

**Proceedings of the Public hearing of the proposed Quarrying of Ornamental Stone (Grey Granite) of capacity 1,13,775 Tonnes/annum by M/s. Jewel Rock Granites, in the land area of 20 Acres (8.093 Ha), at Sy. No. 116 & 77, held on 24/08/2022 at 11.00 AM at Sajjupalli (V), Bagepalli (T), Chikkaballapura (D).**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Sy. No. 116 &amp; 77 at <u>Sajjupalli (V), Bagepalli (T) &amp; Chikkaballapura (D)</u></b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>11.00 A.M</b>

**Officers present during the public hearing**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>
1.	Sri. H. Amaresh Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District and chairman of the public hearing
2.	Sri. Shivappa Naik S., Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Bangalore East Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore
3.	Sri. T.M. Siddeswara Babu, Environmental Officer Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Chikkaballapura.
4.	Sri. Y. Ravi, Tahasildhar, Bagepalli Tq,
5.	Smt. Krishnamurthy B.N Geologist, Mines & Geology Department, Chikkaballapura.

**Mining Owners and their representative present during the public hearing**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>
1	Sri. H A Iqbal Hussain , Owner, M/s. Jewel Rocks Granites, Sy.No. 116 & 77, Sajjupalli Village, Bagepalli(T), Chikkaballapura (D).
2	Sri. Ashwathnarayana, Project Adviser, Envipro Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.

The public, environmentalist, journalist from in and around the proposed Quarrying of Ornamental Stone of M/s. Jewel Rock Granites, sy. no. 116 & 77, Sajjupalli(V), Bagepalli(T) & Chikkaballapura (D) and from various places of Chikkaballapura district, elected representatives, members of non-governmental organization and agriculturists were present in the public hearing. **Attendance sheet is enclosed as Annexure – I**

**PREAMBLE:**

Proposed Quarrying (Ornamental Stone) of capacity 1,13,775 TPA by M/s. Jewel Rock Granites (Grey Granite), located at the survey no. 116 & 77, in the total extent of land area is 20 Acres (8.093 Hectares), in Sajjupalli (V), Bagepalli(T) & Chikkaballapura (D).

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006 dated: 14/09/2006 (subsequent amendments issued dated: 01/12/2009) under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change (MoEF & CC) Government of India, the proponent is required to obtain Environmental clearance for the proposed Quarrying of Ornamental Stone of M/s. Jewel Rocks Granites (Grey Granite), project is classified under category B1.

Accordingly, the application for combined TOR was submitted by quarry lease owner to SEIAA, Karnataka in order to prepare combined EIA report for grant of Environmental Clearance for (Form-1, Pre Feasibility report and approved quarry plan) the proposed Quarrying of Ornamental Stone of M/s. Jewel Rock Granites(Grey Granite), was considered respectively. SEIAA, Karnataka issued combined Terms of Reference (TOR) for preparing EIA/EMP report and conducting public consultation vide its letter no. SEIAA 36 MIN 2021 dated 14.07.2021. As per these terms of reference Environmental impact assessment (EIA) study and Environmental public hearing is mandatory.

The Owner of the quarry lease (For Quarrying of Ornamental Stone) of M/s. Jewel Rock Granites at Sy. no. 116 & 77, Sajjupalli(V), Bagepalli(T), Chikkaballapura (D) and have submitted draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and EIA executive summary in Kannada and English prepared by the project consultant and submitted to the Member Secretary of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore on 05/03/2022 requesting to conduct the Environmental Public hearing.

Also considering the request made by the project proponent, KSPCB has requested the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura district on 18.05.2022 to suggest the suitable date, place and time for conducting Environmental Public Hearing.

In this regard the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner has given the Date and time to conduct the public hearing at the proposed project site on 24.08.2022 at 11.00 AM. Based on the above, the Member Secretary has notified "Environmental Public hearing by publishing in state level daily news papers namely "Times of India" and "Hosa Digantha" on 24.07.2022 & Chikaballapura local news papers such as, Kalabandhu and Bayalusiri papers on 02.08.2022 , Nandi Vijaya papers on 03.08.2022 and Vijayavani on 04.08.2022, inviting

objections/suggestions/opinion/if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days and also informing that the interested public can participate in the public hearing and express their views at the mentioned afore said date, time & venue. In continuation with the above, the copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and executive summary of the proposed project in Kannada and English were kept at the following designated places for benefit of public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District, Chikkaballapura
2. Office of the Superintendent of Police, Chikkaballapura Dist.
3. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapur
4. Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore (East), Bangalore
5. Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Chikkaballapura
6. Senior Geologist, Mines & Geology Department, Chikkaballapura.
7. Tahasildhar, Taluk Office, Bagepalli (T), Chikkaballapura (D).
8. The Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli, Chikkaballapura (D)
9. Secretary, Village Panchayath Office, Gorthapalli (V), Bagepalli (T), Chikkaballapura (D).
10. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Chikkaballapura.
11. Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

In addition to this a wide publicity was also given through public addressing system in and around the project area and covering all nearby villages on 18.08.2022. Photographs taken during publicity drive on the above date are enclosed in **Annexure – II**.

