

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S HUTTI GOLD MINES CO. LTD., PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND AT TAKALI SAND BLOCK OF CAPACITY 70,107 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 15.00 ACRES IN BHIMA RIVER BED, ADJACENT TO SY.NO.12, 13 & 14 OF TAKALI VILLAGE, AFZALPUR TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 06/04/2022 @ 10.30 AM.

VENUE: At Project Site, Takali Village, Tq: Afzalpur, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

M/s Hutti Gold Mines has proposed production of 70,107 Tonnes/year of Ordinary Sand Quarry in total extent of 15.00 acre at Bhima River bed, adjacent to Sy.No.12, 13 & 14 of Takali Village, Tq: Afzalpur, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, Dated: 14.09.2006 and subsequent amendment dated: 01.12.2009. Further, the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted by following existing COVID19 guidelines of Government of Karnataka.

Public Hearing Panel:

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1	Shri. Yeshwanth V. Gurukar, I.A.S Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District	Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

1. Shri. Madhusudhan, SEO, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi
2. Shri C.N. Manjappa, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.
3. Shri. Adamsab, DEO, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi
4. Smt. Sathyabhama B.V.B, Geologist, Department of Mines & Geology, Kalaburagi

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S HUTTI GOLD MINES,

1	Shri. Anil Kumar B.V	Dy.Manager, M/s Hutti Gold Mines
2	Shri. Sachin M.V	Consultant, M/s Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru
3	Sri. Arun R	Consultant, M/s Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru

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

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is prerequisite to obtain the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site shall held under the Chairmanship of

Deputy Commissioner or his/her representative not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority- Karnataka, Terms of Reference (TOR) letter No. SEIAA 351 MIN 2021, dated 13.10.2021 for the proposed quarrying of ordinary sand project at Bhima River bed, adjacent to Sy.No.12, 13 & 14 of Takali Village, Afzalpur Taluk, Kalaburagi District in an extent of 15.00 Acre, and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated 10.01.2022, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 06.04.2022 at project site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published the paper 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 “**Deccan Herald**” on 5th March, 2022. The public hearing notification was also published in the local Kannada daily news paper “**Sanjevani**” on 06/03/2022. 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 reference 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. Taluk Panchayat Office, Afzalpur.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Hasiragundigi Village, Tq: Afzalpur, 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.

Sri C.N. Manjappa, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi welcomed the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, the public, the officials of all departments and others who were present on the occasion. He briefed the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. 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 reference at different places. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, to preside over the Public Hearing. He informed the public to present their submissions either in written or

orally, which would be a part of this hearing. Entire proceedings was Video graphed and audio. Environmental Officer informed the project proponent to present their project proposal to the gathered public.

Accordingly, Environment consultant of the project proponent M/s Horizon Ventures, Bangalore representative -Sri. Sachin M.V has presented the public about the salient features of the project viz the executive summary, base line studies, Socio Economic environment, proposed activity, monitoring details, Air Pollution sources and Control measures proposed, Ambient air quality, Noise Environment, Water Environment, Surface water quality, Ground water quality, land Environment, Biological Environment, anticipated Environmental impacts, Project benefits, 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.

There is one written suggestions/ objections submitted during hearing by the residents of Takli village with the following remarks, same is enclosed as Annexure-III.

1. ಉಸುಕಿನಲ್ಲ ತಗ್ಗು ಬದ್ಧು ಹೋಳಗೆ ಬಟ್ಟೆ ಒಗೆಯಲು ಹೋದ ಹೆಣ್ಣುಮಕ್ಕಳು, ಮಕ್ಕಳು, ದನಕುರಿ ಜೀವ ಹಾನಿ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ.
2. ರೈತರ ಬೆಳೆ ಹಾನಿ, ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಕಿತ್ತಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತವೆ, ರೈತರ ಬೆಳೆ ಹಾನಿಯಾಗುವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ.
3. ರಾತ್ರಿ ಹಗಲು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಗಾಡಿಗಳ ಓಡಾಡಿ ರೋಡ್ ಹಾಳಾಗುವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ.
4. ಹಳೆ ಊರಿನಿಂದ ಹೊಸ ಊರಿನ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಜೀವಕ್ಕೆ ಅಪಾಯ. ಉಸುಕಿನ ಗಾಡಿಗಳು ರಾತ್ರಿ ಹಗಲು ತಿರುಗುತ್ತವೆ.
5. ಉಸುಕಿನ ಗಾಡಿಗಳು ರಾತ್ರಿ ಹಗಲು ತಿರುಗುವುದರಿಂದ ನಿದ್ರೆ ಕೆಡಿಸಿ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿಯಿಂದ ಇರಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
6. ಶಬ್ದ ಮಾಅನ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

After the detailed presentation made by the project proponent, Deputy Commissioner informed that the Hutti Gold Mines is government Company. They are proposed sand mining in this area. He invited the public to express their views about this sand mining activity and informed that the same will be recorded. The stage was open to public for their hearing.

