas Kishor Suralkar, I.A.S.)
Deputy Commissioner &
District Magistrate & Environmental
Public Hearing Chairman, Koppal