

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., PROPOSED PROJECT KARIGATTA LIMESTONE MINE WITH PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 1.0 MTPA IN THE MINE LEASE AREA OF 68.91 Ha AT SY.NO.146, 147, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 161 & 483, ML NO.1880 LOCATED AT VILLAGES-MADKAL AND SEDAM, SEDAM TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 09/09/2020 AT 11.00 AM.

VENUE: At Cement Corporation of India (CCI) Colony, Near Temple, Kurkunta, Tq: Sedam, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State

M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., has proposed project Karigatta Lime Stone Mine with production capacity of 1.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of 68.91 Ha at Sy.No. 146, 147, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 161 & 483, ML NO.1880 located at villages-Madkal & Sedam, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

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The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF & CC, Government of India, Dt. 14.09.2006 and subsequent amendment dated 01-12-2009.

Public Hearing Panel:

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1	Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District	Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

1. Sri Ramesh Kolar, Assistant Commissioner, Sedam.
2. Sri C.N. Manjappa , Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., PRESENT IN THE MEETING:

1	Sri Sharad Kumar	Addl. General Manager, CCI
2	Sri M. Kishan Rao	Employee, CCI
3	Sri A.K.Singh	Executive Incharge, CCI Kurkunta
4	Sri M.Suresh	J.E, Mines, CCI
5	Sri M.K.Shukla	DM-Mines, CCI
6	Sri D.K.Adil	Mines (J.O), CCI
7	Sri A.K.Singh	Executive Incharge, CCI
8	Sri Omprakash Kumar	General Manager-GMEC, International, Jaipur
9	Sri Sahil Alwaria	Environmental Engineer-GMEC International, Jaipur

The attendance extract of public participated in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is a prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or his/her representative not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (I.A Division), Government of India, Terms of Reference (TOR) letter No. J-11015/113/2018-IA.II (M) New Delhi dated 29.08.2019 for production of limestone mine with capacity of 1.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of 68.91 Ha and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter 16.10.2019, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 09.09.2020 at project site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "Vijaya Karnataka" and English daily news paper "The Hindu" on 8th August, 2020. The public hearing notification was also issued in the local Kannada daily news paper "Sanjevani" on 13/08/2020. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the



proposed project were invited. Affected people could 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 the Notification/at the time of public hearing.

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 to the General Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi.
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Kalaburagi.
3. District Industries Centre, Kalaburagi.
4. CMC, Sedam.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Madkal Village, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi.
7. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.
8. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Bangalore.
9. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church Street, Bangalore.

The Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi, Sri C.N. Manjappa, has welcomed the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, all the public, the officials of all departments and others who were present on the occasion. He has briefed the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification. He 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 access at different places. He has requested the Deputy Commissioner, to preside over the Public Hearing. He has informed the public to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of this hearing. Entire proceedings was Videographed and audio.

Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S, Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District, who was present in the meeting had informed the public that the public hearing is only on the environmental aspects concerning to the project and any quires/ objections on the EIA report submitted by the industry. In this regard she has requested industrial representatives/ consultant to make a presentation in the local language on the proposed project.



Accordingly, Sri Basavaraj Patil representative of the project presented the salient features of the project viz the executive summary - background of the project, Land requirement, proposed activity, solid and Hazardous waste management, Water requirement, mining type, production details, Air Pollution sources and Control measures proposed, Base line study, Ambient air quality, Noise environment, Water environment, Surface water quality, Ground water quality, land environment, biological environment, anticipated environmental impacts, Green belt development, CSR and environmental management plan of the proposed project. The presentation made by the project proponent in the public hearing is enclosed in **Annexure -II.**

After the detailed presentation made by the project representative. Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi has expressed views about the environmental public hearing and said that, today Karigatta Mines Public Hearing is going on. Public can submit their comments in writing. Public can speak about this project, same will be recorded and project proponent will reply for queries. Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi have requested all public to wear mask and to maintain social distance in sitting. Public has to support to come to the better decision on this project to have over all development of this region. The Deputy Commissioner, has raised a platform for public hearing with special instructions to present their views and comments only to environmental issues of the project.

The stage was open to public for their hearing.

The written suggestions/ objections submitted to the Board and submitted at the time of the hearing are enclosed as **Annexure-III.**

Further, the following persons expressed their concerns in the public hearing are as follows:

1) Sri Akram Pasha, Indiranagar, Kurkunta Village;

I am a resident of Kurkunta village and served as Gram Panchayat member for 2 terms. I am welcoming DC madam, Sedam AC Sir, CCI representatives & others present in this meeting. We are praying to start of this cement plant as it will create employment. We went to Delhi in 2017 and submitted memorandum to start of this plant. They have assured to start the plant. Now we are jobless and our youths are going to Bangalore, Mumbai & Hyderabad for search of employment. I am requesting the CCI representative that whether



you are going to start only mines and/or also plant will be started. This plant is wet process technology and new dry process technology has come. Adjacent to the plant in Indiranagar about 200 houses are there. We are seeing this area since 40 years and this area environment is good and greenbelt has been developed. Even this plant is closed, but CCI management has solved our problems in this village. I am requesting the CCI management to start the mines and plant as early as possible, so that it will help to get employment in this region. As a member of the Gram Panchayat I will also help this from my side. There is no objection for this project. I am concluding my speech.

