

**Date: 17-06-2022 Project "Government High School" Hemanur Village, Tq: Shorapur Dist: Yadgir At 11.00am "Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited, Bangalore, for general sand mining in Hemanur Sand Block, Krishna River Bank Survey No. 142/2, 157/2/2, 158/2, 160/3, 163/2, 164/2 & 165/2 at Hemanur Village, Shorapur Taluk, Yadgir District covering a total area of 58.00 acres for sand mining with a capacity of 1,93,783 tonnes per annum. Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held to receive comments from the public on the impact of the proposed project on the environment for the development of the plan for semi-mechanized mode (open cost mining):**

**Officers present:**

**Sir:**

- 1) Mr. Shankaragowda Somanala, K.A.S. (Selection Grade)  
Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing  
Yadgir District, Yadgir.**
- 2) Mr. Madhusudan,  
Senior Environment Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.**
- 3) Mr. K. Raju, Environment Officer,  
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadgir**
- 4) Mr. Subbanna Jamkhandi, Tehsildar, Shorapur**

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At the beginning of the meeting Mr. K. Raju, Environmental Officers, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadagiri requested the Hon'ble Deputy Collector, Yadagiri to preside over the meeting and requested Senior Environmental Officers of the Board, KSPCB, Kalaburagi to sit on the dais and to the officers and staff of the Revenue Department, Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd., technical staff of the project, police department officials, health department staff, media and all public, all farmers and all concerned.

Environmental Officers, speaking introductory note, Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited, who are conducting general sand mining in Hemanura sand block of Shorapur taluk of Yadgir district, Krishna river bank survey no. 142/2, 157/2/2, 158/2, 160/3, 163/2, 164/2 & 165/2 at Hemanur Village, Shorapur Taluk, Yadgir District covering a total area of 58.00 acres for sand mining with a capacity of 1,93,783 tonnes per annum.

To set up according to semi-automated system (open cost mining). Regarding Yadgir district, to receive statements/suggestions from the public regarding the proposed project and its impact on the environment, the District Collector's Office informed that an environmental public hearing meeting has been organized on date: 17-06-2022 at "Government High School" Hemanur village at 11.00 am. , Yadgir, Chief Executive Officers Office Zilla Panchayat, Yadgir, Department of Mines and Earth Sciences, Yadgir, Taluk Executive Officers Taluka Panchayat Shorapura, District Industrial Center Yadgir, Gram Panchayat Office Hemanur, Tehsildars Office Shorapura and Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadgir informed that the executive summary (in English and Kannada languages), hard copy and reports of the project were kept for public review for 30 days in advance



and the notification of environmental public hearing meeting was published in state level leading dailies like "Vijaya Karnataka" & "Deccan Herald" D:18-05-2022 and Notifying that a notification was published in the daily newspaper "Kannadaprabha" on 19-05-2022 and the public was invited to submit comments, he requested the Honorable President to allow the meeting to be held.

The Chairman of the meeting addressed the meeting and directed the technical advisor of Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited to present the technical details of the proposed project to the meeting. Accordingly, the technical advisor of the project presented the project related aspects in the meeting. The Chairman briefly explained the plan to the public and instructed the public to present their opinions freely in written form or orally in the meeting if they have any suggestions, instructions, criticisms/comments.

**Accordingly the following villagers who were present in the meeting expressed their views as follows:**

1. **Mr. Maruti Halagera Village:** Who prepared the first report by whom he spoke? The people here do not have prior information about this, he questioned whether it is from the pollution control authorities or the Hatti Gold Mines Company.
- **If the planners are to set up any sand block, a study report should be prepared in advance which may be prepared by a government approved agency which is approved by the NABL. Here, the organization conducted a study on behalf of the Hatti Gold Mine and gave a report.**

He further said that there are less pearl trees around this village, due to mining, the agricultural land will decrease and after the mining is over, there may be an adverse effect on the environment here.

- **The Chairman while speaking advised the planners that mining here should be done carefully and responsibly.**
- **If the planners are talking about doing mining, there are some rules about road and afforestation and new sand policy-2020 so that dust does not come, everyone has to take care of forest, for this we have reserved lakhs of rupees for afforestation for Hatti Gold Company. For dust control, sand is transported with a top covering only during the day. He said that Hatti Gold Company is a government company and there is no profit motive from mining, so that private company's illegal activity has been curbed. He informed that 25% amount of Baru Rajdhan from mining can be used by the government for road, forest, education and drinking water supply to the panchayat/village.**
- **The Chairman speaking informed that steps will be taken to submit inspection report every month by Pollution Control Board department as per rules.**

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Further, Kolluru village adjacent to Hemanur village has been marked as a historical place where sand mining is prohibited. Accordingly, an inscription was found at Hallikati in this village, which also falls within the scope of this survey number, so he insisted on studying it.

2. **Shri Bhimaraya Yamanur Village:** He spoke and said that the Gods are coming to the Gangesna during Ella Amavase from Halli Katti to Sangamada Road and they are doing sand mining in the wrong place, we do not agree with this and they demanded to build another road to reduce the dust and transport the sand.

Finally, the chairman addressed the meeting and named the names of Mr. Maruti and Bhimaraya in the meeting and informed the meeting again about the summary of the impressions/opinions expressed regarding this project and informed the meeting that they will be careful not to cause any trouble to the public of the village and told the meeting that the proceedings of the said meeting will be duly written and submitted to the government for further action along with video and photographs.



**Shri Shankar Gowda Somanala**  
**K.A.S. (Selection Grade)**

**Additional District Collectors and Chairman**  
**Environment Public Meeting, Yadagiri**  
**Tq & Dist: Yadgir.**



