

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing with respect to proposed mining of Ordinary Sand in an area of 33.20 Acres (13.44 Ha), of capacity 1,24,789 TPA at Chikkakuravatti Sand Mining Block-1 in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 12 (P), 13 and 14 Chikkakuravatti Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District by M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd., held on 19/04/2022

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| Venue | : | Chikkakuravatti Sand Mining Block-1 in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 12 (P), 13 and 14 Chikkakuravatti Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District |
| Date | : | 19/04/2022 |
| Presided by | : | Sri S. B. Shettnavar Deputy Commissioner & President, Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri- District |
| Officers Present | : | List enclosed as Annexure-1 |
| Representatives of the Project | : | List enclosed as Annexure-2 |
| Names of the Public Participants | : | List enclosed as Annexure-3 |
| Hard copy of the presentation made in the public hearing | : | Enclosed as Annexure-4 |
| Written objections / suggestions / opinions received at the time of Environmental public hearing | : | List enclosed as Annexure-5 |

Preamble:

M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 1,24,789 TPA in an area of 33.20 Acres (13.44 Hectares) at Chikkakuravatti sand mining block No.1, Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 12 (P), 13 and 14 Chikkakuravatti Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District

As per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification published on 14.09.2006 and subsequent amendment by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance for the said project from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA),

Karnataka and it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at the project site. Accordingly, SEIAA has issued Terms of Reference (ToR) vide letter No. SEIAA 337 MIN 2021, dated: 13/10/2021 for the said project and directed the project Proponent to request the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to conduct Environmental Public Hearing. In view of the above, the project proponent, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has submitted a draft EIA report including Executive summary in Kannada and English and requested the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at the project site vide dated: 10/01/2022.

Based on the request of the project proponent and in accordance with the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment, Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled at Proposed Project Site on 19/04/2022 at 11.30 AM. Accordingly, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has published Notification about the Environmental Public Hearing in leading newspapers of Karnataka State viz., "The Hindu" (English) and "Prajavani" (Kannada) on 19/03/2022 and also in local news paper "Kaurava" (Kannada) on 19/03/2022, inviting responses orally/writing/ e-mail to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, District Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri from the concerned persons having possible stake in the Environmental aspects of the project or activity within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification.

Further, the draft EIA report and Executive Summary of the project were kept in the designated places such as Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Haveri, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Haveri, District Industry Centre, Haveri, Taluk Panchayat, Ranebennur, Gram Panchayat Office, Chikkakuravatti Village, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Haveri, SEIAA, Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru and HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No. 49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru for public reference.

The Environmental Public Hearing was conducted on 19/04/2022 at Proposed Project Site at 11.30 AM. Sri Rajashekhar Puranik, Senior Environmental Officer (Incharge), Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Dharwad extended warm welcome to Sri S. B. Shettnavar, Deputy Commissioner & President, Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri District, Sri Kodandarama V., Senior Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Haveri and Officials of other departments. He also extended the welcome to representatives of the project, all surrounding villagers & public who attended Public Hearing.

Sri Rajashekhar Puranik, Senior Environmental Officer (Incharge), Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Dharwad has briefly explained the procedure as per EIA Notification, 2006 and need for Environmental Clearance for the said project and requested the Deputy Commissioner, Haveri to start the proceedings of the public hearing. Sri S. B. Shettnavar, Deputy Commissioner, Haveri has informed the representatives of the Project and their consultants to make the presentation on proposed project and briefly present the summary before the public and informed the general public to express their views, opinions and objections if any, about the proposed project after the presentation.

On behalf of M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. Sri Sachin MU from M/s. Horizon Ventures has informed that, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 1,24,789 TPA in an area of 33.20 Acres (13.44 Hectares) at Chikkakuravatti Sand Mining Block-01 in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 12 (P), 13 and 14, Chikkakuravatti Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District. He explained that, the sand mining will be done by using Hitachi & JCB Eco Excellence will be used for digging and loading activities. No drilling and blasting will be done as it is non-compact in nature and easily diggable by using excavator. He also told that the river is sloping Southwest side, the highest elevation is 517 Mtrs and lowest elevation is 515 Mtrs above the MSL within the sand block. The Salient feature of the project, the impact of the project on the surrounding Environment, Environment Management Plan and Measures proposed to control/mitigate the Environmental Pollution and CSR activities were explained through power point presentation. The hard copy of the presentation made in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-4**.

