

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. SONA MINERALS, LOCATED AT SY. NO. 282, 277 AND 276 (PART), SHIRUR VILLAGE, BAGALKOT TALUK AND DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE FOR THE PROPOSED DOLOMITE MINE OF CAPACITY 1,20,000 TPA IN TOTAL AREA OF 13.69 HACTERS HELD ON 20.11.2020 AT 12.00 PM AT THE MINE SITE.

Public Hearing Panel Members Present		
1	Shri Mahadev A. Muragi, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	Shri. Vijaykumar T. Kadakbhavi, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad.	Member
3	Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.	Member

Consultants & Limestone Mine representatives present		
1.	Shri. Sachin M. V. Horizon Ventures, Bangalore	Environmental Consultant
2.	Shri.Santosh Horizon Ventures, Bangalore	Environmental Consultant
3.	Shri. Shivanand Melligeri	Representative On behalf of Owner

Shri Rajshekhar Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District, the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Dharwad and all the surrounding villagers & public, elected representatives and members and the Staff of the Mining Company who were all present in the hearing.

Further, he briefly explained the needs for Environmental Clearance and public hearing for the said Mining project, as under:

M/s. Sona minerals is proposed to undertake production of Dolomite Stone of capacity 1,20,000TPA having Minelease area of 13.69HA, located at Sy. No. 282, 277 and 276 (part), of Shirur Village, in Bagalkot Taluk & District.

As per the 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 SEIAA, GOK and Conducting Environmental Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing is scheduled on 20-11-2020 at the Project Site, as per the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference Letter dated: 14-10-2020 and the concurrence of The Deputy Commissioner Bagalkote.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has published the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "VijayVani" and English Daily Newspaper "The New Indian Express" dated: 19-10-2020 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "SanjeDarshan" on 20-10-2020.

The suggestions / views / comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located at the Project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed dolomite mine project were given opportunity to send/submit their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. either orally or in writing 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 this notification.

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

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, ZillaPanchayat, Bagalkote
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, 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, KendriyaSadan, 4th floor, E&F Wings, 17th main road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, ParisarBhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.
- Office of the Secretary/Panchayat Development Officer, GramPanchayat, Shirur Village, BagalkotTaluk& Dist.

No E-mail or any oral or written applications/objections/suggestions or comments were received upto and as on 20-11-2020 in respect of said Mining project either in the Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote or in other offices mentioned above.

Shri. Vijaykumar T. Kadakbhavi, The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad addressed the public hearing as follows.

- As stated by the Regional Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote this Environmental Public Hearing is organised for hearing the suggestions / views / comments and objections of the interested public and villagers on Environmental related issues.
- The details regarding the public hearing were displayed in all the concerned offices. Published in the State Level News papers and Local News paper before 30 days of this public hearing.
- The Environmental Consultant has conducted the detailed study regarding surrounding environment in last 03 months and according to that, power point presentation is prepared.
- He informed the Environmental Consultant to give the Power point presentation on environment study conducted and environmental impact by Mining Project in surrounding area.
- He informed the gathered public to comment on environmental problems if any relating to mining and blasting activities.

On behalf of Horizon Ventures, Bangalore., the Environmental Consultant Shri. Sachin M. V. presented the Power Point presentation of the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data, present scenario of existing environment in the project area and the impact of the project on the environment.

Environment Management Plan, measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection. 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.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee requested all the public & villagers present in the hearing to express their suggestions / views / comments and objections if any. Accordingly the following villagers/public expressed their views & objections in the hearing:

1. Shri. Sangappa Kattimani of Gundanapalle Village.

- The mining activity in the area is advantageous in the form of employment to the villagers.
- He requested the committee to give more DMF funds for development of government schools and development of roads to their villages.
- He requested the mining authorities to control dust pollution in the village limits due to movement of vehicles and mining activity.

2. Shri. Chandrappa Muramatti of Gundanapalle Village.

- He said that, mining authorities helping poor villagers in this region and it is advantageous to us.
- He requested mining authorities to control dust pollution on roads and surrounding area by sprinkling water regularly.

3. Shri. Muttappa Hanamappa Muttannavar of Shirur Village.

- He said that, there is no objection for mining activity only if the mining authorities take suitable measures to control dust emissions.

4. Shri. Akhandappa Basappa Adagala of Bevinamatti Village.

- He said that, mining activity is useful for poor villagers in the area.

5. Shri. Neelanagouda Kutaganakeri of Bevinamatti Village.

- He said that, his agricultural fields are located near mining area and he requested mining authorities to control dust pollution and sprinkle water regularly in the area.

6. Shri. Riyaz Maniyar of Mallapur Village.

- He said that, there is no objection for the mining activity.
- He requested the mining authorities to carryout mining operation without causing any nuisance of dust to the nearby villagers.

FINALLY, THE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE, BAGALKOTE DIST. SUMMED UP THE PROCEEDINGS AS UNDER.

1. That, mining authorities shall provide employment to local villagers.
2. That, DMF fund to be utilized for development of roads, toilets to government schools, greenery and drinking water purposes in the surrounding area of Mines.
3. The mining authorities shall take all suitable measures as shown in the presentation to control emission of dust without fail.

(Mahadev. A. Muragi)

The Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,