

Date: 17-06-2022 "Designated Place" of the project is Shelligi Village, Ta: Shorapur At 01.00 pm at Yadgiri, "Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited, Bangalore, for general sand mining in Shelligi sand block opposite Krishna river bank, survey no. 126, 127, 128/2 & 129 at Shelligi Village, Shorapur Taluk, Yadgiri District in a total area of 30.00 Acres to receive reports from the public on the environmental impact of the project to set up sand mining with a capacity of 1,25,290 tonnes per annum under semi-mechanized mode (Open Cost Mining). Proceedings of Environmental Public Hearing held:

Officers present:

Sir:

- 1) Mr. Shankaragowda Somanala, K.A.S. (Selection Grade)
Additional Deputy Comissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing
Yadgiri District, Yadgiri.
- 2) Mr. Madhusudan,
Senior Environment Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.
- 3) Mr. K. Raju, Environment Officers,
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadgiri
- 4) Mr. Subbanna Jamkhandi, Tehsildar, Shorapur

At the beginning of the meeting Mr. K. Raju, Environmental Officers, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadagiri requested the Hon'ble Additional Deputy Comissioner, Yadgir to preside over the meeting and requested Senior Environmental Officers of the Board, KSPCB, Kalaburagi to sit on the dais and to the officers and staff of the Revenue Department, Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd., technical staff of the project, police department officials, health department staff, media persons and all public, all farmers and all concerned.

Environmental Officers, speaking introductory note, Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited, which is carrying out general sand mining in Shelligi sand block of Shorapur taluk of Yadgiri district opposite the bank of Krishna river in survey no. 126, 127, 128/2 & 129 in Shelligi Village, Shorapur Taluk, Yadgiri District on a total area of 30.00 Acres with a capacity of 1,25,290 Tons per annum Sand Mining is proposed to be set up under Semi-Mechanized System (Open Cost Mining) in Yadgiri District, regarding the project set up and informing that an environmental public hearing meeting has been organized on date: 17-06-2022 at appointed place, Shelligi village at 1.00 pm to receive representations/suggestions from the public regarding the impact on the environment, various offices of the district viz., District Collector's Office, Yadgiri, Office of the Chief Executive Officer Zilla Panchayat, Yadgiri, Department of Mines and Earth Sciences, Yadgiri, Taluk Executive Officers Taluka Panchayat Shorapur, District Industrial Center Yadgiri, Gram Panchayat Office Devapura, Tehsildars Office Shorapur and Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadgiri Project Executive Summary (English and Kannada) in languages) compact print and He said that the reports were kept for public review 30 days in advance and the notification of the environmental public hearing meeting was given in state-level leading daily newspapers like "Prajavani" and "The Hindu" Date:18-05-2022 and local daily news paper "Kannadaprabha" on 19-05-2022 and reports were invited from the public. Requested the Hon'ble President to allow it to happen.

The Chairman briefly explained the plan to the public and instructed the public to present their opinions freely in written form or orally in the meeting if they have any suggestions, instructions, criticisms/comments.



The Chairman of the meeting addressed the meeting and directed the technical advisor of Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited to present the technical details of the proposed project to the meeting. Accordingly, the technical advisor of the project presented the project related aspects in the meeting.

Accordingly the following villagers who were present in the meeting expressed their views as follows:

