

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing with respect to proposed mining of Ordinary Sand in an area of 30.00 Acres, of capacity 1,32,418 TPA at Chandapura Sand Mining Block in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 2 (P) Gramathana and 47 Chandapura Gramathana, Chandapura Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District by M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd., held on 27/06/2022

Venue	:	Chandapur Sand Mining Block in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 2 (P) Gramathana and 47 Chandapur Gramathana, Chandapura Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District
Date	:	27/06/2022
Presided by	:	Dr. N. Thippeswamy Additional Deputy Commissioner & President, Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri- District
Officers Present	:	List enclosed as Annexure-1
Representatives of the Project	:	List enclosed as Annexure-2
Names of the Public Participants	:	List enclosed as Annexure-3
Hard copy of the presentation made in the public hearing	:	Enclosed as Annexure-4

Preamble:

M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 1,32,418 TPA in an area of 30.00 Acres at Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 2 (P) Gramathana and 47 Chandapura Gramathana, Chandapura Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification published on 14/09/2006 and subsequent amendment by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance for the said project from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Karnataka and it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at the project site. Accordingly, SEIAA has issued Terms of Reference (ToR) vide letter No. SEIAA 433 MIN 2021, dated: 06/12/2021 for the said project and directed the project Proponent to request the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to conduct Environmental Public Hearing. In view of the above, the project proponent, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has submitted a draft EIA report including Executive



summary in Kannada and English and requested the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at the project site vide letter dated 01/02/2022.

Based on the request of the project proponents and in accordance with the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment, Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled at Proposed Project Site on 27/06/2022 at 12.00 Noon. Accordingly, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has published Notification about the Environmental Public Hearing in leading newspapers of Karnataka State viz., "The Hindu" (English) and "Prajavani" (Kannada) on 28/05/2022 and also in local news paper "Kaurava" (Kannada) on 02/06/2022, inviting responses orally/writing/e-mail to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, District Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri from the concerned persons having possible stake in the Environmental aspects of the project or activity within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification.

Further, the draft EIA report and Executive Summary of the project were kept in the designated places such as Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Haveri, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Haveri, District Industry Centre, Haveri, Taluk Panchayat, Ranebennur, Gram Panchayat Office, Chandapura Village, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Haveri, SEIAA, Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru and HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No. 49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru for public reference.

The Environmental Public Hearing was conducted on 27/06/2022 at Proposed Project Site at 12.00 Noon. Dr. Sudha Sowmyalatha M. K., Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Haveri extended warm welcome to Dr. N. Thippeswamy, Additional Deputy Commissioner & President, Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri District, Sri. Shivananda Ullegaddi, Assistant Commissioner, Haveri Division, Sri Rajashekhhar Puranik, Senior Environmental Officer (Incharge), Zonal Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Dharwad and Officials of other departments. She also extended the welcome to representatives of the project, all surrounding villagers & public who attended the Public Hearing.

Dr. Sudha Sowmyalatha M. K., Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Haveri has briefly explained the procedure as per EIA Notification, 2006 and need for Environmental Clearance for the said



project and requested the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Haveri to start the proceedings of the public hearing. Dr. N. Thippeswamy, Additional Deputy Commissioner & President, Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri District has informed the representatives of the Project and their consultants to make the presentation on proposed project and briefly present the summary before the public and informed the general public to express their views, opinions and objections if any, about the proposed project after the presentation.

On behalf of M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. Sri Sanjeevegouda representing M/s. Sneha Hi Tech Products, has made the presentation and informed that, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 1,32,418 TPA in an area of 30.00 Acres at Chandapura Sand Mining Block in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 2 (P) Gramathana and 47 Chandapur Gramathana, Chandapura Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District. He explained that, the sand mining will be done by using Hitachi & JCB Eco Excellence will be used for digging and loading activities. No drilling and blasting will be done as it is non-compact in nature and easily diggable by using excavator. The Salient features of the project, the impact of the project on the surrounding Environment, Environment Management Plan and Measures proposed to control/mitigate the Environmental Pollution and CSR activities were explained through power point presentation. The hard copy of the presentation made in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-4**.

