

**Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing in connection with the quarrying the Natural Sand by M/s. Yashaswi Enterprises at Sy. No. 45/4 & 45/5 of Machenahalli village and Sy no: 28/2 & 28/3 of Venkatapura Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District.**

**Date:** 03.08.2021 at 11.00 AM

**Place:** At the proposed land of Sy. No. 45/4 & 45/5 of Machenahalli village and Sy no: 28/2 & 28/3 of Venkatapura Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District.

**List of Officers Present:**

<b>Sl no</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Smt. Kavitha S. Mannikeri, I.A.S.,	Deputy Commissioner and Presiding Officer of Environmental Public Hearing Panel, Chitradurga.
2	Sri Hari Shankar Y.S	Senior Environmental Officer (I/C), Zonal Office, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
3	Sri E. Prakash	Environmental Officer and Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel, KSPCB, Chitradurga

**I. List of project Proponent and Consultants present.**

1. Sri Vishwanath B Patil, Partner of M/s. Yashaswi Enterprises.
2. Sri S.N Puttashetty, Partner of M/s. Yashaswi Enterprises.
3. Sri Siddesh, Partner of M/s. Yashaswi Enterprises.
4. Sri U. Hitendra, Representative of M/s. Yashaswi Enterprises.
5. Sri Shivakumar G.J., Co-Ordinator of M/s. Yashaswi Enterprises
6. Sri Sachin M.U., Environmental Consultantancy.
7. Sri Arun Kumar., Environmental Consultantancy.

**II. List of Participants as per Attendance Register (Enclosed as Annexure-A).**

Sri E. Prakash, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga welcomed the Deputy Commissioner, Officials, representatives of Environmental Consultantancy, publics and Media persons.

As per the guidelines stipulated in the EIA Notification, 2006, the Environmental Public Hearing was earlier scheduled on 11.05.2021 and the same was published in leading news papers "Vijaya Vaani" (Kannada) and "Times of India" (English) on 11.04.2021. Environmental Public Hearing was postponed due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. The Environmental Public Hearing was re-scheduled on 03.08.2021 and the same was published in the National Level News papers "Vijaya Karnataka" (Kannada) and "Deccan Herald" (English) on 03.07.2021 and also published in Chitradurga District local News paper "Suddi Giduga" on 19.07.2021.

The Panchayath Development Officer of Devasamudra and Siddapura Grama Panchayath's were apprised about public hearing required for the process to facilitate local residents, Environmentalist and the public who are directly or indirectly affected by the proposed project to submit their suggestions/objections/views/opinions/comments through E-mail/in writing to the presiding Officer of Environmental Public Hearing Panel (Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District)/ Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Chitradurga or orally during the time of public hearing.

The copy of the EIA draft report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following Offices for references to the general public and requested the said Offices to maintain the register by recording suggestions/objections/views/opinions/comments of the general public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga.
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Chitradurga.
3. Office of the Dept. of Industries and Commerce, Chitradurga.
4. Office of the Taluk Panchayath, Molakalmuru, Chitradurga District.
5. Office of the Grama Panchayath, Devasamudra and Siddapura, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District.
6. The Regional Office, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
7. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisara Bhavan, Bengaluru.
8. Ministry of Environment and Forest, South Zone Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

It was brought to the notice of Presiding Officer that, till 02.08.2021, no written submissions received from the above said Offices.

Sri E. Prakash, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga in his preamble said that M/s Yashaswi Enterprises located at Sy. No. 45/4 & 45/5 of Machenahalli village and Sy no: 28/2 & 28/3 of Venkatapura Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka has proposed to carry

out quarrying of Natural sand of capacity 1,12,755 TPA in the lease area of 5.260 hectares (13 acres). The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Govt. of Karnataka as per the EIA Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing.

The Proponent has obtained Terms of Reference (TOR) from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Govt. of Karnataka vide no. SEIAA 339 MIN 2020, dated: 25.02.2021 and requested the Karnataka State pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on 10.03.2021 to conduct Environmental Public consultation/ Public Hearing. Prior to the Environmental Public Hearing, the Presiding Officer/Chairman of the Panel i.e Deputy Commissioner called the Project Authorities on 29.07.2021 for Technical Presentation through PPT on Environmental issues. After Technical Presentation, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Project Authorities to add all required necessary measures during quarrying and transportation of sand in the final PPT presentation of the proposed project.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, the Public Hearing was conducted on 03.08.2021 at 11.00 AM at proposed project site at Sy. No. 45/4 & 45/5 of Machenahalli village and Sy no: 28/2 & 28/3 of Venkatapura Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District under the Chairmanship of Smt. Kavitha S Mannikeri, Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District.