2) Sri S. Venkatesh, Kurkunta Village;

Since 1968 to 2002, I have worked in this company and we fought for welfare of the employees. For any problems like mining, transportation, plant arised have been solved by the Central Government with the help of State Government. For our Housing Society, Pollution Control Board has given approval in 1968. You can use these approval instead of going for new approval. Now this plant has closed due to decision of Central Government, they have taken decision to close all loss making plants and to privatize them. They are no other problems. We all will support this project and start the mines and plant at the earliest. I am concluding my speech.

3) Sri Mallikarjun M, President, Cement Corporation Employees Union, Kurkunta Village;

I have worked for this company and I have represented the union for safeguard of this company and for restart of the plant. However, in 2006, BIFR has taken final decision that out of total 10 factories, 7 plants have to be sold and 3 plants to be kept in running. This company has 3 mine leases and we have renewed them once in 5 years. We have started production in 1971, I am not aware at that time public opinion was asked or not about environment pollution. Now, the CCI has made documentation of all environment issues for renewal purpose. However, the company has already having permissions. For any reason, they have again applied for renewal and as a ex-employee of the plant and also as resident of Kurkunta village, I welcome this project and due to this plant there is no problem to the environment. The plant has operated from 1971 to 1998 and at that time also no environment pollution from this plant. There is confusion in the public that the plant will be restarted or sold to private agency. In my opinion the government may abide BFR decision. I am welcoming the CCI proposed project and there is no objection from Kurkunta villages. I am concluding my speech.

4) Sri Ramayya Pujari, APMC Member, Sedam, Kurkunta Village;

After seeing this program, I can say that it is going to give rebirth to poor people. I can say today that sakshat Lakshmi has made her foot steps in this area, in the form of Hon'ble



Deputy Commissioner Madam. For any work and implementation, time has to come. That time has come today. Factory has to be restarted. For this all the surrounding Kurkunta, Injepalli villages has to support this project. Thousands of families will survive and live due to this project. This factory has taken award at State and National level. This factory has wet process and expenditure is more in this process and hence factory was closed. We can see the adjacent plant like Vasavadatta Cement and Rajashree Plant have dry system, by this process income is more. In Kurkunta village, the people are not getting employment and the crops are also not growing in this area. The people are getting works due to Vasavadatta Cement factory and living due to this. I am concluding my speech.

5) Sri Sharanappa V. Kolli, CCI Revival Action Committee President, Kurkunta Village;

I am in public service from several years and today I am handing over memorandum to all the concerned officials. I am working as president of CCI revival Committee and we met congress party leader Sri Mallikarjun Kharge Sir, Industrial Minister Sri Balasaheb Patil, and also met Sri M.V Rajashekar and met all ministers and BJP local leaders also trying to reopen this plant. In Kurkunta CCI has large lime stone quarry and having all the created infrastructure facility available here. Hence, this plant can be started easily as there is plenty of lime deposit available in Kurkunta mines. I am giving representation that conditional leasing permission shall be given to CCI that either to start the factory or to sell the factory, because I am one of the land loser, I have given my land at the rate of Rs.1400/- per acre and also surrounding Kurkunta, Madkal & Injepalli villagers have given their lands to this plant and mines. He read his representation as below:

We the undersigned cement corporation of india Revival Action Committee would like to bring repeated few lies for your kind information and needful action.

Cement Corporation of India Limited Kurkunta established and started production during the year 1971 and awarded national award in 1982 and stopped its production in 1998 to announcing voluntary retirement scheme of its 508 employees and announced its closer on 2008-09 to poppering direct and indirect 1000 of its families. It had become sad story like Solaman Grandy.

We the villagers have sacrificed land to cement plant with lesser price. In ambition of jobs to villagers and educated technical experts. The management of CCI we shuttered the dreams of employees and labours by throwing them on streets.

Hence you may kindly consider the above request and put conditions to start the plant or to sell the plant within short period. Which can help the land loser and welfare of the state.



6) Sri Veeranna Sangappa Mantatti, Kurkunta Village;

Today we have assembled for public hearing for reopening of the factory and discuss about environment pollution issues. I am submitting here that as per land acquisition Act, the government has acquired several acres of farmers lands and given to factory. Farmers happily given the lands thinking that all we live, our children will live and surrounding several people will survive due to this project. But, now the factory has closed, the farmers have lost lands, their children lost employment, and also unemployment in surrounding villages has been seen. Survival of the villagers is very difficult. I am submitting that as you are calling all the surrounding Kurkunta, Madkal & Injepalli villagers for this meeting and I am requesting all the officers present here to restart the plant at the earliest. We all surrounding villages welcoming this project. I am concluding my speech.

