

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 1,45,626 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 47.00 ACRES IN GOVERNMENT LAND (MANNURU SAND BLOCK (NO BLY-OSB-11)) IN TUNGABHADRA RIVER BED AT SY. NO. 259(P), MANNURU VILLAGE, SIRUGUPPA TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT BY M/S KARNATAKA STATE MINERAL CORPORATION LIMITED HELD ON 09-06-2022 AT 03:00 PM AT THE PROJECT SITE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		Project Site: M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Adjacent to Tungabhadra River Bed at Sy No 259(P), Mannuru Village, Siruguppa Taluk, Ballari 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 M. R. Manjunath Swamy – Tashildhar - Siruguppa	
2	Sri Raghavendra C – Deputy Tashildhar - Tekkalakote	
3	Sri B Veerendrakumar – Revenue Inspector – Tekkalakote	
4	Sri Praveen Joshi – Geologist – DMG, Ballari	
5	Sri Bharat Prakash – P.S.I. – Nerigeri	
6	Sri Yumanaurappa Kabbnavar – P.D.O. – Gram Panchayat – Mannuru- Suguru	
Representatives present on behalf of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited		
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 Nagesh C – Assistant Manager.	
8.	Sri Pruthviraj - Environment Officer	

9.	Sri Vineetha Paul - Environment Engineer
10.	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 1,45,626 TPA over an area of 47.00 acres in Government Land (Mannuru Sand Block (No BLY-OSB-11)) in Tungabhadra river bed at Sy. No. 259(P), Mannuru 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 425 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 08-02-2022.

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 09-06-2022 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 Kannadaprabha (Kannada) and Deccan Herald (English) on 10-05-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 11-05-2022 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, Suguru 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 (Mannuru and M.Suguru) 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 09-06-2022 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 Hanumanthappa - Mannuru Village** – Speaking on the occasion he said that people of his village came from farmer's background and the earnings from the agricultural produce is not sufficient for making a living. He said the money earned is benefiting the owners and is of no benefit to them. He requested to give them funds.
- 2) **Shri Mudukappa - Mannuru Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said since the sand will be made available to farmers at low prices in this scheme he thanked the government on behalf of the villagers. He appealed to create jobs for locals. He told them to grow more plants. He appealed to improve the village roads and to develop the temples. He asked the locals to be allowed to transport the sand through carriage vehicles. He requested that the sand be supplied to the locals at a lower price. He asked to carry out sand mining without harming the Basavanna temple in their village.
- 3) **Shri Somappa Talwar – Lawyer - Mannuru Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said the road connecting the project area with the main road passes through an area inhabited by scheduled caste and scheduled tribe people and he requested to transport the sand without causing any dust problem to them. He said the sand transportation should be allowed only during the day. He appealed to make arrangements to control the dust. He requested to construct a concrete road as the


sand-carrying road was deteriorated. He asked to arrange sand for the locals. He asked to inform the public gathered in the meeting about making sand available at low prices for the locals under the village Panchayat limits.

- 4) **Shri Suresh Kumar** - Speaking on the occasion he said that he doesn't have any objection for carrying out sand mining without disturbing the public. He said his village is lagging behind in education and asked the government and the project proponents to develop education in their village. He appealed to provide jobs to locals in the 2 proposed sand blocks.
- 5) **Shri H.M. Ravindra - Emmiganuru** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the government has fixed Rs 700 for every tonne of sand, to buy the sand at this price will be a great burden to the poor, hence the government fixed price should be lowered to benefit the villagers.

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**.
2. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of public participants are enclosed as **Annexure-2**.
3. The Newspaper advertisement in the leading state level newspapers Kannada (Kannada Prabha – 10-05-2022) and English (Deccan Herald – 10-05-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 11-05-2022) 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. **06**No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing and **00** 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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