

PROCEEDING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 22.09.2021 AT 11:00 AM WITH RESPECT TO M/s. NATIONAL MINING COMPANY, SY NO 25, CHIKKAKASANAKHANDI-VILLAGE, TALUK & DISTRICT-KOPPAL, OVER AN EXTENT OF AREA 20.00 ACRES (8.0 HECTERS) OF FOR ITS PROPOSED WHITE QUARTZ QUARRY.

**Date** : 21.09.2021  
**Time** : 11.00 AM

**Venue** : Proposed White Quartz Quarry Area of M/s. National Mining Company, Patta land of Sy No.25, Chikkakasanakhandi-Village, Tq & Dist-Koppal.

M/s. National Mining Company, as Proposed White Quartz Quarry over an extent of 20.00 Acres (8.09 Hectors) of Patta land Sy No. 25, Chikkakasanakhandi-Village, Taluk & District-Koppal, Karnataka State. The Lease area is notified Senior Geologist, Department of Mines & Geology, Koppal Vide Notification No.,DMG/SG/SQ-Patta-2020-21/1537 Dated: 06.08.2018.

Proposed Environmental Public Hearing Place	:	Proposed White Quartz Quarry Area of M/s. National Mining Company, Sy No.25, Chikkakasanakhandi-Village, Tq & Dist-Koppal.
Name of the Officers Present	:	Annexure - 1
Representatives of the Proposed Industry Present	:	Annexure - 2
Details of Public Participated	:	Annexure - 3
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As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (amended to date 01.12.2009), it is a pre requisite for such project to conduct Environment public hearing prior to award of Environment Clearance Certificate.

As the proposed project is classified under category –B1(a) of the notification, Environmental Clearance is to be Obtained from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority Karnataka, Constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Government of India

Accordingly the Project Proponent have made an application to the State Environment Impact 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 Proponent, issued Terms of Reference (T.O.R) Vide a letter no., SEIAA 455 MIN 2020, Dated:22.08.2021. As per the Terms of Reference issued Conducting of Public Hearing is Mandatory.

In order to comply with the TOR, the Project Proponent have Submitted the Rapid Environment Impact Assessment (REIA) Report and Executive Summary both Kannada & English Prepared by M/s. Global Environment & Mining Services, Hospet to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore request into conduct the Environmental Public Hearing Vide their letter Dated:29-01-2019.

Considering the request made by the Project Proponent, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore, Vide a letter Dated: 20-02-2020 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal accorded consent to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing on 21.09.2021 at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice though paper notification in state level newspapers namely Vijaya Karnataka (Kannada) and The New Indian Express (English) on 21.08.2021 in the local Newspaper namely "Nagarika" on 22.08.2021 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days.

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 perusal of the public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, ZillaPanchayath, Koppal District.
- District Industries Centre, Koppal District.
- Office of the Town Municipal Council, Koppal -Taluk, Koppal-District.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal.
- SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, M.S.Building, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bangalore.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing commenced on 22.09.2021 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal at the proposed project site.

#### **Proceedings of Public Hearing:**

Sri. K. Raju, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Environmental Office, KSPCB, Koppal and also Senior Environmental Officer, (Additional Charge) Zonal Office, Ballari. Welcomed Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District. He also welcomed Tahashildar, Koppal and other Government Officers, 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 Deputy Commissioner, Koppal to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing

Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar IAS, Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate Koppal has addressed the gathering and briefed about the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006. 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.National Mining Company, Sri. Kameshwara Rao, of Global Environment and mining services, Hospet, has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report which is comprising of Government Sanctions, photos of the proposed mining area, 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 CSR activities proposed 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.

Following are the Views/Opinions, Suggestion of the General Public.

**1. Sri Rohit Patil, Chikkakasanakhandi**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public, I am ex grampanchyat member and I well come M/s. National Mining Company because by this mine the local will get the employment and village will get develop at present our villages not developed.

However this mining company will give all developmental facility. There are so many students in our village and company will give employment to the students. The Company should developed the Roads and they

have to construct the toilets. The company should help our Village School for all developmental activities.