1. **Sri Shivappa S/o Kallappa at Shelligi Village:** He has been farming for 6 years He said that there is a problem due to the dust generated by sand mining and requested that dust control measures be taken.
 - **Hon'ble President speaking directed that planners should take water sprinkling and other follow-up measures to control dust and pollution control board should do inspection every month and informed the President that planners will follow the same.**
2. **Sri Mallikarjuna S/o Amaranna at Shelligi village:** He said that it would be beneficial for them only if it rains and since the Boravel has been bad for 4 years, the cotton crop has been damaged and also requested that to improve road facility to avoid problems to the village people.
 - **Hon'ble President speaking directed the planners to follow measures to mitigate the problem on the said issue.**
3. **Shri Bhimana Gowda Pujari at Shelligi Village:** He spoke and complained that the dust from the vehicles transporting sand to the fields on the road side at night and the 24-hour transportation of sand is causing the dust to cover the fields and causing problems to the crops and they are not allowed to put the sand at home. Driving the tippers at night makes the householders on the side of the road sick due to the dust which makes it difficult for them to eat and they do not give the sand in their tractors no matter how low it is and the police and circles catch the vehicles when they transport in their tractors. He complained that even a tipper of sand, which is required, cannot be transported.
 - **Hon'ble President speaking said that the planners have already submitted a proposal to transport sand from 6 am to 6 pm, and that sand should be transported at night and that they will bring to the attention of the government the matter of giving priority to local problems and local people, and that there is a task force committee in the district and it will be strictly implemented.**
4. **Shri Pranesh Kulkarni at Shelligi Village:** He said that even though mining has started for 10 years till now, no program has been done to listen to the grievances of the people, but he said that it is a matter of satisfaction that the Honorable District Collector and other officials have taken action. Since the road from Shelligi Cross to Shelligi is not good for 8 to 9 years, last year a farmer died after a bus overturned and died on the road. Regarding menetoined about patches informed that they too had fallen and got injured and asked to improve the road and start mining and said that they have to travel around 5 km from the village to Shorapur.
 - **Hon'ble President speaking said that he will register the issue of fixing the road from Shelligi Cross of the village.**



5. **Shri Sharanbasava at Shelligi Village:** Speaking, he asked the meeting whether he had obtained permission to conduct sand mining in the said 30 acre land or whether he had come to seek permission from the people or to give information to the people.

➤ **Hon'ble President speaking said that as per notification of Central Environmental Impact Committee, this meeting was organized to gather public opinion and submit it to Central Pollution Control Board for further action.**

Going forward, the villagers are addressing the people asking if they are stopping the mining because they are a nuisance. There are people from Shelligi and surrounding villages and telling the public whether the village needs this project or not. He said. According to him, sand mining has been going on for about 9 years and according to what he saw, sand mining has been going on for about 9 years, the road is also not good, it is getting white every day, his grandfather died in a bus overturn last year and how can pregnant women and girls go to school on such a road? And all the school children are performing rituals in the taluk, why the road has not been constructed for the last 9 years? He questioned the president and asked why the local administration has not constructed the road. Why is another person from the same village stopping the vehicle when the surrounding villagers are growing cotton crops, and due to the sand being transported without mercy, dust falls on the cotton, the color of such cotton changes, and the farmers do not get the right price in the market and the public stops such a vehicle and sprinkles water on the contractor? He shouted that he had seen this with his eyes and said that such a situation belongs to the people and the farmers and he said that he could not talk about it. What are the officials of Shorapur Taluk doing? Asking that, according to the Supreme Court, villagers can transport sand in tractors to build houses. But the villagers are not allowed to carry even one tract of sand. Objecting, others carry sand illegally at night. And no officer questions this. So to the officers is it necessary? Shouldn't taxes come to the government? This unofficial content When the tehsildar informed Shorapura verbally, the tehsildar instructed him to write a written letter and he said that he could not write a letter because he was very busy with work and told that he was a saptavera engineer and had taken a day off.

Continuing, everyone in the village was sick and even the doctor of Shorapura taluk asked if you are from Shelligi, what is the problem in your village and everyone in the village was suffering from the same disease and due to this sand mining, the dust in everyone's house, on clothes and in drinking water has been burning for about 9 years and asked what is the solution to the problem and who is concerned? He said that he did not take it. Even if the subject of continuing illness is not from mining, To the attention of the meeting that the issue of health of the villagers will be the first priority brought There is so much for children to read from the traffic of huge transport vehicles He asked what was the solution to the problem and as mentioned earlier When the vehicle is stopped, there is conflict among the villagers and the president is responsible for it There is no solution for all this, demanding Telabek, religious uprisings Arguments are likely to arise due to the use of unspoken words He said that there is a possibility of it happening. Stating that the police are not performing their duties properly, he opined that it is appropriate to stop the said sand mining in the background of the above mentioned factors and while addressing the people, it will be unfair to those who will benefit from this project and requested the villagers to come here and express their views.

➤ **Honorable President speaking said that he will instruct the District Task Force Committee and Taluk Level Task Force Committees to follow the matter strictly. He said that he would instruct the concerned to take strict measures for the good**

suggestions given by the above and he would instruct the hospitals to take proper inspection and precautionary measures regarding the health issue. Instructing them to submit in writing, he told them that he would give them separate time for this matter and that the district administration would not allow religious riots to arise in the village, no matter how big a person in the village, he said that he would record their views.

