

**PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 41,946 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 15.00 ACRES IN GOVERNMENT LAND (NAGALAPURA SAND BLOCK (NO BLY-OSB-14)) IN TUNGABHADRA RIVER BED AT SY. NO. 145(P), NAGALAPURA VILLAGE, SIRUGUPPA TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT BY M/S KARNATAKA STATE MINERAL CORPORATION LIMITED HELD ON 07-06-2022 AT 03:00 PM AT THE PROJECT SITE.**

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		<b>Project Site:</b> M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Adjacent to Tungabhadra River Bed at Sy No 145(P), Nagalapura Village, Siruguppa Taluk, Ballari District
<b>DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE</b>		<b>DESIGNATION</b>
1	Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate	<b>Chairperson</b>
2	Dr. Doddashanaiah, Senior Environmental Officer (I/c) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ballari.	<b>Member Convener</b>
<b>Officers of KSPCB present:</b>		
1	Sri Hanumanthappa H, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
<b>Others Officers present:</b>		
1	Sri M. R. Manjunath Swamy – Tashildhar - Siruguppa	
2	Sri Raghavendra C – Deputy Tashildhar - Tekkalakote	
3	Sri Mohammed Younis - A.S.I. - Hacholli	
4	Sri Praveen Joshi – Geoligist – DMG, Ballari	
<b>Representatives present on behalf of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited</b>		
1.	Sri Mallikarjun Sarpura – General Manager	
2.	Sri Rajashekar Bullapura – Assistant General Manager	
3.	Sri Kabilavastu – Consultant	
4.	Smt Binuta – Environment Officer	
5.	Sri Niranjan Prasad - Geologist	
6.	Sri Triyambak Shastri – Assistant Manager	
7.	Sri C. Nagesh – Assistant Manager	
8.	Sri Pruthviraj - Environment Officer	
9.	Sri Vineetha Paul - Environment Engineer	
10.	Sri T. A. Nagaraj – Consultant – M/s Sneha Hitech Products	
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enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

2. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of public participants are enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

**PREAMBLE:-**

The Project Proponent (M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited) has proposed to undertake quarrying of ordinary sand of capacity 41,946 TPA over an area of 15.00 acres in Government Land (Naglapura Sand Block (No BLY-OSB-14)) in Tungabhadra river bed at Sy. No. 145(P), Naglapura Village, Siruguppa Taluk, Ballari District.

As the proposed project schedule under EIA Notification 2006 and subsequent amendments made there on. As per the Notification, Environment Clearance is to be obtained from the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

Accordingly, the Project Proponents have made an application to the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in prescribed format. The State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) authorities after scrutiny of the application made by the project proponents, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 423 MIN 2021 Dated 06-12-2021. As per the terms of reference issued, conducting of Public Hearing is mandatory.

In order to comply with the TOR, the project proponents have submitted Rapid Environment Impact Assessment(REIA) Report and Executive Summary both in Kannada and English prepared by M/s Sneha Hitech Products, Bangalore to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 05-02-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 01-04-2022 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing.

Further The Deputy Commissioner has given the consent to conduct Environmental Public Hearing on 07-06-2022 at 03.00 pm at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level newspapers namely Hosadigantha (Kannada) and Times of India (English) on 07-05-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 08-05-2022 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days. (Copies enclosed as **Annexure - 3**).

In continuation to the above, the Draft Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report and copies of the executive summary in Kannada and English were kept in the following places for the information of the public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District.
- District Industries Centre, Ballari District.
- Tashildhar Office, Siruguppa Taluk.
- Office of the Taluk Panchayat, Siruguppa.
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, Kudarahalu Village, Siruguppa Taluk.

- Zonal Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari.
- SEIAA, Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Ground Floor, # 49, Church Street, Bangalore - 560001.

All the above departments have been informed about the environmental public meeting and also about the newspaper notification vide letter on 11-05-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Naglapura, Gajaginahalu, and Kudadaralu) of the proposed project area on 04-06-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure - 4**).

Deputy Commissioner Ballari has issued the letter Dtd: 06-06-2022 to Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari to conduct public hearing (The copy of letter is enclosed as **Annexure -5**).

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the environmental Public Hearing commenced on 07-06-2022 at 03.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari at the proposed project site.

**Proceedings of Public Hearing:-**

Dr Doddashanaiah, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari and Senior Environmental Officer (I/c), Zonal Office, Ballari welcomed Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari. He also welcomed Government Officers, officers of the M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, General public & press representatives and he informed the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. It was informed that the proposed Project Proponents have to obtain Environmental Clearance and also informed that all required procedure mentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006(as amended till 2009) before conducting public hearing have been followed with. Further he requested Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari has addressed the gathering and briefed about the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006. He also informed that all the oral & written statements will be recorded in the proceedings in Kannada & English. Further, the chairperson of the Public Hearing Panel informed the project proponent to present the technical details of the proposed project.

