

PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 1,18,341 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 40.00 ACRES IN GOVERNMENT LAND (K.BELGAL SAND BLOCK (NO BLY-OSB-12)) IN HAGARI RIVER BED OF K.BELGAL VILLAGE AT SY. NO.538 (P), AND AT SY. NO.231 (P), MYLAPURA VILLAGE, SIRGUPPA TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT BY M/S KARNATAKA STATE MINERAL CORPORATION LIMITED HELD ON 04-08-2022 AT 11:00 AM AT THE PROJECT SITE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		Project Site: M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Hagari River Bed at Sy No 538(P) K. Belgal village and Sy. No.231(P) Mylapura Village, Siruguppa 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
2	Dr. Doddashanaiah, Senior Environmental Officer (I/c) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ballari.	Member Convener
Officers of KSPCB present:		
1	Sri Hanumantha Koppad - Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
2	Sri.Ravi- Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
Others Officers present:		
1	Sri.Manjunath Swamy N.R – Tashildhar - Siruguppa	
2	Sri. Devendrappa Vaggar-PDO - K.Belgal	
Representatives present on behalf of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited		
1.	Sri Rajashekar Bullapura – Assistant General Manager	
2.	Smt Binuta – Environment Officer	
3.	Sri Triyambak Shastri Y.M– Assistant Manager	
4.	Sri Pruthviraj – Environmental Engineer	
5.	Sri Vineetha Paul - Environment Engineer	
6.	Sri.Sanjay Gowda- M/s Sneha Hitech Products, Bangalore	
<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 (M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited) has proposed to undertake quarrying of ordinary sand of capacity 118341 TPA over an area of 40.00 acres in Government Land (K.Belgal Sand Block No (BLY-OSB-12)) in Hagari river bed at Sy. No.538(P) K.Belgal Village and Sy. No.231(P) Mylapura Village, Siruguppa Taluk, Ballari District.

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 Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

Accordingly, the Project Proponents have made an application to the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in prescribed format. The State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) authorities after scrutiny of the application made by the project proponents, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 233 MIN 2021 Dated 15-11-2021. 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 Sneha Hitech Products, Bangalore to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 30-03-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 23-05-2022 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 04-08-2022 at 11.00 am at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level newspapers namely Vijayavani(Kannada) and Indian Express (English) on 03-07-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 05-07-2022 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, Sirguppa Taluk.
- Office of the Taluk Panchayat Sirguppa Ballari District.
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, K.Belgal Village, Sirguppa Taluk.
- 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, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001
- 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 05-07-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Balakundi, Mylapura, Kuriganuru and K.Belgal) of the proposed project area on 30-07-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure-4**).

Deputy Commissioner Ballari has issued direction vide dated: 25-07-2022 to Sri. P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr.Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari to conduct public hearing.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the environmental Public Hearing commenced on 04-08-2022 at 11.00 AM 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 Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, 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 Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Sri Sanjay Gowda has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact

Assessment Report prepared by M/s Sneha Hitech Products, 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. **Shri. Veeresh - K. Belagal Village** - Speaking on the occasion he questioned whether the sand mining contract will be given to the concerned Gram Panchayat, Gram Panchayat members, PRD, PWD contractors. He said that the Government exists for the development of the Gram Panchayat and Taluk and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has called for this meeting to collect the opinion of the people regarding this project. He requested that no one should oppose this project but they should know clear information about the implementation of the project from the authorities.
2. **Shri. Moin Sab - K. Belagal Village** - Speaking on the occasion he informed that the village farmers are poor, so they requested not to give contract for sand mining to outsiders.
3. **Resident of K. Belagal village** - Speaking on the occasion he informed that Vedavati river area has 75 percent agricultural land and forest is about 1 km from the river. He said that due to the presence of forest, the forest will get disturbed. He said that ground water will decrease due to sand mining. He informed that the water in the bore wells will decrease. He told that the poor will not get sand for free and he expresses his opposition to the said project.
4. **Shri Shankrappa** - Speaking in the occasion he informed 1 km of Hagari River. He said that there is 913 acres of forest area within the range which belongs to the reserve forest area. He said that due to sand mining, the ground water level will decrease and the water in the pump sets of the farmers will decrease and it will be difficult to grow crops. He said that environmental pollution is caused by the dust generated during sand mining. He said that he is against the said project
5. **Shri. Siddarama Gowda - K. Belagal Village** - Speaking in the occasion he informed that there is more than 900 acres of forest areas within 1 km of Hagari river and he said due to sand mining, the ground water level will decrease. He informed that hundreds of farmers were getting water by pumping water through pump sets in

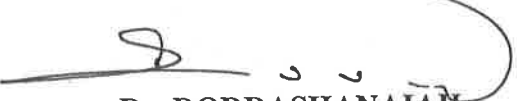



Hagari River after getting permission from the government. He said that there will be shortage of water for farmers and cattle. He said transporting 50 to 60 tonnes of sand through Lorries will damage the roads. He said that he is against the proposed project.

6. **Shri. Shivappa - K.Belgal Village** - Speaking in the occasion said he said that due to sand mining ground water level will decrease. He said that there will be shortage of water for farmers and cattle. He said that bore wells dry up in summers causing water scarcity and sand mining causes air pollution. He said that the school students of the village will suffer. He said without water, it will be difficult for farmers and public to survive he requested to stop the proposed project.
7. **Shri. K. Basavaraj** - Speaking on the occasion he informed that there is no illegal sand mining in the said area. He said that the people of the village are taking as much sand as they need. He said that sand is used only for shelter houses and government projects and sand is not being supplied to other villages. He informed that the environment of his village is good and the water system is also good. He informed that sand mining will spoil the environment and he said that the proposed project is not required for his village.
8. **Shri. Chandru - K.Belgal Village** - Speaking on the occasion he stated that there are hundreds of mills in this area which will generate a lot of dust. He said he is against the proposed project.

The Chairman of the environmental 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-6**) and Video (Documents enclosed as **Annexure-7**) 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**.
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3. The Newspaper advertisement in the leading state level newspapers Kannada (Vijayavani – 03-07-2022) and English (Indian Express – 03-07-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 05-07-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 30-07-2022. are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. Approval letter Dtd:25-07-2022 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. The photographs taken during the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-6**.
7. The CD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.


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