After the presentation Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner addressed the gathering and informed that the company representative has given detailed presentation. As all of you know that sand mining is being carried out unscientifically without approval from the government, which is causing damage to the environment and this has also caused loss to the government. Due to this reason under new sand policy, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company ltd. is entrusted with sand mining to supply sand to the public at government fixed rate ie. Rs. 700/- per ton, they are going to release an app ie. Sand app, from which people will be supplied with sand if they enter the details on how much sand they need and where to deliver, through their mobile. They can pay the amount through online payment. There will not be any hidden business in this. Since it is a government company they will take care of environment and the young generation of nearby village may get job opportunities. He informed the public to express their views, opinions and objections if any either through writing or orally about the proposed project and the same will be recorded. We will not take any decision here. The decision will be taken at the government level by subject experts after the verification. If anybody wants to express their views, they can come one by



one, tell their name and name of the village and directly mention their opinions and if anybody wish to give it in writing, may give it here directly.

List of the views expressed by public during the Public Hearing after the completion of presentation on the proposed project are as follows:

1. Sri Somappa Channappa Badina, Chandapura village

He said that, in the Sy No. 47 there are approximately 150 to 200 pumpset motors and there are pipelines at a distance of 5 to 10 meters, which are at a depth of 3 to 3.5 feet. If sand mining is going to done upto one meter depth, the pipes will be damaged due to movement of vehicles. For that representative of Hatti Gold Mines Company, Shri Raghava T J stated that sand mining will be done only in the government land we will fence the area and take up work with all safety measures without damaging wires and pipelines.

2. Sri Somashekhara Kallappanavara, Chandapura village

He said that, sand must be supplied to the local people free of cost. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that 25 percent of the total royalty paid to the government will be given to village panchayath. That amount may be utilized for developmental works such as construction/repair of roads, street lights, drainage systems etc. But there is no provision to provide sand to the public free of cost. Since the sand will be sold in this village the transportation cost will be saved, but action will be taken to provide sand in the lower rate as per the rules and regulations.

3. Sri. Shivanna Malluru, Chandapura Village

He enquired whether the developmental activity will be only for this panchayath or for all the villages coming under this village panchayath. Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that the length of the river in this block is about 830 meters, hence all the villages lying in this stretch will get the benefits.

4. Sri Somanna Kudarihala, Chandapura Village

He said that, there will be a big fair every year in this village, the devotees from various places temporarily settle in this place, if deep excavations are done due to mining activity there are chances of accidents. For this the representative of Hatti Gold Mines Company, Shri Raghava T J stated that they will carry out



sand mining only on river beds, they will not go deep in to the river, the sand deposited on the river beds will be mined for only one meter depth.

5. Shri Somappa Channappa Badina, Chandapura village

He enquired about the width from river to Sy No. 47. For that Sri Sanjeevegouda, representative of M/s. Sneha Hi Tech Products explained in detail by showing the map.

Shri Somappa Channappa Badina further informed that till now the villagers of Chandapura village are collecting sand in carts, what will be their stand in future. For that Sri Sanjeevegouda representative of M/s. Sneha Hi Tech Products informed that they can collect sand from the streams after obtaining approval from village panchayath, however they cannot collect sand from the river, if they need sand they can obtain it from the government.

Shri Somappa Channappa Badina requested to give sand in a lower rate to the local villagers. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that sand will be supplied with the rate fixed by the government.

Sri Raghav, the Senior Engineer (Environment), M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. addressed the gathering and informed that this project is meant to supply sand to everybody uniformly, they will take all necessary measures to supply sand to everybody. Some people asked 'what is the advantage to this village due to the proposed project'. They will pay tax to the government to mine sand. Now, the government is not getting any income due to illegal sand mining. They are computerizing the entire process, there will be accountability to all the sand mined and there will be income to the government. A part of the income will be given to the village from the government. The developmental activities in the village may be carried out from this income. They have also reserved some amount for the development of schools and colleges, community places, drinking water, roads and greenery in the area. This project will take care of all the above said developmental activities along with the mining activity. Further, he informed that the boundary will be fixed from the company and the pump sets, Pipes and wires will be shifted without causing any damage to any property or public.

The Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that the opinion expressed by the public in this meeting is recorded and all recorded opinions in the CD format along with proceedings of the meeting are going to be submitted to the Government through the State Pollution Control Board.



Sri Raghav, the Senior Engineer (Environment), M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. thanked all who attended the meeting and with this the meeting is concluded.



Dr. N. Thippeswamy,
Additional Deputy Commissioner and
President-District Environmental
Public Hearing Committee, Haveri