Accordingly, on behalf of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Sri Nagaraj has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by M/s Sneha Hitech Products, Bangalore which is comprising of Study area Map, salient features of the site, land use details, infrastructure demands, rain water management, the environmental aspects viz., land, water, noise, environment, economic and financial status, environment management plan, environment management programme, income, expenditure and total environment management plan and briefed about the CSR activities through power point presentation.

After the presentation, The Chairperson of the Environmental Public hearing panel requested the public gathered at the meeting to express their views/opinions/objections/Suggestions if any and informed to restrict their views to environmental issues only.

Accordingly, the public expressed their views/opinions/objections/Suggestions as below:-

1. **Shri Chenniaswamy - Gajaginahala Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that farmers are pumping water through pumpset from Hagari river to grow crops. He said the water comes from September to October. There is water as it rained this year; otherwise, there would be no water until July. He told that sand mining will reduce groundwater level. He further said that informed they will carry sand mining activity to a depth of one meter but they have carried out mining to a depth of three meters. He said he has proof and they have also done the same thing last time. He said sand mining is not required. He said sand mining will be a loss for us and will create lot of problems for them. He said sand mining should be stopped and pleaded that sand mining should not be allowed.
2. **Shri Doddanagowda – Gajaginahala Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that sand mining would create problem for drinking water, cattle, animal and birds. He pointed out that there is no use of it for the agricultural land. He said water will not be available during summer, and water will be available for just 2 to 3 months. He said about 2000 - 3000 acres of land is completely dependent on this water as they have no other source of water. He said they get water from Hagari River only through seepage from canal water. He said if sand mining is allowed it will create problems. He said 10 years ago, the water was good and peacock and different birds came for drinking the water, now due to scarcity of water they have lost their offsprings and are low in numbers. He requested on behalf of the villagers that sand mining should not be allowed for any reason.
3. **Shri Ambarish Gowda - Bagewadi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said 5 years ago they said they will mine only upto 1 meter deep and it is hard to ascertain how deep they have mined. He said no one is employed here and come from agricultural background and are dependent on agriculture. He said sand mining should not be allowed for any reason.
4. **Shri Thimmanagowda – Gajaginahala Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that farmers have spent lakhs and laid pipeline and pumpset. He said

contractors will say they will dig only up to 1 foot and dig deep up to 6 feet and no one will come at time to question them. He said previously they had stopped 106 trucks and agitated against sand mining by not allowing the vehicles to move until Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner came to the spot. He said sand mining will create lot of problems and should not be permitted for any reason.

5. **Shri Somanagowda - Nagalapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he pleaded that sand mining should not be allowed as it would lead to depletion in ground water level.
6. **Shri Ambarish Gowda** - Speaking on the occasion he said previously he had fought against sand mining by stopping the trucks.
7. **Shri Shivaprasad - Gajaginahala Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said when they were facing water problem no tashildar or politician conducted any meeting, and came to support the farmers. Told that ground water level would reduce due to sand mining. He requested that sand mining should not be permitted at any cost. He said farmers are making a living from the Hagari River.
8. **Shri Amaresh Gowda - Gajaginahalli Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that sand mining will reduce the ground water. He said they all oppose the proposed project. He asked not to give permission to sand mining activity.
9. **Shri Ashok - Nagalapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said don't stop the flow of water by excessive removing of sand using JCB in a single village. He said if they want sand they will go to Tahsildar's office and pay the tax and get sand. He said if they are facing problem of sand for building houses and require to permit sand mining then they should permit sand mining in all areas of the Hagari River. He said to employ labour for filling of tractors and carriage vehicles. He requested to construct proper roads for transporting the sand carrier vehicles.

The Chairman of the public Hearing Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari District in his presidential address informed to the public that, No decisions will be made in the Public hearing, all the oral and written statements will be recorded in the Proceedings in Kannada and English. The same will be forwarded to the Member Secretary, Karnataka state Pollution Control Board, Bangalore along with photographs (taken during public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-7**) and Video (Documents enclosed as **Annexure-8**) so as to forward the same to the competent Authority for further necessary action.

He rendered vote of thanks for gathering and the Public Hearing is completed.

  
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ANNEXURE

1. A Copy of extract Register containing signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.
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3. The Newspaper advertisement in the leading state level newspapers Kannada (Hosa Digantha – 07-05-2022) and English (Times of India – 07-05-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 08-05-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 04-06-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. Approval letter Dtd:06-06-2022 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Additional District Magistrate Ballari to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure -5**.
6. ~~No~~ No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing and ~~No~~ No's of written statement/objection received at Regional Office, Ballari is enclosed as **Annexure-6**.
7. The photographs taken during the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.
8. The CD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-8**.



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