After observing the statutory formalities as required under the notification, the Environmental public hearing was held on 24.08.2022 at 11.00 am under the chairmanship of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura for Proposed Quarrying Ornamental Stone of M/s. Jewel Rock Granites (Grey Granite) at Sy. No. 116 & 77, Sajjupalli (V), Bagepalli (T) & Chikkaballapura (D).

**Proceedings of the public hearing:**

Sri. H. Amaresh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District has honoured on behalf of Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner has attended the Environmental Public Hearing. The Additional Deputy Commissioner has visited the proposed quarry site area and verified the site plan along with the Bagepalli Tahasildar and Officers of Mines and Geology Department.

Sri. T.M. Siddeswara Babu, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, welcomes the Sri. Amaresh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District to chair the meeting on behalf of Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner and conduct the process of public hearing, welcomes Sri. S. Shivappa Naik, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB,

Bangalore East and also welcomes all the officers of the District, taluks, representative of the project proponent, elected representative members, Surrounding Village formers, NGO's, representative of the Media and the pubic present in the meeting.

He brought to the kind notice of the gathered public about the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification dated: 14/09/2006 (Amended dated: 01/12/2009) issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. It was informed that all the procedures required under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006 and amendments there upon have been followed with.

He also requested the public to interact and discuss about the project and freely express their opinion in writing or orally during the hearing, which will be recorded and video graphed. He informed the project proponent to present the technical details of the proposed project.

Accordingly, power point presentation about the extent area of proposed project, present scenario w.r.t water, ambient air quality data, production activity, source of water, water quality, disposal method, Soil sampling and its quality, noise level and use of controlled blasting, saplings, aforestation, effects on aquatic animals and solution, effects on rain water harvesting, employment, impact on public health, use of control room, education, Air pollution source and its control measures, corporate social responsibilities, was presented in Kannada by the project consultant and copy of the power point presentation is herewith enclosed **Annexure –III**.

Environmental Officer once again requested the assembled public to clarify their doubts if any or submit any suggestions/objections either in writing or orally, environmental concerns with regard to proposed project and same will be included/recorded in the proceedings. The proceedings will be drawn both in kannada and English and it will be submitted duly signed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner.

The public have submitted their opinion on the said project as follows:

**1. Sri. G.S. Narasimhappa, Sajjupalli Village, Bagepalli (T), Chikkaballapura (D):**

The proposed authorities have not informed about the proposed project and they have informed today only. Earlier the granite quarrying activity was carried out in this area. Due to quarrying activity the surrounding environment, agricultural lands, plants and trees have spoiled. Due to this proposed project there are more disadvantages rather than advantages. Since, 75 years the village roads are not developed but now a day they developed roads. However, due to movement of heavy loaded vehicles (carrying of Boulders, Quarry materials etc..) the roads are damaging early than expected. In D. Kothapalli village the most of the people are quarrying the granite by hand. Due to proposed project it may affect them also. The project proponent should not give problems, who are carrying quarry activity by hand and he also requested the project proponent and to the Government to earmark some land for hand quarrying local people. The land should earmark in the downstream so as to carry quarried rocks

easily without much problem. If, they are allowed in the upper area, it will be difficult to them to carry out the work and it is very difficult to carry stone. He requested project proponent to take necessary action on the maintenance of roads.

**2. Sri. Vijayreddy, Environmentalist, Bellari:**

The proposed project is establish, there will be both advantages and disadvantages. But more Advantages than disadvantages. The proposed project authorities should follow all the Rules and Regulations. In this region more and more Industries has to come. If, the project establishes, there is a chance of development of roads and village. The project proponent has informed that, they will take up plantations of about 1500 No's in the said area to control dust, which is proposed to be generated from the Granite Quarrying. The project authorities are investing about Rs.70.00 Lakhs. Out of which 2% is proposed to utilize for the development of village under CSR activity. The funds in the D.M.F (District Mineral Fund) will be released by the Deputy Commissioner for development of villages. The proposed project authorities have specified about 20 technical employees and as per Govt. Rules 75% employees should be reserved for local people. The P/A's have informed that, about 100 No's people may get employment of different types of work due to this project. Due to movement of heavy loaded vehicles the roads may damage and P/A's has to take responsibility for the maintenance of the roads. The P/A's have informed that, they will take plantation work, conduct health camps to the surroundings villages and will take development of schools. If any problem arises regarding the quarry, the president of gram panchayath and the project proponent shall call meeting to discuss and solve the problems. With all the above I support for the upcoming project and submitted request letter.

