

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO M/S K. M. PARVATHAMMA MINES AT M. L. NO 2514, RAJAPURA VILLAGE, SANDUR TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT FOR PROPOSED IRON ORE MINING OF CAPACITY 43,000 TPA OVER AND AREA OF 61.33 ACRES (24.82 HA) HELD ON 08-04-2022 AT 3:00 PM AT THE PROJECT SITE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		Project Site: M/s K. M. Parvathamma Mines, M. L. No 2514, Rajapura Village, Sandur 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
3	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.	
Others Officers present:		
1	Sri K. M. Gurubasavaraj – Tashildhar - Ballari.	
Representatives present on behalf of M/s K. M. Parvathamma Mines		
1.	Sri Sanjay Kumar – General Manager.	
2.	Sri Subam Kollurmath – Consultant.	
3.	Sri Prateek Kollurmath – Consultant.	
4.	Sri Vinay M	
5.	Dr K H. Madhavreddy - Manager.	
6.	Sri Khaja Bande Nawaz – Environment Consultant - Ecomen.	
7.	Sri Sagar Goud – Mining Engineer - Ecomen.	
8.	Sri Muruli Manas - Ecomen.	
9.	Smt Nazreen – Ecomen.	
10.	Sri Venkateshwarulu – Ecomen.	
<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 had proposed to undertake Iron Ore Mining of capacity 43,000 TPA over and area of 61.33 Acres (24.82 Hectares) at M. L. No 2514, Rajapura 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 schedule under EIA Notification 2006 and subsequent amendments made there on. As per the Notification, Environment Clearance is to be obtained from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Bangalore (SEIAA).

Accordingly, the Project Proponents have made an application to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Bangalore (SEIAA) in prescribed format. The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Bangalore (SEIAA) authorities after scrutiny of the application made by the project proponents, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 599 MIN 2021 Dated 19-01-2022. 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 Ecomen Laboratories Private Limited, Jakkur Layout, Jakkur, Bangalore to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 25-01-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 07-02-2022 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 08-04-2022 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 "Vijaya Vani" (Kannada) and "The New Indian Express" (English) on 08-03-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 09-03-2022 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, Sandur.
- Office of the Taluk Panchayat, Sandur.
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, U Rajapura Village.
- 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, Room No 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, M S building, Bangalore.
- 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 09-03-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Vittalanagar, Rajapura, Narayanapura, Timmalapura, Ubbulgundi, and Metriki) of the proposed project area on 07-04-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure - 4**).

Deputy Commissioner Ballari has issued the letter Dtd: 05-04-2022 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 08-04-2022 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 K. M. Parvathamma Mines, 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 K. M. Parvathamma Mines, Sri Khaja Bande Nawaz has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by M/s Ecomen Laboratories Private Limited, Jakkur Layout, Jakkur, Bangalore 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) **Sri Lokesh – Rajapura Village - Sandur Taluk, Ballari District** – Speaking on the occasion he said that he had no objection for starting the proposed company. He said that Smt Parvathamma was a role model for two villages. She has participated in all the functions in the village and has taken good care of the people of the village. He requested to provide all facilities for the owners of the mine.
- 2) **Sri Udeeda Basappa - Ubbalagundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said he would like to talk about a couple of things related to environment. He said about 500 ore transporting trucks are passing through their village and were causing dust pollution for the surrounding houses on either sides of the road. He appealed to the Hon'ble District Administration to permit the transport of ore through the bypass road. He said the roads were bad/damaged and requested to repair the same. He requested to provide lease/contractors to the villagers of Ubbalagundi and Rajapura once the mining operation commences. He said the residents of Ubbalagundi and Rajapura have eligibility to work in mine and hence requested to provide work to them. He once again appealed to give permission to transport ore through bypass road to protect the environment.
- 3) **Sri H. B. Lokesh - Rajapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said he had no objection for K. M. Parvathamma Company to start mining activity. He said the mining activity was either operating or closed since he was born, but the mining authorities have mingled with the public and participated in all their programs and have responded well to their needs. He said starting the mining activity would benefit





the Driver, Cleaner and other workers of the region. He appealed to give permission for the mining company.