## **2. Sri Manjunath Chikkakasanakhandi**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public I am supporting the opening of company because the local people will get the employment and the villages are developed and also village people will get employment

## **3. Sri Devendrappa Dollin, Hirekasanakhandi SDMC President**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public I am supporting the National Mining Company because all the villages surrounded by these mining activity will get development. Our villages are very back ward villages and company has to protect the environment. According to the developmental plan all developmental activity should complete our village roads are damaged particularly from ginigera to Hirebaganal the road should be developed. Villages have given representation to Deputy Commissioner for improvement of Roads. We are supporting the company and company should give employment to local people. The company should help for improvement of village roads we are all supporting the public hearing and we wish all success for this project.

## **4. Sri Vishwanath Marikatti, Hirekasanakhandi**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public I am well coming to the Deputy Commissioner for the Public Hearing. Our request and all over village people are requesting all developments. Hirekasanakhandi Village is in bad state and there are students studying in 7<sup>th</sup> Std and 8<sup>th</sup> Std and they have to go Hirebagalnal. There no bus facility to the students and roads are highly damages. The Roads are not repaired from 8 years and I am requesting for good roads for village. The work wasted from Hosahalli and same has to be completed immediately. For our village people there are no bus transportation the ambulance 108 is

not coming to our village. National Mining Company should help village people. This company should give employment to local based on education qualification and all local should give preference.

**5. Sri Fakkirappa Meti , President Lorry Association, Koppal Taluk**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public National Mining Company should use more local lorry and they have to give assurance for local people and all employment should given to local people.

**6. Sri Gurupadayya Basayya Hirekasanakhandi**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public, Pur Grampanchayat villages there are more students without any job National Mining Company Should Give Job to Local Students. The people from Bagalakote, Vijayapura, Gulburga are working here in so many companies but our local students are getting job and they are doing labour work and nobody are giving concentration. In view of the above National Mining Company should give the employment to local students. As my friend vishwanath told there are no busses and transportation. It was very difficult for bringing Food Grains and Vegetables. Hence I request the National Mining Company to give all facilities to our village to our village students.

**7. Sri Ningappa Kunikeri- Hirekasanakhandi**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public I am supporting the National Mining Company. The officers will come and go to from our village but our village people should keep good relationship our company, Our villages not developed, so the company should give all facilities. Because of this the villages also developed and company also developed. We have Deputy Commissioner and Tahisldar for development of Hirekasanakhandi Village and Roads but the works are not completed. We are requesting the National Mining Company to give employment only to local people. And don't bring out side people

for employment. All our village people are supporting the National Mining Company.

**8. Sri Veerabasayya S Hiremath-Hirekasakhandi.**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public Govt is giving permission to so many companies. But out of state people are getting employment and companies are not giving employment to local village students and unemployed people. National Mining Company should give employment to local people and company should help developmental activities for roads. National Mining Company should give employment based on education qualification and they have to open ITI Collage and give training to local students to get Job in company.

**9. Sundarreddy- Environmentalist-Balleri**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public I am requesting and submitting to Deputy Commissioner that I am supporting the project and congratulating to the developer connected to the Project because development of the villager's economic growth will improve and we hope employment to the villagers will get. The Company should collect the rain water for rain water Harvesting. The company should give employment to local unemployed people. By using the CSR Fund the company should developed all villages.

**10. H Madhubabu- Environmentalist-Balleri**

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### **11. Sri Ravi Devaramani –Hirebaganal Village**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public I am supporting the National mining company and all our village people we give co-operation for development.

### **12. Sri Kumar Majjagi- Allanagar**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public National Mining Company is helping local village and all lorry employees will get benefit. The company already helping for development of Road from Ginigera–Hirebaganal. The deputy Commissioner sir has construct a covid-19 Hospital near Kanakapur and I am thankful to Deputy Commissioner Sir. Also I am requesting Deputy Commissioner to Complete the Ginigera to Hirebaganal Road Immediately.