7) Sri Kamanna, Injepalli Village;

I am requesting to give good compensation amount to the land losers and shall give employment to local people. Injepalli village is supporting this project. I am concluding my speech.

8) Sri. Ansar Patel, Kurkunta Village;

The company shall give more salary to workers and employees. Still there is doubt that whether the company will be started or not. If the plant is started all this area will be developed. During operation of this plant, the people from all over India from different states like Kerala, Madras, Himachal Pradesh & Bihar area were stayed here and all this has vanished due to closure of this plant. All we are supporting the opening of this company. I am concluding my speech.

9) Sri Hazi, Ex-TMC Member, Sedam;

All the people of this area are very happy to hear that meeting for 3 days will be organized for opening of this factory and we are ready to give lands to this factory for reopening. The company mines lime stone is of better quality like gold and no other plant is not having this type lime stone quality. We are not understanding why this type of mines was also closed. Due to closure of the factory, the surrounding villagers lost jobs and their livelihood. All over India students have studies in the Kurkunta village School and there is history for this school. I am requesting Deputy Commissioner Madam to give permission to reopen the factory at the earliest and for this all we support. Due to opening of this factory, all the surrounding area will be developed.



10) Sri Ravi S, General Secretary, JDS Party, Sedam Taluk;

I am representative of JDS party and I am submitting that many families have lived due to this factory for several years. Due to closure of this factory, all are in difficult situation. My father has worked in this factory and my many brothers here present knew the situation of this area. I am requesting and submitting memorandum that the company shall provide employment to local people and purchase lands for higher prices. There is Bharathi Vidyalaya School in this area and many have got better education at this school during running of the factory. There is no environment pollution due to this factory. Industry has been operated by taking all precautions for control of environment pollution. It is learnt that about 30 years this plant was operated, but still lot of deposit of limestone is available in the mines. There is water supply sources like Kamalavathi & Kagina rivers are available here. Railway track also available nearby. Local people life will be improved due to reopening of this factory. Employment will be generated. People are moving to different outside places in search of jobs and facing difficulty. All these will get local employment if this factory is reopened. In 1982 at the time of Smt. Indira Gandhi was the prime minister of India, this factory got national award and I don't know why such type of factory was closed. Also I urging that the company shall give employment to local villagers & shall give compensation to the farmers, if the land is acquired by the company. Due to opening of this factory indirect employment will be generated in the surrounding area. I am requesting the Deputy Commissioner to take action for opening of this factory at the earliest. I am concluding my speech.

11) Sri Vishwanath Reddy Patil, Sedam;

CCI has proposed mining at ML No.1880, in an area of 68.91 Ha and public hearing has been organized today for this purpose. There is no objection from us for giving permission of mining and CCI has presented their plan to the public in the presentation and they have stated that there is no damage to the environment due to this mining project and the environment management plan presented here to the public shall be implemented by the company. Presentation copy to be distributed to all the public. There is problem to the Injepalli villagers due to blasting at mines of Vasavadatta Cement Plant. This should not happen due to mining from this CCI company and should take all measures for control of environment pollution as per the presentation given. Survey numbers have been mentioned in the mining lease area and clarification has to be given for this private lands. Permission can be given to this mines without affecting the interest of the farmers. All have hope that employment will be generated to local people due to this project. I am requesting Deputy Commissioner to communicate public opinion to the government for this project. Our Hon'ble MP Dr. Umesh Jhadav also making efforts to reopen this factory. I am once again requesting CCI management to implement all the issues presented before the



public, with this condition permission can be given to the company. I am concluding my speech.

12) Sri Papaiah Gouda, Madkal Village;

I requesting to clarify on the area of mining whether private lands mentioned in the project will be utilized for mining purpose. They have laid roads in our lands, but they have not given compensation to farmers. The company shall give compensation and make agreements with farmers before starting mining activity. Near by sy.No's have been exempted from mining lease area and far away lands sy.no's have been mentioned in mining lease area. This has to be clarified by giving prior notices and with proper compensations. Tahasildar has given notices in 2013 to farmers to give NOC. But there is no clarification for what purpose they are acquiring whether for mining or for plant.

Finally project proponent representative clarified that all these issues will be brought to the notice of the Higher Management. Public urged the CCI management to resolve this issue before taking up mining activity in the said lease area.

Finally, Environmental Officer informed that all of you have attended environmental public hearing of M/s Cement Corporation of India Limited (CCI) and heard the environmental management plan of the industry. He informed that the opinions of the public have been videographed and proceedings will be forwarded to Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India for further action. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and said that they are concluding this Environment Public hearing meeting.


(Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S)
Deputy Commissioner,

And Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
 Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

