

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 26-11-2020 AT 3.00 PM WITH RESPECT TO APPALAPURA QUARTZ MINE OF SRI R BALARAMUDU ML NO 2311 AT SY NO 84, APPALAPURA VILLAGE, SANDUR TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT FOR ITS PROPOSED EXTRACTION OF QUARTZ MINE WITH CAPACITY 22,000 TONS PER ANNUM IN AN AREA OF 1.58 ACRES.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		Project Site: Quartz Mines of Sri R Balaramudu, ML No. 2311, Sy No 84, Appalapura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District
DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE		DESIGNATION
1	Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Assistant Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate	Chairperson
2	Sri M. C. Ramesh, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Ballari District	Member
3	Sri P.K. Umashankar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, RO-Ballari.	Member Convener
Officers of KSPCB present:		
1	Sri G R Kiran kumar, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
2	Sri Pavan S, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
Others Officers present:		
1	Smt Rashmi.H.G. KAS, Thasildhar, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.	
2.	Sri Sayad ahemad, ASI Thoranagallu Police Station, Toranagallu	
Representatives present on behalf of Appalapura Quartz Mine of Sri R Balaramudu;		
1.	Sri R Balaramadu, Proprietor	
2.	Sri R Ramesh Babu, Manager	
3.	Sri.Tippeswamy - Supervisor	
4.	Sri M D Khaleel – Employ	
5.	Sri Sachin, Environmental Consultant M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bangalore	
The details of the general public who were present in the Environmental Public Hearing is enclosed in Annexure-1 .		

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PREAMBLE:-:

Appalapura Quartz Mine of Sri R Balaramudu (ML No. 2311) has proposed for extraction of Quartz Mine with Capacity 22,000 Tons Per Annum in an area of 1.58 Acres at Sy No 84, Appalapura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.

The project proponent is required to obtain Environmental Clearance as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended till 01.12.2009) issued under the Environment(Protection) Act, 1986 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

As the proposed project is classified under S L No 1(a) of the schedule under EIA notification 2006 and amendments there on. As per the Notification, Environment Clearance is to be obtained from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka, constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Accordingly, the project proponents have made an application to the State Environmental Impact Assessment 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 proponents, issued Terms of Reference(TOR) wide letter No. **SEIAA 374 MIN 2019** dated **28-01-2020**. 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 Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 25-02-2020.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 20-03-2020 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Due to Covid-19 pandemic the public hearing was not conducted.



Further, The Deputy Commissioner, Ballari has accorded consent to conduct Environmental Public Hearing on 26-11-2020 at 3.00 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 Vijay Karnataka(Kannada) and Deccan Herald (English) on 24-10-2020 & in the local Newspaper namely " E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 29.10.2020 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, Ballari District.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District.
- District Industries Centre, Ballari District.
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, Doddanathapura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari.
- 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.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at local Panchayat Office(Doddaanthapura) and surrounding villages (Chikkanthapura, Tumti, and Tumti Tanda) of the proposed project area on 24-11-2020 & 25-11-2020.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing commenced on 26-11-2020 at 3.00 PM under the Chairmanship of the Assistant Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari at the proposed project site.



Proceedings of Public Hearing:

Sri. P K Umashankar, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Environmental Office, KSPCB, Ballari welcomed Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Assistant Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari District & Sri M. C. Ramesh, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Ballari. He also welcomed Government Officers, officers of the Appalapura Quartz Mine of Sri R Balaramudu, 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), Assistant 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), Assistant 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. 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 Appalapura Quartz Mine of Sri R Balaramudu, Sri Sachin, Environmental Consultant M/s. Venture Horizons, Bangalore has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report 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 CSR activities proposed through power point presentation.



