

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF SHRI. MARUTHI EXPORTS TO UNDERTAKE MINING OF PINK GRANITE OF CAPACITY 21,360 TONS/ ANNUM IN AN MINE LEASE AREA OF 10-00 ACRES AT SY. NO. 257/1 & 257/2 OF BALAKUNDI VILLAGE, ILKAL TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT HELD ON 02/03/2023 AT 11.00AM AT PROJECT SITE.

Public Hearing Panel Members Present		
1	Smt. Shweta Beedikar, Assistant Commissioner (Bagalkot Sub-Division) & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	Shri. Syed Khaja Mohiddin, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad.	Member
3	Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.	Member
M/s. S.R.K. Sugars Pvt Ltd industry representatives and M/s. Environmental Health & Safety Consultants Pvt Ltd Consultants present		
1.	Shri. Deepak Rathod	Proprietor
2.	Shri. Sachin M U	Representatives of Environmental Consultant - M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru

Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to the Assistant Commissioner (Bagalkot Sub-Division) & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District, the Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Dharwad and all the participating villagers from surrounding area & public. Further, he briefly explained the needs for Environmental Clearance and public hearing for the said project as follows:

Shri. Maruthi Exports proposes to undertake Mining of Pink Granite of capacity 21,360 Tons/ Annum in an Mine lease area of 10-00 Acres at Sy. No. 257/1 & 257/2 of Balakundi village, Ilkal Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on

01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the State Level Impact Assessment Authority, GOK and Conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division), GOI on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01-12-2009), the project proponent has made application for Environmental Clearance and got the Terms of Reference from State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, GOK vide Letter dated: 17-12-2022 and accordingly the draft EIA report is prepared. The project proponent submitted the request letter to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote, the Public Hearing is scheduled on 02-03-2023 at Project site, Sy. No. 257/1 & 257/2 of Balakundi village, Ilkal Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Vijay Vani" and English Daily Newspaper "Indian Express" dated: 30-01-2023 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshan" on 02-02-2023. In the said Notification, the suggestions / views/ comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed project were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. in 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.

The copy of the draft EIA report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places 30 days in advance for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Tahasildar, Ilkal, Bagalkot-District.
- Office of the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th floor, E&F Wings, 17th main road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.
- Gram Panchayat office, Balakundi village, Hunagund-Tq, Bagalkot-District.
- Web site of KSPCB "<http://kspcb.gov.in>"

The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote has received four E-mail applications. The details are as follows:



1. M/s. Shakthi Environment Rural Development Society and M/s. Dharani Ever Green Welfare Society, Ballari enclosing support letters to the proposed project with suggestion to Project Proponents to

- ❖ Give top priority to local people in employment opportunities,
- ❖ Follow CPCB & CREP guidelines,
- ❖ Take-up village plantation and avenue plantation & develop 33% greenbelt within the industry premises,
- ❖ Conduct medical and health camps for local public and for the employees.
- ❖ Take-up CSR activities in the local area which will improve the socio economic status of the local people.
- ❖ To take precautionary measures to control dust pollution.

The copy of the said application letter is enclosed with this proceeding as Annexure- 1 & 2.

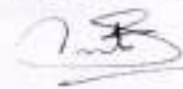
2. M/s. Welfare for People Foundation and M/s. Mathru Shakti Foundation enclosing support letters to the proposed project with suggestion to Project Proponents to

- ❖ The management of said proposed project beneficial to the local village people as more infrastructure development and improvement to the network of the roads in the village area will be done.
- ❖ Avoid pipeline construction activity in major settlement areas ,which leads to the emission of dust from construction activities impacts will be localized and the dust is likely to settle in close proximity to the area where clearance activity or the other earth work are being carried out .
- ❖ The management should conduct the medical camps to the local village people for the health point of view .The management issue the health cards to them and provide Basic Amenities to the quarry workman.
- ❖ The company will improvement to the 5% CSR Funds from their net profit.

The copy of the said application letter is enclosed with this proceeding as Annexure- 3 & 4.

Other than these, The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote and other offices mentioned above have not received any E-mail or any written applications with comments or objections from public as on 01-03-2023 in respect of said project. This Environmental Public Hearing is organized for hearing the suggestions/ views/ comments and objections of the interested public and villagers on Environmental related issues.

He informed the representatives of the Environmental Consultant, M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru to make a Power Point Presentation on environment study conducted on Air, Water, Soil & noise environmental impact assessment and the



environmental management plan of the proposed project proponent to the public gathered;

Shri. Sachin M U, the Environmental Consultant, M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data and present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impacts of the project on the environment, The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection, environmental monitoring etc by the Project Proponent. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding, as Annexure-05. List of participants/villagers & others who attended the Public Hearing is enclosed as Annexure-06.