### **13. Sri Abdul Wahid-Hosahalli**

Respected Deputy Commissioner Sir and all Officers and local leaders and public I am feeling happy that National Mining Company is establishing at this village this is good news for all local people. Kasanakhandi Village people and the mining company should unite and work for developmental activities of village and mining company. The Mining Company should help local young people and so many families are depending on the mining company.

### **14. Sri Hanumanthapp Hiremani-Hosahalli**

Respected Deputy Commissioner Sir and all Officers and local leaders and public I am supporting the National Mining Company because the surrounding villages will develop by the company. The national mining company should help the village I am requesting all Gram Panchayt President and Members to support the National Mining Company. So that the villages will get all good benefits from the company. The national mining company should give help to primary health center the company should also help educational institution by opening ITI Collage. The employee people who works in company and their families are developing because of the company. Hundreds of



families of Kasanakhandi, Ginigera Allanagar, hosahalli are backward families. The national mining company to give employment to Back ward families and help for education of back ward families. The 108 Ambulance is not coming to Kasanakhandi National Mining Company Should Help Primary Health Center for Kasanakhandi, Ginigera Allanagar, hosahalli.

**15. Sri Huchappa Kasanakhandi**

Respected Deputy Commissioner Sir and all Officers and local leaders and public, the companies are not giving employment to local people. Companies are not giving employment to educated people.

**16. Sri Basvaraj Pujar**

Respected Deputy Commissioner Sir and all Officers and local leaders and public. I am supporting to National Mining Company and I believe that the company will give good benefit to local people.

**17. Sri B V Reddy**

Respected all Officers and local leaders and public requesting and submitting to Deputy Commissioner that I am supporting the project and congratulating to the developer connected to the Project because development of the villager's economic growth will improve and we hope employment to the villagers will get. The Company should collect the rain water for rain water Harvesting. The company should give employment to local unemployed people. By using the CSR Fund the company should developed all villages.

**Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar IAS. Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Koppal.**

Have informed that, the Quartz Quarry Lease No. 2253 was given permission for mining 20 years back during 1999 at Sy No.25 Chikkakasanakandi Village, Koppal Taluk and Koppal Dist., in an area 20 acres. Hence, Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner informed to Tahasildar to submit

the opinion on due to which reason the operation of the quartz quarry was not started through owner of the mine.

On behalf of mine owner Shri Kameswara Rao, M/s. Global Environment & Mining Services-Hospet have submitted that even though the mine lease was granted 20 years back, during that period there was no demand for quartz stone raw material around Koppal area and hence, the mining activity was not started. At present JSW Industry requires 60,000 tonnes per month quartz stone raw material and hence, now it is proposed to start the mining activity.

Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner Koppal have informed that as stated by Sri Huchhappa, Farmer and Tahasildar Koppal there is Survey No's belongs to revenue department and forest department and the lands are already allotted. The Government is holding the balance land of 20 acres and mine lease was sanctioned during 1999. Again the said mine lease was renewed during 2019. This renewal was done based on the reports of Revenue Inspector of revenue department and Tahasildar. From last 20 years the mining activity was not carried out. The details of Sy No's of lands will be obtained from the farmers of this area. Also the employment for locals and development of roads will be considered. In the said mining hillock the forest area is also found in the vicinity. The mine owner is advised to change the name of National Mining into different name. The mining project authority should take action not to transport heavy loaded raw materials through the vehicles. The opinion of local farmers and publics are collected in this meeting.

The Tahasildar, Koppal have informed that in the proposed land it is a required to check the documents regarding the land allotted area, documents of area available in the said land and also beneficiary's details of land owners and hence, the time is required for the verification of above said issues.

Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner Koppal have informed to Tahasildar Koppal to submit the details of patta land beneficiaries at Sy No.25 Chikkakasanakandi village, Koppal taluk and District. Further the enquiry should be conducted by Tahasildar for the allotted beneficiaries and based

on the report of Tahasildar if required one more public hearing will be conducted and accordingly report will be forwarded to Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks.

**SRI VIKAS KISHOR SURALKAR, IAS**

Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate  
Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Koppal  
Karnataka



**Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar**  
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