

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF SHRI. VENKATESH T GUDAGUNTI, SY. NO. 2/4 OF HANAMANAL S.T. VILLAGE, ILKAL TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE MINING OF PINK GRANITE OF CAPACITY 4,500 CU.MTRS/ ANNUM USING OPENCAST SEMI-MECHANIZED METHOD IN AN MINE LEASE AREA OF 4-00 ACRES HELD ON 17/06/2022 AT 11.00AM AT PROJECT SITE, HANAMANAL S.T. VILLAGE VILLAGE, ILKAL TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT.

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik, Senior Envionmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad (I/C) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office,Bagalkote.	Member
<u>Consultants & Mines representatives present</u>		
1.	Shri. Venkatesh T Gudagunti	Mine Owner
2.	Shri. Kiran Hosamani	Land Owner
3.	Shri. Sachin M U	Representatives of Environmental Consultant - M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru

Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District and all the participating villagers from surrounding area & public, elected representatives who were present in the public hearing. Further, he briefly explained the needs for Environmental Clearance and public hearing for the said project as follows:

Shri. Venkatesh T Gudagunti propose to undertake mining of Pink Granite of capacity 4,500 Cu.mtrs/ Annum using Opencast Semi-mechanized method in an Mine lease area of 4-00 Acres at Sy. No. 2/4 of Hanamanal S.T. village, Ilkal Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the State Level

Impact Assessment Authority, GOK and Conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division), GOI, the project proponent has made application for Environmental Clearance and got the Terms of Reference from State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, GOK vide Letter dated: 08-04-2022 and accordingly the draft EIA report is prepared. The project proponent submitted the request letter to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote, the Public Hearing is scheduled on 17-06-2022 at Project site, Hanamantal S.T. village, Ilkal Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Vijay Vani" and English Daily Newspaper "The New Indian Express" dated: 18-05-2022 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshan" on 21-05-2022. In the said Notification, the suggestions / views/ comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed project were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. in written or through E-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification.

The copy of the draft EIA report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th floor, E&F Wings, 17th main road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.
- Office of the Executive Officer, Taluka Panchayat, Ilkal, Bagalkot-District.
- Office of the Secretary/Panchayat Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Hirekodagali village, Ilkal Taluk, Bagalkot-District.
- Web site of KSPCB "<http://kspcb.gov.in>"

The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote and other offices mentioned above have not received any E-mail or any written applications with comments or objections from public as on 16-06-2022 in respect of said project. This Environmental Public Hearing is organized for hearing the suggestions/ views/ comments and objections of the interested public and villagers on Environmental related issues.

He informed the representatives of the Environmental Consultant, M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru to make a Power Point Presentation on environment study conducted on Air, Water, Soil & noise environmental impact assessment and the environmental management plan of the proposed project to the public gathered;

On behalf of M/s. **Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru**, the Environmental Consultant **Shri. Sachin M U**, made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data and present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impacts of the project on the environment, The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection, environmental monitoring etc by, the Project Proponent. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding, as Annexure-01. List of participants/villagers & others who attended the Public Hearing is enclosed as Annexure-02.

Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi, Additional Deputy Commissioner requested the public & villagers present in the hearing to express their suggestions / views / comments if any about the said project. Accordingly the following villagers/public are expressed their views in the hearing:

1. Shree. Siddaramappa Gudagunti of Ilkal

- He informed that, the proposed Pink Granite mining project will be very helpful for surrounding villagers.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

2. Shree. Basavaraj Waddar of Hanumanal ST village

- He informed that, the mining authorities should plant good number of plantations and comply with environmental conditions before undertaking this Pink Granite mining project.

3. Shree. Mahantagouda B Patil of Guggalamari village

- He informed that, proposed pink granite mine will benefit the surrounding villagers in upliftment of the economical condition of surrounding villagers.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

4. Shree. Vijayakumar Amadihal, Gram Panchayat Member of Hirekodagali

- He informed that, the mining authorities should take care of surrounding environment by planting more number of plantations as proposed in project report.
- He extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

5. **Shree. Shivaraj Goundi of Hanumanal ST village**
- He informed that, the mining authorities should plant good number of plantations before undertaking this Pink Granite mining project.
 - He informed that, 10 to 15 people of surrounding villages get jobs from this proposed Pink Granite mining project.
 - Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.
6. **Shree. Gurubasava Kuri of Guggalamari village**
- He informed that, the proposed Pink Granite mining project will be very helpful for surrounding villagers as many direct and indirect job opportunities will be created from the proposed Mining project.
 - Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.
7. **Smt. Ambika Timmapur of Hanumanal ST village**
- She informed that, surrounding workers will get jobs from this proposed Pink Granite mining project.
 - She informed that, the mining authorities should take care of surrounding environment by planting more number of fruit bearing plantations as proposed in the project report.
 - Hence, she extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

Shri Mahadev A Muragi, the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District addressed the public hearing as follows:

- The Consultant of the project made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project. The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection by the Project Proponent.
- He directed the Project Proponent to take all precautionary measures during the establishment of project by following guidelines/ norms/ conditions/ directions/ standards stipulated by competent authorities and shall take good number of plantations so that, the dust emissions generated from the mining activity shall not fall in adjacent lands.
- The mine authorities should provide water facilities to schools of surrounding villages and provide ventilators of 02 No's to nearby Government Hospital under CSR activity as proposed in the presentation made.
- The mine authorities should take care of road safety and maintain speed limit of vehicles in the village area and the mine authorities should take all the care that,

the surrounding villagers should not face any problems from the proposed mining project.

- He informed that, the mining authorities shall provide barbed wire fencing around the mine pits as safety measure.
- The mine authorities should provide all the necessary safety/ precautionary measures to the workers of the proposed mine.
- The appeals, suggestions & opinions of the public have been recorded through video and the proceedings of the meeting will be sent to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, GOK for further needful.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.

(Shri Mahadev A Muragi)
Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Bagalkote, Karnataka.