- 4) **Sri Krishna - President of Forest Rights Committee – U. Rajapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said the mining company had done R&R work in the mining area about 6 months ago. He said there were educated youths in their village, and appealed the mine owners to provide help to them from the mining company.
- 5) **Sri Suresh - Ubbalgundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the villagers of the surrounding village are making a living working as laborer in K M Parvathamma Mines Company. He said there is no objection from his village for Parvathamma mines company to carryout mining. He requested to provide employment on priority for the youth of the surrounding villages. He requested the mining company should provide all infrastructure facilities to all villages under the Rajapura village limits. He asked to give permission for proposed project.
- 6) **Sri Venkatesh – Rajapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that starting the mining company has both advantages and disadvantages. He requested mine owners to rectify the disadvantages as soon as possible. He said the mining company makes promises to provide employment to the locals now, but in future they will not give the jobs to locals as promised. He appealed to provide employment opportunities to as many locals as possible, and use CSR funds for the development of local villages.
- 7) **Sri Dhananjaya - Ubbalagundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said they have no problem with starting K M Parvathamma mines. He said his Father and Mother had worked in the same mining company and made their living. He urged to first complete the construction of Bypass road before opening the mine. He said there are about 600 houses in their village but no hospital, hence he requested to pay attention to the health of the Rajapura and Ubbalagundi villagers. He appealed the mining company to lookafter the health of the women, children & the elderly in the villages.
- 8) **Sri H. Bharamappa - Narayanapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said the mining company is extended to the limits upto Narayanapur village and could have been named Narayanapur Mining company but it is named as Rajapura Mining company. He said his village will not get any benefit because of it.
- 9) **Sri K. Sharanappa - Narayanapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said the traffic congestion on the road is already high and is causing a lot of trouble. He appealed that the lorries should transport the ore from within the mine without having to use public roads.

- 10) **Sri Chandrasekharaswamy - U. Rajapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said in the recent past, the Supreme Court has ordered the use of CSR Funds. However, the K. M. Parvathamma mines have been giving grants and carryout developmental works in the surrounding villages even before the Supreme Court order was issued. He said in those days, there was no transportation available to the surrounding villages, at which time if they requested for the transportation the company used to send lorries for people to attend the program. K.M. Parvathamma with a heart of mother has very much concern about the health of the locals. He expressed hope that more privileges would be provided then earlier to the locals.
- 11) **Sri Veereshappa - Ubbalagundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said in K. M. Parvathamma company the villagers of Ubbalagundi and Rajapura were working as driver and cleaner and now they have developed and have become lorry owners. He said that when the villagers were sick, they had helped them by transporting them through the lorries. He said that such kind hearted persons should be facilitated to start the mines.
- 12) **Sri Banurappa - Ubbalagundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that in 2004, there was no transport to his village and during that time the owner of the Parvatamma mine had helped to her to the hospital in Sandur town in mine lorries. He said that it was not possible to repay the debt of Parvathamma who helped him.
- 13) **Sri Nagendra - Rajapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that he has worked in the mining company. He said that when he was a student there was no transport facility to Sandur town, during that time the mine company has sent mine lorry for him to travel to Sandur town and participate in Kabbadi sport. He asked to give permission to start mining.
- 14) **Sri Subhan Sab - Krishna Nagar village** - Speaking on the occasion he said he is in favor of mining. He requested the owners to give Minimum Price to the lorry owners. He appealed to give priority to locals for transportation of ores.
- 15) **Sri Nagesh - U. Mallapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that his is a small village which is located at a distance of 5 km from the mining region and comes under the limits of Rajapura Village, he said his village was marginalized. He said no development has been done by the mine company for his village. He said plants should be grown along the sides of the haulage road to control the dust pollution. He requested the mine owners to do development work for the village and to preserve the environment.
- 16) **Sri Ramakrishna Hegde - Swamihalli Village - Taluk President - Karnataka Dalit Sangarshana Samithi** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the mine is only one year old and that bypass road construction is not possible only with the mining