The Presiding Officer/Chairman informed the representative of M/s Yashaswi Enterprises to make power point presentation on the project including Environmental issues (Impact on Environment). On behalf of proposed project, Sri Sachin M.U., Consultant representing the M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bangalore, explained the public about the proposed project of quarrying of natural sand through Power Point Presentation. The Salient feature of the project, the Environmental base line data, present scenario of existing Environment in the project area, the impact of the project on the surrounding Environment, Environment Management Plan, Measures proposed to control/mitigate the Environmental Pollution and CSR activities. Further he has informed that, the activity will be carried out by open cast quarrying through semi mechanized method. The hard copy of the presentations made in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-B**.

The Presiding Officer/Chairman informed the gathered public to express their views/opinions about the proposed project with respect to Environmental issues by submissions either in writing or orally. During the time of Public Hearing, eleven (11) persons expressed their views orally and are summarized as below.

1. **Sri. K N Manjunath S/o Nagappa, Venkatapura Village**

He supported the proposed project and requested the chairman to allow the surrounding villagers of Devasamudra to utilize the soil accumulated in Devasamudrakere to their agricultural land and he has no objections for the project.

2. **Sri M.R Sathish Kumar, Vittalapura Village.**

He opposed the proposed project, since peoples have no income other than agriculture and there is no factories or industries in this surroundings, due to the sand quarrying activity, agricultural activity will be disturbed by damaging the existing bore wells, there is a chance of depletion of underground water level and also sand quarrying activity creates problems to the farmers family.

3. **Sri Shivanandappa, Venkatapura Village.**

He opposed the proposed project, the sand quarrying activity will damage the existing bore wells and peoples are in condition of poisoning their family members and requested the chairman not to give permission to the proposed project to operate.

4. **Sri Umesh Reddy, Venkatapura Village.**

He said that he has no objections for the proposed project activity and requested the chairman to allow the surrounding villagers to utilize the soil accumulated in Devasamudrakere to their agricultural land.

5. **Sri. B V Reddy, Environment Social Worker, Bellary.**

He supported the proposed project by submitting supporting letter to the Chairman and gave some suggestions to the proposed project proponent to form the co-ordination committee by making the local villagers/farmers as a committee members to manage/solve the local villagers problems.

6. **Sri. V sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist.**

He supported the proposed project and gave suggestions to the proposed project proponent and explained the benefits of the proposed project as mentioned below.

- The proposed project will give employment to the locals.
- He suggested the project Authority to take care of Health related issues of villagers and proper maintenance of the internal roads which are in 10 Km from the proposed site.
- Suggested to provide rain water harvesting facility in the proposed Project site.
- Suggested to arrange skill development training to the unemployments of surrounding villages.
- Suggested to prepare action plan to utilize the CSR funds by making co-ordination committee comprising of local villagers, project authority, Govt officials and KSPCB.
- Suggested to take proper measures to control Air and Water Pollution caused during sand quarrying activity.
- Suggested to carry out the sand quarrying activity Hectare by Hectare in phase wise manner.

- Suggested to provide facility for enhancement of ground water in the surrounding area of project site.
- Suggested to maintain Ecological balance and support for Education & employment to the local villagers.
- Finally he requested the Chairman to permit the proposed project to operate their activity.

7. **Sri. Sudarshan, Environmental worrier.**

He supported the proposed project and requested the project proponent to operate sand quarrying activity without harming the surrounding environment and requested to utilize the local villagers and their vehicles for sand quarrying activity.

8. **Sri. Harihara Reddy, Venkatapura Village.**

He supported the proposed project and requested the project proponent to make alternate facility to improve the Ground water level in the surrounding existing bore wells and also requested to utilize the locally available tractors/tippers for sand quarrying activity.

9. **Sri. Venkata Reddy, NGO-Friends of the Earth.**

He supported the proposed project and requested the project proponent to provide job opportunity to the local villagers and to use the allocated CSR funds to the affected village development and requested the chairman to give permission to the proposed project.

10. **Sri Mallikarjun, Venkatapura Village.**



He supported the proposed project since it provides job opportunities to the local villagers.

11. **Sri. Dilip Kumar Venkatapura, Village.**

He supported the proposed project and requested the project proponent to utilize their tractors/ vehicles for sand quarrying activity

During Public Hearing meeting, the Panel has received eleven (11) written submissions which are enclosed as **Annexure-C**. Finally the Presiding Officer informed the public that, all the views, concerns and grievances expressed here are noted and the entire program has been video recorded and same would be made into CD's and the proceedings of this meeting as it is would be sent to Government for further action.

Thereafter, the Environmental Public Hearing was concluded with vote of thanks and hence the Proceedings.

  
Deputy Commissioner and Presiding Officer of  
Environmental Public Hearing Panel,  
 Chitradurga District,

