

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF SHRI. MOHAN D HOSAMANI, SY. NO. 9/1, HIREKODAGALI VILLAGE, ILKAL TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE MINING OF PINK GRANITE OF CAPACITY 3,500CU.MTR PER ANNUM (9,275TPA) IN AN MINE LEASE AREA OF 5-16 ACRES HELD ON 19/05/2022 AT 11.00AM AT PROJECT SITE, HIREKODAGALI VILLAGE, ILKAL TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT.

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad (I/C) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.	Member
<u>Consultants & Mines representatives present</u>		
1.	Shri. Punith M Hosamani	Mine Owner
2.	Shri. Sachin M U	Representatives of Environmental Consultant - M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru

Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District, the Tahasildar, Ilkal Taluka, Bagalkote District and all the participating villagers from surrounding area & public, elected representatives who were present in the public hearing. Further, he briefly explained the needs for Environmental Clearance and public hearing for the said project as follows:

Shri. Mohan D Hosamani propose to undertake mining of Pink Granite of capacity 3,500Cu.mtr per annum (9,275TPA) at Sy. No. 9/1, Hirekodagali village, Ilkal Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment 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 State Level Impact Assessment Authority, GOK and Conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division), GOI, the project proponent has made application for Environmental Clearance and got the Terms of Reference from State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, GOK vide Letter dated: 06-12-2021 and accordingly the draft EIA report is prepared. The project proponent submitted the request letter to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote, the Public Hearing is scheduled on 19-05-2022 at Project site, Hirekodagali village, Ilkal Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Praja Vani" and English Daily Newspaper "The Hindu" dated: 19-04-2022 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshan" on 20-04-2022. In the said Notification, the suggestions / views/ comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed project were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. in 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.

The copy of the draft EIA 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, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Navanagar, 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.
- Office of the Executive Officer, Taluka Panchayat, Ilkal, Bagalkot-District.
- Office of the Secretary/Panchayat Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Hirekodagali village, Ilkal Taluk, Bagalkot-District.
- Web site of KSPCB "<http://kspcb.gov.in>"

The Head office, KSPCB, Bangalore received one objection letter from Shri. Venkatesh. T, Bangalore for the proposed Pink Granite mining project on 08-05-2022 stating that - the mining authorities stated that, unused ponds will be converted into rain water harvesting ponds and from this ground water will be recharged & the water will be used for dust suppression purpose in quarry, which is completely wrong statement. The said mine exists near National Highway, residential area, agricultural lands & educational institutions. They will undertake blasting activities in the mine & also it creates dust nuisance. Also, water pollution and noise pollution will be generated from the proposed

mining activity and cause health problems to public & students from said quarry activity. Hence, he requested not to grant permission for establishment of the said mine at this location. The copy of the said letter is enclosed with this proceeding as Annexure-01.

The other offices mentioned above have not received any E-mail or any written applications with comments or objections from public as on 18-05-2022 in respect of said project. This Environmental Public Hearing is organized for hearing the suggestions/ views/ comments and objections of the interested public and villagers on Environmental related issues.

He informed the representatives of the Environmental Consultant, M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru to make a Power Point Presentation on environment study conducted on Air, Water, Soil & noise environmental impact assessment and the environmental management plan of the proposed project to the public gathered;

On behalf of M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru, the Environmental Consultant Shri. Sachin M U, made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data and present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impacts of the project on the environment, The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection, environmental monitoring etc by the Project Proponent. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding, as Annexure-02. List of participants/villagers & others who attended the Public Hearing is enclosed as Annexure-03.

Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi, Additional Deputy Commissioner requested the public & villagers present in the hearing to express their suggestions / views / comments if any about the said project. Accordingly the following villagers/public are expressed their views in the hearing:

1. Shree. Vishal Katharia, Granite Industrialist of Ilkal

- He informed that, the Granite industry contributes around 20% in total revenue of India and also it is very big contribution in the growth of GDP of India.
- Previously, Karnataka State was on top in the production of granite. But, now it is slipped to fourth place because of policies of the State Government of Karnataka.
- He questioned the process of obtaining Environmental Clearance after obtaining necessary NOCs from the Local Authorities, the Tahasildar and Land conversion certificate from the Deputy Commissioner.
- He informed that, there are 21,000 cases of obtaining Environmental Clearance are pending throughout India and 700 such cases are refused after obtaining land conversion certificate.

- He requested the committee that, Environmental Clearance should be obtained first before obtaining land conversion certificate from the District Administration.

➤ **Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote clarified to the queries as follows:**

- Granite mines are included in minor minerals and they have been kept outside from the Consent mechanism of the KSPCB.
- They need to obtain permissions from the Department of Mines and Geology after obtaining Environmental Clearance from the GOK.
- This Public Hearing is arranged as per EIA Notification to obtain public opinion about the project.

2. **Shree. Basavaraj Marakumbi of Ilkal**

- He informed that, the proposed Pink Granite mining project will be very helpful for surrounding villagers as many direct and indirect job opportunities will be created from the proposed Mining project.
- He also informed that, the mining authorities will pay Royalty to Government and contribute to District Mineral Fund (DMF) and it will help for building a better infrastructure in surrounding area.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

3. **Shree. Mohan Badavadagi of Hirekodagali village**

- He informed that, proposed pink granite mine will benefit the surrounding villagers in upliftment of the economical condition of surrounding villagers.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

4. **Shree. Hanamantappa Vanigeravar of Hirekodagali village**

- He informed that, the proposed Pink Granite mining project will be very helpful for surrounding villagers as many direct and indirect job opportunities will be created from the proposed Mining project.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

5. **Shree. Sangappa Kudaleppanavar, Ilkal Lorry owner**

- He requested the authorities to grant necessary permissions for issuing of Environmental Clearance as they will get employment from the proposed Pink Granite mine project.

6. **Shree. Mahantesh Patil, Ilkal Lorry owner**

- He requested to grant necessary permissions for issuing of Environmental Clearance as they will get employment and work for his transport business.

7. **Shree. Abdul Rehman of Gudur village**

- He informed that, he is a Mine mate and there are many other mine mates are there in surrounding area who doesn't have jobs. Hence, he requested the authorities to grant necessary permissions for issuing of Environmental Clearance as they will get employment from the proposed Pink Granite mine project.

8. **Shree. Nazeer of Ilkal**

- He informed that, from this proposed project the surrounding villagers will get more jobs. Hence, he welcome proposed pink granite mining project.

Shri Mahadev A Muragi, the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District addressed the public hearing as follows:

- Shri. Sachin M U of M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project. The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection by the Project Proponent.
- He directed the Project Proponent to take all precautionary measures during the establishment of project by following guidelines/ norms/ conditions/ directions/ standards stipulated by competent authorities and shall take 05 rows of plantations so that, the dust emissions generated from the mining activity shall not fall in adjacent lands.
- The mine authorities should take care of road safety and maintain speed limit of vehicles in the village area and the mine authorities should take all the care that, the surrounding villagers should not face any problems from the proposed mining project.
- The mine authorities should provide all the necessary safety/ precautionary measures to the workers of the proposed mine.
- The appeals, suggestions & opinions of the public have been recorded through video and the proceedings of the meeting will be sent to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, GOK for further needful.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.


(Shri Mahadev A Muragi)
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Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Bagalkote, Karnataka.