6. **Shri Maunsha Ilagi Tadakal at Shelligi Village:** He said that he will sprinkle water on the first day after offering the name of Sharanbasava and warning him to sprinkle water and then he will not sprinkle water for the next four or five days. Road should be built because C.C. He said that it would be better if the road is sprinkled with water and if the asphalt road is sprinkled with water, the road will be repaired and according to our opinion, sand mining should not be carried out but as the government has already given permission for this, no matter how much we strike, it will not be possible to stop it from us and it should not harm the neighboring houses of the road.

➤ **Hon'ble President speaking said that according to the Act there is a rule for transporting sand from 6 am to 6 pm.**

He further asked who to file a complaint against, they transport about 300 tippers of sand from night to early morning.

7. **Shri Andanaiah Patil at Shelligi village:** spoke about the president and said that he has studied hard and we are happy that he is in this meeting. He continued that the police should not dispute the construction of houses in this village and neighboring villages and the poor should not ask for a commission to build a plot because the government is giving 1 to 1.5 lakh houses to build 2 trips and 60 thousand in return. He asked how if he asked for rupees and there is 6 km from Hanumanta temple to Shelligi village, he demanded to build tarmac/cc road here and the road in the middle of the town is in bad shape and his life is in danger, he requested to build it as soon as possible and make it a development village and build the road on the model of Bagalkota. There are a lot of poor farmers here, the price of dusty cotton is 25 to 26 thousand, while in other places the price of good cotton is 33 to 35 thousand, it is very common for the farmers here to commit suicide and their families come to the streets and it is not possible for the government to provide compensation to everyone, so they asked for permanent compensation. The potholes on the road were so deep that an old man fell into them and got injured and I myself had to pay Rs. 250/- was spent and he was treated in the hospital, he said, but you have to carry out sandblasting day and night, but he demanded that water should be sprayed continuously. When the villagers objected to this, Samajaishi said that sandblasting should be carried out in such a way that no dust comes in between the people. Moving on, me too A farmer with 120 acres of irrigated land installed the President of Anta Karania and said that it is enough if there is no harm from the dust to the poor and roadside children.

8. **Shri Veerupaksha Gowda at Shelligi village:** He requested through a letter to the Honorable President to provide electricity to the farm in case of flood.

➤ **Hon'ble President spoke and accepted the request and said that the said request is related to irrigation and electricity and it will be submitted to the concerned department today for further action.**

Further, from Shelligi to Mashthalli, the village is 2 km, it takes 10 minutes to reach the village from Shorapur to Shelli, but it takes half an hour to go from here to Mushtalli, due to the deterioration of the road due to sand mining, he said.

9. **Shri Shamaraya Kulkarni at Shelligi Village:** Speaking, he said that a board should be put up for sandblasting only from 6 am to 6 pm and if sand is transported at night, a telephone number should be mentioned on the board to give information and after 6 pm our youths were allowed to contact and listened to our problem.
- **Hon'ble President spoke and said that the Government Samidya is already starting and if anyone has any problem, they will write the telephone numbers of the health, education and road related departments on the name board.**
10. **Shri Sharanbasava at Shelligi village:** While speaking, he asked whether anyone's mobile number is being registered on the board.
- **Hon'ble President spoke and said that if the problem is related to health, health department, if it is related to road, transport department, if it is related to mining, the phone number of environment department will be registered.**
- He further said that he can take the phone number of the Honorable President and report any complaint to the villagers and people are falling into the river and dying in the lake near the village. To avoid this, put up a warning sign and request the guards to call the guards. Again, establish that five people have died in the recent past so that people's lives can be saved.
- **Hon'ble President speaking directed the officials of the Panchayat Department to solve the problem immediately.**

Finally, the chairman addressed the meeting and presented his long and meaningful public opinion and suggestions. It was the 12th public meeting in my career. You expressed your opinion about the development works to be done in a very detailed manner and expressed the social and village concerns. He said that if you have any problem, the district administration will be with you and the impressions expressed regarding this project/ He informed the meeting again that the summary of the views/written submissions along with the proceedings of the said meeting will be duly written and submitted to the Government for further action along with video and photographs.

Copies (Annexure-I) of the petitions/complaints etc. received at Yadagiri and in the meeting since the publication of the notification by the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.


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