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

1) Shri Moulasaheb, Takali Village;

They have laid our pump set pipelines in this river bed. This company has to carry out sand mining without damaging our pipelines.

Deputy Commissioner informed that Hutti Gold Mines has taken this sand mining block. Public can talk about Environment issues due to this sand mining activity.

2) Shri Suleman Makashi, Takali Village;

Due to this sand mining, Takali village area river bed will be damaged and problems will arise. Due to deep mining in river bed, our children and animals will be in danger, it may leads to death also. Their pipelines will be damaged and this vehicle movement is dangerous to our school children travelling from old village to new school in new village. Due to movement of heavy vehicles, there is threat to the peaceful life of village people, air and noise pollution will occur. On these issues, they will submit written memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner. Government rules is permitting company to mine sand up to one meter depth. However, their pump set pipelines are laid within one meter depth, hence our pipelines will be damaged due to sand mining.

3) Shri Basavaraj, Saganur Village;

He welcomed the Deputy Commissioner for conducting the meeting of Hutti Gold Mines at Takali Village & opined that this Hutti Gold Mines mining has to be closed, because it causes environment damage. They will not carry out mining as per guidelines. They will carry out deep mining in the river bed and our youths who goes for swimming in the river will die due to deep mining. In the surrounding villages in 8-10 Km area, they are depending on agriculture, and hence they should not use this village road, there is objection from all villagers, Children will be in danger due to movement of heavy vehicles. For mining, JCB should not be used instead take our Takali village youths & labours for carry out mining. Their road is already damaged. This sand mining vehicle movement will further damage our village road. Naganur, Takali and Ummargi are the border villages of this Taluk. He requested not to give permission to this Hutti Gold Mines Company.

4) Shri Huvinagouda Patil, Karnataka Uvashakti, Raithara Mahashakti Sanghatane;

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Hutti Gold Mines are conducting this meeting to receive the public opinion on this project & farmers opinion on this project shall be communicated to the Government by the officials. Earlier also, in Takali, Ummaragi and Saganur area, many have tried to do sand mining. Public have objected it and their organization has also submitted memorandum to RC and AC Sir. Many have carried out illegal sand mining, so we have submitted representations. Now, Hutti Gold Mines Company has proposed to carry out legal mining. But we all are objecting for it also because, there is large bridge at about 10-12 Km distance at Chinmanahalli Village. Due to this bridge, all this surrounding farmers are utilizing this water for agriculture. Due to this mining, farmers will be in trouble and there is shortage of water. They are doing agriculture by taking water from Chinmanahalli village, from this they are leading their lives, sending our children to schools. But due to sand mining by this Hutti Gold Mines Company, many problems will arise. In 2017, due to breakage of Chinmanahalli bridge, they are unable to carry out agriculture for 3 years. About 10,000 Acre land was kept idle without any crops. Hence, this area farmers have faced lot of problems. All farmers are opposing this sand mining. In future they will send the memorandum to the government through the Deputy Commissioner and will submit the memorandum to Deputy Commissioner in front of electronic media.

5) Shri Mahesh Saradagi, Takali Village;

Due to this mining, problems are more than benefits. Locals shall be given sand for construction of their houses. Dust pollution due to vehicles movement shall be controlled. Sand shall be given free of cost for construction of any temples in the village. If pipelines of farmers are damaged due to mining, then farmers will be in trouble.

6) Shri Ramachandra, Takali Village;

If the company remove sand from Bhima river, Takali village people will be in problem. Everybody in the village are utilizing Bhima river bed for different purposes viz, cloth washing, swimming, drinking water to animals etc., Due to movement of heavy vehicles on this road leads to damage of road and unable to reach this village due to bad road conditions and he oppose the project.

7) Shri Anwar Ali, Takali Village;

There is problem of bus in this village and problem due to this this sand mining, and he does not want this project.

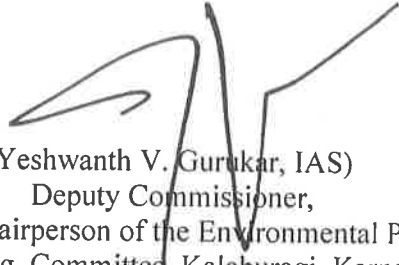
8) Shri Shanthakumar Chakre, Saganur Village;

Due to sand mining, water source will be depleted. Because all surrounding lands are irrigation fields depended on river water. Many of them depends on agriculture crops and opposed the project.

Finally, Sri. C.N.Manjappa, Environmental Officer informed that all of them have attended environmental public hearing of the Proposed Quarrying of Ordinary Sand by M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., and heard the Environmental management plan of the project. He informed that the opinions of the public have been videographed and proceedings will be forwarded to State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority- Karnataka, for further action. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and with the permission of the Chairman of the committee concluded the same.

Deputy Commissioner informed the gathered public that the proceedings has been recorded and the same will be communicated to State Government and proceedings copy will be given to village panchayath.

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