After the presentation Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner addressed the gathering and informed that the company representative has given detailed presentation. As all of you know that sand mining is being carried out unscientifically without approval from the government, which is causing damage to the environment and this has also caused loss to the government. Due to this reason under new sand policy, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company ltd. is entrusted with sand mining to supply sand to the public at government fixed rate ie. Rs. 700/- they are going to release an app ie. Sand app, from which you will be supplied with sand if you enter the details on how much sand you need and where to deliver, through your mobile. You can pay the amount through online payment. There will not be any hidden business in this. Since it is a government company they will take care of environment and the young generation of nearby village may get job opportunities. He informed the public to express their views, opinions and objections if any either through writing or orally about the proposed project, the same will be recorded. We will not take any decision here. The decision will be taken at the

government level by subject experts of the verification. If anybody wants to express their view, they can come one by one, tell their name and name of the village and directly mention their opinions and if anybody wish to give it in writing, may give it here directly.

List of the views expressed by public during the Public Hearing after the completion of presentation on the proposed project are as follows:

1. Sri Ningappa Basavanneppa Madiwalara, Chikkakuravatti village

He said that, there are a number of poor people in our village, they are carrying out sand mining by using bullock cart and leading the life. It will be difficult for them to lead their life if you impose restriction. Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner told that the issue will be recorded. For that Sri Ningappa told that the roads are damaged, the same has to be constructed and the temples of our village have to be developed. Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner told that since the Government company is proposed to carry out the sand mining activity they will construct the road, to develop the temples DMF fund is there and amount will be credited to Deputy Commissioner's account for development of temples. If you submit about your requirement in writing, the development of temples will be undertaken from Deputy Commissioner's fund and company's CSR fund. Sri Ningappa informed that now they are taking the sand for a lower prize or free of cost, hence they should be supplied with sand free of cost in future also. For that Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner told that till today people were extracting the sand illegally, but the same will not be happen in future, you will be getting sand legally and easily. If you register your name in Panchayat you will be provided with sand in your place at the rate fixed by the government.

2. Sri Sankanagouda Mudukanagouda, Chikkakuravatti village

He said that, there are pump sets and pipes belonging to farmers at the river bed which will be damaged due to sand mining, an alternative facility has to be made. Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner informed that the representatives of M/s. Hatti Gold Mines company ltd, will respond to it.

3. Sri. Ningappa Bharamappa Madiwalara, Chikkakuravatti Village

He requested for improvement of schools and the roads in the area, for that Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner told that it will be taken care of by the project proponent,


4. Sri Durgadevi Hamalara Sangha, Chikkakuravatti Village

The representative of the said sangha submitted the letter at the time of Public Hearing stating that preference shall be given to the workers belonging to their labour union for extracting of sand.

Sri Raghav, the Senior Engineer (Environment), M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. addressed the gathering and informed that this project is meant to supply sand to everybody uniformly, they will take all necessary measures to supply sand to everybody. Some people asked 'what is the advantage to this village due to the proposed project'. They will pay tax to the government to mine sand. Now, the government is not getting any income due to illegal sand mining. They are computerizing the entire process, there will be accountability to all the sand mined and there will be income to the government. A part of the income will be given to the village from the government. The developmental activities in the village may be carried out from this income. They have also reserved some amount for the development of schools and colleges, community places, drinking water, roads and greenery in the area. This project will take care of all the above said developmental activities along with the mining activity. Further, he informed that the boundary will be fixed from the company and the pumpsets, Pipes and wires will be shifted without causing any damage to any property or public.

The Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner informed that the opinion expressed by the public in this meeting is recorded and all recorded opinions in the CD format along with proceedings of the meeting are going to be submitted to the Government through the State Pollution Control Board.

Sri Raghav, the Senior Engineer (Environment), M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. thanked all who attended the meeting and with this the meeting is concluded.


S. B. Shettennavar, IAS
Deputy Commissioner &
President-District Environmental
Public Hearing Committee, Haveri

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