

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON 11-08-2022 AT 11.00 AM REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF GREEN GRANITE QUARRY CAPACITY FROM 1500 CUBIC METER PER ANNUM TO 4500 CUBIC METER PER ANNUM AT M/S. KARNATAKA STATE MINERALS COPORATION LTD., SY NO.5(P), DUMAGERE VILLAGE, HASSAN TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT, KARNATKA STATE IN AN AREA OF 11.30 HECTARES.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		M/S. KARNATAKA STATE MINERALS COPORATION LTD., SY NO.5(P), DUMAGERE VILLAGE, HASSAN TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT, KARNATKA STATE
Public Hearing Panel Members Present		DESIGNATION
1.	Smt. Kavitha Rajaram, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Hassan	Chairman
2.	Dr. B.M.Prakash, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Mysuru.	Member
3.	Smt. Radha.Y.S, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Hassan	Member Convener
Officers of the Board present		
1.	Sri. Ravi Chandra.K, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Hassan	
Representatives of the Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd present		
1	Sri. Rameshappa, Manager, L & E, Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd.,	
2.	Smt. Binutha Ranganath, Manager, (Environment) Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd	
3.	Sri. Parameshwara B Banakar, Manager, Production, Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd.,	

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4.	Sri. Javare Gowda, Consultant, ABC Techno Labs India (P) Ltd., Chennai.
	Details of the Officers, Project proponents/publics who were present in the Environmental Public Hearing meeting is enclosed in Annexure-I

The project proponent is required to obtain prior Environmental Clearance as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended till date) issued under the Environment(Protection) Act, 1986 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

As the proposed project is classified under Category-B1 of the Notification, Environment clearance is to be obtained from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Bengaluru, constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Karnataka.

Accordingly, the project proponents have made an application to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority in prescribed format. The State Level Expert Appraisal Committee comes under the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority after scrutiny the application made by the project proponents, issued Terms of Reference (TOR) dated 27-08-2021. As per the terms of reference issued, conducting of Environmental 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 ABC Techno Labs India Private Limited, Chennai with a request letter to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 05.04.2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru requested the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan on 23.05.2022 to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan accorded approval to conduct the public hearing on 11.08.2022 at 11.00 AM at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

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published environmental public hearing meeting notice through Paper notification in state level daily news Papers namely Viaya Vani (Kannada) and Sunday Express (English) on 10.07.2022 and further for the information of local people the notification was also published in the district level daily news Paper "Jenu Giri", Sathyada Honalau", "Jana Hita", Hassan Jilla Darpana", & "Echara Vani" (Kannada) on 09-08-2022 and "Samyuktha Karnataka"(Kannada) on 10.08.2022 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions/opinions if any with regard to the proposed expansion Project.

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

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Hassan.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Hassan District, Hassan.
- District Industries Centre, Hassan.
- Town Panchayath, Hassan, Hassan district.
- Office of the Tahsildar, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District.
- Markuli Grama Panchayath, Markuli, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Hassan,
- Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Changes, South Zone, Koramangala, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru.

Hand bills were circulated to all publics near proposed project i.e. in Dumagere village to create awareness on public hearing on 10.08.2022. None of the officer mentioned above mentioned above received written objections/suggestions.

Public hearing was started under the chairmanship of Smt. Kavitha rajaram, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District on 11.08.2022 at 11 AM.

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Smt. Y.S.Radha, the Member Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee welcomed the gathering and informed the project proponents to present the technical details of the proposed project to the gatherings.

Accordingly, Sri. Javare Gowda, M/s ABC Techno Labs India Private Ltd., Chennai representing the industry explained the details with respect to Environmental Impact Assessment Report taken up which comprises of Local Map, 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 CC Management programme, income and expenditure and total environment, Management plan and CSR activities proposed through power point presentation and details are as follows

- The proposed mining area is 11.30 hectares (27.37 acres). Out of which 5-18 hectares is used for mining, 0-6 hectares is used for roads, 2-2 hectares is used for waste dumping, 0-07 hectares is used for blar storage, 2.13 hectares for buffer zone, vacant area-3.79 hectares and green belt-2.1 hectares.
- **Highways & Roads:**
 - a. Proposed quarry distance from SH-102(Huliyaru-Jakkanahalli Road) is 1.0 KM.
 - b. Proposed quarry distance from SH-57(Bagalakote-Biligirirangana Road) is 4.6 KM.
 - c. Proposed quarry distance from NH-48(Mangaluru-Bengaluru Road) is 7.3 KM.
- **Railway Stations:**
 - a. Mavinakere Railway Station-8.6 KM
 - b. Shanthigrama Railway Station-7.0 KM
- **Forest lands:**
 - a. Hongere RF-3.6 KM
 - b. Gendekatte RF-10 KM.

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c. Kattaya RF-11.3KM.

• **Water Bodies and Lakes:**

a. Teranya Kere-4.7 KM.

b. Devihalli Kere-5.6KM

c. Shanthigrama Kere-7.3KM.

- The water source for this project is from existing bore well. The total water consumption for this project is 5 KLD. Out of which 2 KLD is used for domestic purposes, 1.5 KLD is used for dust suppression, and remaining 1.5 KLD is used for plantations.
- The project proponent has proposed to spend Rs.11.5 lakhs towards community development, health and sanitation, education, Skill development and water management purposes through corporate social responsibility programme.
- The project proponent has proposed spend Rs.1.4 lakhs towards environmental management plan.

Smt. Y.S. Radha, the Member Convener of Environment Public Hearing Committee requested publics gathered to express their views /opinions /objections /Complaint/ Suggestions with respect to the proposed project.

