

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 75,722 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 25.75 ACRES IN GOVERNMENT LAND (YALAPI SAND BLOCK (NO BLY-OSB-05)) IN HAGARI RIVER BED AT SY. NO. 299(P), YALAPI VILLAGE, BALLARI TALUK AND DISTRICT BY M/S KARNATAKA STATE MINERAL CORPORATION LIMITED HELD ON 14-06-2022 AT 11:00 AM AT THE PROJECT SITE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		Project Site: M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Adjacent to Hagari River Bed at Sy No 299(P), Yalapi Village, Ballari Taluk and District
DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE		DESIGNATION
1	Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate	Chairperson
2	Dr. Doddashanaiah, Senior Environmental Officer (I/c) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ballari.	Member Convener
Officers of KSPCB present:		
1	Sri Hanumanthappa H, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
Others Officers present:		
1	Sri Shrinivas – Revenue Inspector - Rupanagudi	
2	Sri H Manjunath – Village Accountant – Yalapi Village	
3	Sri T Nandeeshwar – Village Accountant – Asundi Village	
4	Sri Y Shashidhar – P.S.I. – P.D. Halli	
Representatives present on behalf of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited		
1.	Sri Rajashekar Bullapura – Assistant General Manager	
2.	Smt Binuta – Environment Officer	
3.	Sri Niranjan Prasad - Geologist	
4.	Sri Triyambak Shastri – Assistant Manager	
5.	Sri Nagesh C – Assistant Manager	
6.	Sri Pruthviraj - Environment Officer	
7.	Sri Vineetha Paul - Environment Engineer	
8.	Sri T. A. Nagaraj – Consultant – M/s Sneha Hitech Products	
1.	A Copy of extract Register containing signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is 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 75,722 TPA over an area of 25.75 acres in Government Land (Yalapi Sand Block (No BLY-OSB-05)) in Hagari river bed at Sy. No. 299(P), Yalapi Village, Ballari Taluk and 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 424 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 14-06-2022 at 11.00 am at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level newspapers namely Vijavani(Kannada) and Indian Express (English) on 14-05-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 16-05-2022 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, Ballari.
- Office of the Taluk Panchayat, Ballari.
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, Chelgurki Village, Ballari 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 16-05-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Kuntal, Asundi, Yalapi, Kaggalu, Godihalu, and Tolamamadi) of the proposed project area on 10-06-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure - 4**).

Deputy Commissioner Ballari has issued the letter Dtd: 13-06-2022 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 14-06-2022 at 11.00 AM 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 Vandarappa - Asundi village** – Speaking on the occasion he said that sand mining in the area will cause water to stagnate and crops will not grow. He said their agricultural land will be face losses.
- 2) **Shri Honunur Swamy - Gram Panchayat member - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that permitting sand mining in the area would cause floods in the area due to increase in the water level in the Hagari River. Situation would arise where the villagers have to leave their village, hence he requested not to give permission to the sand mining project. He said that his land bearing Sy No 301 is adjacent to the proposed site and due to sand mining he is facing losses as there is no water in borewell. Hence he requested not to permit sand mining in the area.
- 3) **Shri Honnur Swamy - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that due to stagnation of water in his land it has lost its fertility and facing economical losses. He said no one is ready to give compensation for the losses.
- 4) **Shri Nemkallappa - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that previously they had built a canal for cultivating paddy from Rupanagudi to his village. But the same is closed recently and he requested to rectify the same. He said he owned 10 acres of land and is losing crops due to rainfall every year and nobody is paying any compensation to him. He once again appealed to the members in the meeting to repair the old canal.
- 5) **Smt Govindamma - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion she said that potholes created due to sand mining is causing problems to her as the agricultural land is getting filled with water during floods. She said that there is no other way for livelihood other than her agricultural land.
- 6) **Smt Yeremma - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion she said that potholes created due to sand mining is causing floods in her village and is


dragging the poor into misery. She questioned where she should go to make a living.

- 7) **Smt Sanna Yeremma - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion she said that their land is adjacent to the sand mining area and their land will be damaged due to potholes created by sand mining.
- 8) **Shri Manohar - Yalapi Village - Panchayat member** - Speaking on the occasion he said that most of the borewells and pumps are fitted for agriculture use in this area and due to sand mining the same will get affected.
- 9) **Smt Hampamma - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion she said that her land is adjacent to the sand mining area and it will be damaged due to potholes created by sand mining.
- 10) **Shri Nirajan Murthy - Grama Panchayat member - Yalapi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said the Project Proponent informed that 7 jobs would be created due to this project. He requested to give all the jobs to their village.
- 11) **Shri Lepakshi - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he questioned what should be done if sand mining is done beyond 1 meter depth. He added that if mining is done deeper the groundwater levels will fall. He said the village panchayat is not getting taxes from the proposed project. He said that sand mining would result in the erosion of the adjacent agricultural lands along the river border. Hence he requested to verify the details about the feasibility of the project and permission can be given to carry out sand mining without damaging the adjacent land of the farmers.

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 (Vijayavani – 14-05-2022) and English (Indian Express – 14-05-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 16-05-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3.**
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 10-06-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4.**
5. Approval letter Dtd:13-06-2022 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. ~~02~~No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing and ~~20~~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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