The Environmental Officer requested the public present in the hearing to express their suggestions / views / comments if any about the said project. Accordingly the following villagers/public are expressed their views in the hearing:

1. **Shree. Sharanappa Rathod, Ex-President of Gram Panchayat, Balakundi**

- He informed that, from this proposed project the surrounding villagers will get more jobs. Hence, he welcome proposed pink granite mining project.

2. **Shree. Ramesh Karabari, Balakundi Tanda**

- He informed that, the villagers and youth of Balakundi village are travelling to other Towns & Cities for search of jobs as there are no job opportunities in nearby area.
- By establishing this proposed Granite quarry, the youth of the surrounding villagers will get employment opportunities.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

3. **Shree. Vijayakumar Rathod, Balakundi Tanda**

- He informed that, from this proposed project the surrounding villagers will get employment opportunities.
- Hence, he stated that, he has no objection for undertaking proposed project.

4. **Shree. S M Patil, Advocate, Hunagund**

- He informed that, it is not easy to establish and operate a Granite quarry. There are many problems and Granite is available at limited locations.
- Balakundi village is world famous for its pink granite and the mining authorities will pay Royalty to Government and contribute to District Mineral



Fund (DMF) and it will help for development of better infrastructure and economic growth in surrounding villages.

- Earlier there are no job opportunities for the surrounding villagers in this area except agriculture. From these granite quarries the surrounding villagers have got many job opportunities.
- Everyone think that, the mine owners will earn lots of profits from the granite quarries. But, there will defect materials from which they bear huge losses.
- He informed that, the villagers and youth of Balakundi village are travelling to other Towns & Cities for search of jobs as there are no job opportunities in nearby area.
- Hence, he requested everyone to support to undertake said proposed Granite project.

The following 14 No's of NGOs from outside the Bagalkot District have submitted the supporting letters to the proposed Granite quarry expansion project. The details are as follows:

- a. M/s. Chitradurga Zilla Angavikalara Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha, Chitradurga,
- b. M/s. G.K.Education & Rural Urban Development Society, Chitradurga,
- c. M/s. Haritha Educational Rural Welfare Society, Uravakonda, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh State,
- d. M/s. Mother Teresa Education & Charitable Trust, Chitguppa, District Bidar,
- e. M/s. Titan's Organization, Davanagere,
- f. M/s. Gnana Jyothi Rural Development Society, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh State,
- g. M/s. Akshara Grameena Vikasa Samasthe, Molakalmuru, Chitradurga,
- h. M/s. Meenakshi Rural Development Society, Kudligi, Ballari-Dist,
- i. M/s. Panchabootha Parirakshana Samithi, Nandyal,
- j. M/s. Society for Development Action, Kaligiri, Nellore District,
- k. M/s. Samagra Parivartana Samudaya, Airani, Ranibennur-Tq, Haveri-Dist,
- l. M/s. Think Green Environment Society, Nagole, Hyderabad,
- m. M/s. Ujwala Environment Social Welfare Society, Ballari,
- n. Shri S K Kumar

All above 14 No's of NGOs have submitted the supporting letters with main common suggestion to Project Proponents implement the following:

- ❖ Give top priority to local people in employment opportunities,
- ❖ Follow CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board) & CREP (Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection) guidelines,



- ❖ Take-up village plantation and avenue plantation & develop the greenbelt within the industry premises,
- ❖ Conduct medical and health camps for local public and for the employees.
- ❖ Take-up CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activities in the local area which will improve the socio economic status of the local people,
- ❖ Take precautionary measures to control dust pollution,
- ❖ Develop the agricultural area around the villages,
- ❖ Provide education, health, economical activities for local people and also provide roads and street lights,
- ❖ The project has positive impact on the socio-economic condition of the people in area like growth of industrial sector and infrastructure development in and around the agricultural area.
- ❖ Personal protective equipment will be provided as per norms.
- ❖ RO Drinking water plants to be provided in surrounding area.
- ❖ Rain water harvesting system to be provided.
- ❖ They will improve facilities like transportation, hospital, educational institutions. Hence, they support for this project.

The copies of the said 14 No's letters are enclosed with this proceeding as Annexure- 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20.

Smt Shweta Beedikar, The Assistant Commissioner (Bagalkot Sub-Division) & Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel while addressing the meeting said that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting will be forwarded to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka for further action.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.



(Smt Shweta Beedikar)
Assistant Commissioner (Bagalkot Sub-Division) & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote, Karnataka

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