**3. Sri. Naveen, Environmentalist, Pavagada(T), Tumkur (D):**

Due to this project, the villagers and the surrounding villagers will get different types of job opportunities. The local people support is must required for the establishment of proposed project. I supporting to the above said project and is herewith submitting the request letter.

**4. Sri.Gangappa.D., Kotthapalli (V),Bagepalli(T), Chikkaballapura(D):**

We are doing stone activity here from past 50 years and if the project authorities do helpful to the villages, then there is no objection from us. But in this area we are doing stone work and P/A's should not give any problem for the same.

**5. Sri. Devaraju, Yelahanka, Bangalore:**

The project should be useful to surrounding people and also project proponent. I support the proposed project and submitted the request letter.

**6. Sri. Hazarathayya, Nalluru:**

Supporting to the proposed project and submitted the request letter.

**7. Sri. Adinarayana, Sajjupalli(V), Bagepalli (T), Chikkaballapura(D):**

Due to this project the project proponent will be benefitted. But the local people will not get any benefit. I have a land in the Sy No. 77 and utilizing as approach roads for the movement of vehicle. But also we are not objected for utilizing of road. The project authority shall take development works in the surrounding villages, then only we will support to the establishment of the project. Otherwise you should not establish the project. There is no temple in the village and requested to construct the temple. If, not considered our requirement. I am going to give compliant against your project.

**8. Sri. Krishnappa, Kothapalli(V), Bagepalli (T), Chikkaballapura(D):**

The project authorities have specified that, there are no schools nearby the proposed project site, but within in 1 km radios schools are there nearby Sajjupalli village, D. Gorthapalli, Doddakunte. As per technical presentation to ensure provide employment to local people. I appreciate for that. The local village people are working stone activity since 25 years. Till date, how many people are employed ?. Some of Environmental activists are shared their opinions. But, they are all came from Nellur and Bellary. But if the Environmentalist from our district has shared opinion then we will be happy. What is relationship between them and us ?. Proposed project authorities have made a plan to utilize the Environmental Activists for the establishment of the project. We are facing lot of problems due to damage of road from heavy vehicles. The Project authorities informed that, will be planted saplings in the proposed project area and surrounding area. Apart from the granite work, no plants have been planted for 25 years. We have developed the plant in the hillocks under the scheme of F.E. Organization, Grampanchayath and Narega. During Health Camp there will be no experienced doctors and there is no use. Due to establishment of quarrying it will benefit to the government only but local people will not benefit from this project. If, established the proposed project we will face the lot of problems.

Sri. Iqbal Hussain, the owner of the proposed project has informed that, the people of the surrounding Villagers have expressed their opinions about both the Advantages and Disadvantages regarding the proposed project. Some people have shared their opinions in support to the project and some people expressed their opinion against the project. It shows your cares on environmental and village. We all together can create employment. The granite work in surrounding area is being carried out since 15 years. The stone work is being carrying out your local people or by some other agency. Earlier the building stone work with blasting activity was carried out and some of persons are going illegally. Earlier lease holder has to be paid the royalty fee of Rs. 1.5 Crores to the Government and they have sold to us. Now, I have paid balance royalty fee of Rs. 1.5 Crores to the Government and then I have

visited the area and observed that, this existing quarry is not suitable for the work of building stone. The same quarry can be utilized for the extraction of ornamental (Greay Granite) stone. I have filed application to the SEIAA. Hence, requested the surrounding village people to support the establishment of the project. Further, assured that, operate the project without causing any effects to the surrounding villages, schools and to the Environment.

During the time of public hearing, the public are submitted 04 memorandums to the Additional Deputy Commissioner. The Hon'ble MLA has submitted 02 request letter to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura and same has been listed and are enclosed as **Annexure – IV**.

At the end of Public hearing the Additional Deputy Commissioner addressed to the gathering that, the objections, opinion, memorandum, quarry submitted will be forwarded to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) for further needful action.

The Environmental officer has given vote of thanks to all those who are present, co-operated in smooth functioning of the Environmental public hearing. The Environment public hearing ended at 1.00 PM. **(Photographs and video graphs of public hearing are enclosed as Annexure –V)**



**Sri. Amaresh**  
**Additional Deputy Commissioner,**  
**Chairman of the public hearing**