company. He said he had fought several times for the construction of the bypass road and had also discussed the construction of the bypass road with the major mining companies in the area. He appealed the company to give employment to the local youth according to their qualification in the mining company. He appealed not to give sweeper and watchman jobs to the locals and give higher post to people from other districts in the mining company. He said from the company has full support from their society to carry out mining project.

17) Sri Raju - President - Karnataka Rakshana Vedike – Sandur Taluk - Speaking on the occasion he said that it was 251st Public hearing he had attended. He said the locals are in favour of the Parvathamma Mining Company and that he too was with them and favored the mining company. He requested to construct a bypass road. He appealed for the repair of the damaged roads to transport the ore and to provide greater employment to the locals.

18) Sri Veerabhadrapa – Ubbalagundi Village - Speaking on the occasion he said that he has worked for the mining company when it was started and requested that he will be reinstated when they reopen the mines.

19) Sri Subbanna - Narayanapura Village - Sandur Taluk - Conveyor - Dalit Sangarsha Samiti Sanghatana - Speaking on the occasion he said that they have seen and grown along the Parvathamma Mining Company from an early age. He said since early days the Parvathamma Mining Company has done good things for the locals. He therefore requested to give permission to conduct mining.

20) Sri M. Satish - Environmental Protection Forum – Sandur - Speaking on the occasion he said that he has no objection to start the proposed mining company. He said the annual production of the mine is limited to 43,000 tonnes, hence permission can be given. He requested to give employment to old workers. He said the bypass road was not just related to the Parvathamma mine alone but also to other mining companies should also take responsibility for construction and maintenance of bypass road. He requested to preserve the surrounding environment. He agreed to the proposed project.

21) Sri Ravi – Sandur - Speaking on the occasion he appealed to the mine owners to provide employment to the locals in the mining company. He requested to give permission for the mining project.

22) Sri Pampaiah Swamy - U. Rajapura Village - Speaking on the occasion he said that half of the people who had previously worked in the Parvathamma Mining Company were attending the ongoing meeting. He appealed to provide proper transport facilities to the surrounding villages. He requested to provide bus transportation system under




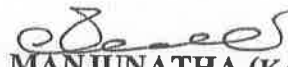
the CSR grants. He said Sandur is left behind in education and requested the officials to provide college for this region in 2022-23.

- 23) **Sri Honnaliyappa – Karnataka Republic Sena - Ballari District President -** Speaking on the occasion he said as per the request of the villagers the Parvathamma Mining Company should be allowed for mining.
- 24) **Sri K. P. Veeresh - Ubbalagundi Village -** Speaking on the occasion he said that he has no objection against the Parvathamma Mining Company. He asked the company to provide employment to the locals. He requested to make arrangements for Doctors at Ubbalagundi Hospital. He requested for the construction of bypass road.
- 25) **Sri Bassapparao - Ubbalagundi Village -** Speaking on the occasion he said that the owners of the mining company had provided all the facilities in Ubbalagundi village and therefore they had no objection to carryout mining. He said Jindal company had promised to construct bypass road here which has not yet been built. He requested to construct bypass road immediately to control the dust pollution.
- 26) **Sri Pampapati - Rajapura Village -** Speaking on the occasion he said that there was no trouble from the Parvathamma Mining Company. He asked to give permission to conduct mining.

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 **Annuxure-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 (Vijaya Vani – 08-03-2022) and English (The New Indian Express – 08-03-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 09-03-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 07-04-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. Approval letter Dtd:05-04-2022 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. 46 No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing and 03 No's of written statement/objection received at Regional Office, Ballari 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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