1. **Sri Narayana, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District** : He Informed Dumagere villagers are mainly farmers. Due to operation of quarry, they are facing problems from blasting activity. Borewells water are contaminated due to chemicals from blasting activity. The waste from mining activity are dumped haphazardly and which creates living for wild animals. The villagers are facing problems with this wild animals. The company has not given compensation for crop loss and he has submitted a written letter to the chairman regarding the above issues.

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2. **Sri. Rangaswamy S/o Javare Gowda, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** He informed that his land bearing Sy No. Sy. No.2/2 (37 Gunta) and Sy No. 8/4(1 acre) adjacent to the quarry area and due to quarry activity he has faced crop loss many times and borewells problems. In this regard he met Managing Director, MML Bengaluru during 2019 and requested to give compensation and stop the quarry activity. But, still Dumagere villagers are not received compensation under CSR funds. Instead MML has given funds to Hassan and Shnathigrama under CSR. Now, MML had given Rs.20,000/- to 15 to 20 members in this village. But as of now around 70 families in Dumagere village have not received funds from CSR funds.

The project proponent in their report, have not given correct report on lakes and not mentioned Dumagere lake and requested to note and high light the same in your report.

3. **Sri. Ganesh, Rtd Master, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** He informed that the villagers of Dumagere have not received any CSR funds from this existing project. They are facing noise and air pollution due to this quarry activity. He requested to adopt Dumagere village and develop the village by providing infrastructures like Roads, School, etc.
4. **Sri. D.R.Prasanna Kumar, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** He informed that the project proponent has not mentioned minimum distance from habitat. and quarry. Existing quarry is around 20 to 30 metres distance. They are facing noise and air pollution due to this quarry activity and Borewells water are contaminated due to chemicals from blasting activity. The project proponent has not mentioned Dumagere lake details and requested to give employment to the youths of this Dumagere village.
5. **Sri. Lokesh S/o Annappa, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** He informed that Company has not given facilities to the villagers i.e. Roads, Schools etc. There is storage of water in the quarry area which results in the choking of septic tank & soak due to the seepage of water. The solid wastes are dumped haphazardly in the quarry area & hence the wild animals are living in the area and hence provide facilities to the villagers.

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6. **Sri. Kumaraswamy S/o Nanje Gowda, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** He stated that his land(Sy No.5) is adjacent to the quarry area and requested to instruct MML authorities to dispose the waste soil and waste stone in a proper manner and instruct the Village and Zilla Panchayath to provide facilities to the village.
7. **Sri. Manje Gowda S/o Shive Gowda, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:**He informed that his land is adjacent to the quarry Sy No.9/1 and his house at No.6/7. There is storage of water in the quarry area which results in the dampness of foundation of his building. In this regard, he had given complaint to MML officials but still they have not taken action and not given compensation.

Hence he requested not to give permission for the proposed project.

8. **Sri. Dharanendra S/o Rudra Linge Gowda, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** He informed that the waste from mining activity are dumped haphazardly and which creates living for wild animals. The villagers are facing problems with these wild animals. The company has not given compensation for crop loss and he has submitted a written letter to the chairman regarding the above issues.
9. **Sri. Kumar S/o Lakshme Gowda, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** Provide compensation for Goat, etc which were eaten by Cheetah. **The project proponent in their report, have not given correct report on lakes and not mentioned Dumagere lake and requested to note and high light the same in your report. Also he requested not to give permission for the proposed project.**
10. **Smt. Renuka H/o Gange Gowda, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** She requested to provide computers to the schools, hospital to the village and sewing machines to the women's.
11. **Sri. Ramakrishne S/o Gandasi Gowda, Dumagere Village, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District:** He informed that lorries of the company are carrying 40T of weight whereas the Roads are constructed to carry only 20T. Hence, the roads are damaged due to the movement of heavily loaded lorries. **The project proponent in their report, have**

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not given correct report on proposed project and submitted false report. Also he requested not to give permission for the proposed project.

The public gathered in the meeting were submitted the written letters to the Chairman of the meeting. The written letters are enclosed as Annexure-2.

Smt. Kavitha Rajaram, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District has directed the officials of the Pollution Control Board to collect and analyse the water qualities in Borewells near quarry area and Dumagere lake. Also informed to get the report from Department of Mines and geology regarding guidelines to be followed for quarry operations.

Dr. B.M.Prakash, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Mysuru informed the Project proponent that the public have raised queries regarding the buffer, not mentioned the lakes, distance from the quarry area and houses, reserve & sanction the CSR fund to the village and include these points in the report and then submit the report.

Finally, the villagers opined that the project may go ahead subject to the utilization of CSR funds to Dumagere Village only and to provide employment to the Dumagere Villagers only as per their educational qualification.

The Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing informed that all the statements given by the public's were recorded and the same will be forwarded along with photo and video to the State level expert Appraisal Committee through Karnataka State Pollution Control Board for further needful.

Sri E. Paramesh, Manager, Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd., rendered vote of thanks and declared that the environmental Public Hearing has process has been completed.


(Smt. Kavitha Rajaram)
ADDL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND
CHAIRMAN ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING,
Hassan 

ANNEXURE

(Two Sets)

1. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of Officers/project proponents and public participants are enclosed as **Annexure-I.**
2. One written statement/objection from public participants is enclosed as **Annexure-II**
3. The copies of photograph in a file of the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-III.**
4. The copies of handbills circulated to public for wide publicity on public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-IV.**
5. The pen drives containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-V.**


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