

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 1,45,656 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 54.36 ACRES IN GOVERNMENT LAND (NAVALI SAND BLOCK NO (HPT-OSB-04)) IN TUNGABHADRA RIVER BED AT SY. NO. 280, NAVALI VILLAGE, HUVINAHADAGALI TALUK, VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT BY M/S KARNATAKA STATE MINERAL CORPORATION LIMITED HELD ON 30-06-2022 AT 11:30 AM 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 280, Navali Village, Huvinahadagali Taluk, Vijayanagara District.
DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE		DESIGNATION
1	Sri N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara	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	Smt. M. Prathiba – Tashildhar - Huvinahadagali	
2	Sri. Karthik– Tashildhar - Deputy Commissioner office, Vijayanagara	
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 Pruthviraj - Environment Officer	
6.	Sri Vineetha Paul - Environment Engineer	
7.	Sri Nagaraj - Consultant	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 1,45,656 TPA over an area of



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54.36 acres in Government Land (Navali Sand Block No HPT-OSB-04)) in Tungabhadra river bed adjacent to Sy. No. 280, Navali Village, Huvinahadagai Taluk, Vijayanagara 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 235 MIN 2021 Dated 15-11-2021. 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 30-03-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 22-04-2022 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 30-06-2022 at 11.30 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 Prajavani(Kannada) and Deccan Herald (English) on 31-05-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 01-06-2022 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, Vijayanagara District, Hosapete.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Vijayanagara District Hosapete.
- District Industries Centre, Ballari District.
- Tashildhar Office, Huvinahadagali Taluk.
- Office of the Taluk Panchayat, Hoovinahadagali, Vijayanagara District.
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, Navali Village, Huvinahadagali 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 01-06-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Navali, Honnuru, Kandagal, Sovenahalli and Hakandi) of the proposed project area on 27-06-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure-4**).

Deputy Commissioner Vijayanagara has issued direction on 04-05-2022 to Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara to conduct public hearing.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the environmental Public Hearing commenced on 30-06-2022 at 11.30 AM under the Chairmanship of Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara 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. N. Mahesh Babu KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara. 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. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS(Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara 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:-

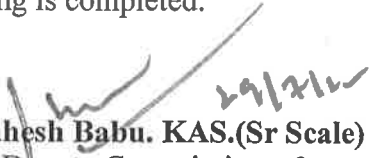
1. **Shri Veerana Gowda – Navali Village** - Speaking on the occasion he requested to start sand mining at the earliest and provide sand required for his village. He asked for mining to be carried out without destroying the environment.
2. **Shri Laxman T - Gram Panchayat Member - Navali Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that sand mining was stopped 4-5 years ago due to which the villagers are suffering. He said that sand was available in our village and they are not able to use it. He said Rs.300 per ton to be fixed for the locals. He said there is no objection to sand mining. He asked to takeup afforestation measures to prevent soil erosion. He requested to provide basic facilities to local government schools. He asked them to tell what measures have been taken by the organization to prevent soil erosion. He said that by starting this project, the village will be developed. He said that there is no problem with the project. They had requested to give permission to transport sand free of charge using their village vehicle. He requested to give permission to build houses in the village.
3. **Shri. B Sankarananda - Navali Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the unemployed youth of the village will get benefit from this project.
4. **Shri G. Shanmukappa - Gram Panchayat member - Navali Village** - Speaking on the occasion he asked to give permission to build houses to 40 beneficiaries in their village.
5. **Shri Santhosh - Kammar - Grama Panchayat member – Navali Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said this project will be very beneficial and he requested to start project immediately.
6. **Shri Alavandi Hampesh - Navali Village** - Speaking on the occasion he requested to give job opportunities to the village youths in the stock yard. He sought permission to transport sand using tractors.

The Chairman of the environmental public Hearing Sri. N. Mahesh Babu KAS (Sr. Scale) Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara 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-5) and Video Documents enclosed as (Annexure-6) 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 (Prajavani – 31-05-2022) and English (Deccan Herald – 31-05-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 01-06-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 27-06-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. The photographs taken during the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.
6. The CD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-6**.


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