

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 1,05,743 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 15.86 HECTARES (39.20 ACRES) IN GOVERNMENT LAND (NITTURU SAND BLOCK (NO BLY-OSB-07)) IN TUNGABHADRA RIVER BED AT SY. NO 323(P), NITTURU VILLAGE, SIRUGUPPA TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT BY M/S KARNATAKA STATE MINERAL CORPORATION LIMITED HELD ON 02-08-2022 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 323(P), Nitturu 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.	
2	Dr Shwetha, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
3	Sri Hanamantha Koppada, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
Others Officers present:		
1	Sri N. R. Manjunath – Tashildhar - Siruguppa	
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 Triyambak Shastri – Assistant Manager	
4.	Sri Pruthviraj - Environment Officer	
5.	Sri Vineetha Paul - Environment Engineer	
6.	Smt Anjali – Environmental Consultant M/s Mantec Consultants Private Limited, Noida	
<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 1,05,743 TPA over an area of 15.86 Hectares (39.20 acres) in Government Land Nitturu Sand Block (Block No - BLY-OSB-07) in Tungabhadra river bed at Sy. No. 323(P), Nitturu 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 383 MIN 2021 Dated 20-11-2021. 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 Mantec Consultants Private Limited to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 21-03-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 23-05-2022 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 02-08-2022 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 Hosadigantha (Kannada) and Times of India (English) on 02-07-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 03-07-2022 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, Nadavi 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 04-07-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Tekkalakote, Nadavi and Nitturu) of the proposed project area on 29-07-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure - 4**).

Deputy Commissioner Ballari has issued the letter Dtd: 25-07-2022 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 02-08-2022 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, Smt Binuta has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by M/s Mantec Consultants Private Limited, Noida 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. Nagaraja Gowda – Nitturu Village** – Speaking on the occasion he said that he has no objection to allow sand mining in his village as it will generate revenue for the government. He said that the sand mining should be carried out in a manner that does not disturb the farmers and does not cause pollution to the surrounding environment. He said the village road were damaged due to vehicular movement and requested to repair the road.
2. **Shri. N. Ramamurthy - Nitturu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the sand mining should be done in a manner that does not disturb the farmers. He said the water canal in his village was entered in the records as DCW canal and requested to remove it from the records. He requested to compensate the owner of the private land if the sand carrying vehicles ply on their lands. He said that due to sand mining, the downstream lands of his village will be disturbed. He asked them to carry out sand mining without affecting the health of the residents of the village.
3. **Shri. Mariappa - Nitturu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that he has no objection to grant permission for sand mining in their village. He said in the project report, they have stated that 22 people are required and requested them to hire people from their village for the work.
4. **Shri. Mallikarjuna – Teacher - Nitturu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that due to the movement of vehicles carrying sand from the sand blocks that have already been given permission for mining, there is a lot of dust that is causing health problems for the public. He requested that sand mining should be carried out in the said area without disturbing the public and not to cause environmental pollution.



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 (Hosadigantha – 02-07-2022) and English (Times of India – 02-07-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 03-07-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 29-07-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. Approval letter Dtd:25-07-2022 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. 01 No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing 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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Subject:

Suggestions and unconditional Support for Public Hearing date 17-05-2022 of M/s Sri Subhaschandra Mahantappa Modi proposed mining of limestone at Hebbal village Mudhol Taluk Bagalkot District Karnataka state.

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I, V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist having 35 years of Experience at age of 65 years and one of the healthiest environmentalists in India. I am not facing any health problems till today. I am the practical Environmentalist. My best wishes and support to the Management. I am the first environmentalist in India to support sustainable Industrial development.

Generally environmentalists and NGO's oppose Industrial development activities. But I am whole heartedly supporting the Industrial activity. In my opinion unemployment is the major pollution to society. In India approximately every year 1 Crore youth are entering into unemployed category. The Centre and State Govt. are providing Jobs for 5 to 6 lakh only and remaining 95 lakhs youth are depending on Industrial Sector. At present 40 Crore youth of age group 18 to 35 years are waiting for better employment opportunities and there is an urgent need for Industrial development in the state.

Environmentalists and NGO's are blaming industries for degrading public health. Only 15% of Indian population lives in the surroundings of Industries activity areas. It is not correct to blame the industries alone for causing health hazards. Remaining 85% population is also facing so many health problems without industrial pollution effects. It is the time to address the need for industrial development along with protecting ecological balance. I am giving you few suggestions to maintain ecological balance and development of your Industry activity.

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- Your consultant had already conducted baseline survey of air, water, land it is very good and satisfactory. My request is please collect the data of the health status of the people, Data of Crop production status and ground water availability status within radius of 10 Kms. It is very useful in

future and utilize as a parameter to take precautionary affective measures to maintain ecological balance.

2. My humbly request you to construct water harvesting structures and storage to store rain water it is useful for you usage in Industry and also develop ground water levels in this area. And also whatever usage water for your industry. Collect and storage in rain season it is useful in non rain days for your industry.
3. Please take up village plantation in nearby villages and also avenue plantation for internal roads on which roads your vehicles transport the materials to control dust pollution. My request is you should give priority to plant fruit baring plants and medicinal value plants instead of normal plants it is useful to control dust pollution and also available fruits in near by villages.
4. Please give top priority to the local educated unemployed youth to give employment in your industry.
5. My humble request is to promote skill development training to unemployed youth to better skills useful to get employment chances in your industry remaining youth to get jobs in other places, Countries like Japan and Korea 95% of youth they got skill development in India only 5 to 6 percent youth skilled persons.
6. My request is to form a co-ordination committee with you company officials, Govt. Officials and PCB Officials and villagers to take up plan of action of CSR budget it is very useful and meaningful to take up demand oriented works which is very essential to village development. Please discourage target oriented works, with this activity a great credibility come to you.
7. Please conduct health camps and motivate health immunity development awareness programs. 8. Please support rural primary education for weaker sections.

Once again my best wishes and supporting to you industrial development at the same time please maintain the Ecological balance and environmental safety.

I am congratulating your environmental consultancy which has prepared detailed EIA report to your project is very good and satisfactory.

I am requesting the public hearing panel committee to recommend to give unconditional permission to M/s Sri Subhaschandra Mahantappa Modi proposed mining of limestone at Hebbal village Mudhol Taluk Bagalkot District Karnataka state.

Thanking you,

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