

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing with respect to proposed mining of Ordinary Sand in an area of 34.30 Acres (13.88 Ha), of capacity 1,43,248 TPA at Chikkakuravatti Sand Mining (Block No. 2) in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 9, 10, 11, 12 (P) Chikkakuravatti Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District by M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd., held on 18/06/2022

Venue	:	Chikkakuravatti Sand Mining (Block No. 2) in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 9, 10, 11, 12 (P) Chikkakuravatti Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District
Date	:	28/06/2022
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 1,43,248 TPA in an area of 34.30 Acres (13.88 Hectares) at Chikkakuravatti sand mining (block No.2), Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 9, 10, 11, 12 (P) Chikkakuravatti 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 438 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 12/02/2022.

Based on the request of the project proponent and in accordance with the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment, Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled at Proposed Project Site on 28/06/2022 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 New Indian Express" (English) and "Vijayavani" (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, Chikkakuravatti 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 28/06/2022 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 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 Hon'ble 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, Haveri 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.

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 pumpsets, Pipes and wires will be shifted without causing any damage to any property or public.

On behalf of M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. Smt. Impana, M/s. Hubert Enviro Care Systems Private Limited, Chennai has made presentation and informed that, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 1,43,248 TPA in an area of 34.30 Acres (13.88 Hectares) at Chikkakuravatti Sand Mining Block-02 in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 9, 10, 11, 12 (P), Chikkakuravatti Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District. She 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, the Assistant Commissioner Sri. Shivananda Ullegaddi addressed the gathering and informed that everybody knows the purpose of this Public



Hearing, as I know previously the sand mining activity was carrying out illegally, not only in this place but all along the river Tungabhadra. The District Administration would watch day and night to stop illegal sand mining. Now this illegal activity will be stopped. The government has entrusted this activity to a government organization. The 25 percent of the royalty going to be get due to the sale of sand will be given to the village so that the developmental activities such as drainage system, Road, School, Anganavadi can be taken up. The Village panchayath will be benefited by this activity and sand will be available in a lower rate. Now the government has fixed Rs. 700/- per Tonne of sand, people can obtain sand as per their requirement. The project authorities have already informed you through power point presentation. He informed the public to express their views, opinions and objections if any either through writing or orally about the proposed project, 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 Basavaraja Chandrappa Banakara, Chikkakuravatti village

He said that, the project proponents informed that there are no wild animals here, but this is the place of wild animals. The animals will come to river beds frequently. There are large number of peacocks in the river bed. For that the representative of Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited informed that all precautionary measures will be taken while mining the sand. Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that it will be noted.

2. Sri Nagaraja Siddappanavara, Chikkakuravatti village

He enquired about the timing of the mining activity. For that the representative of Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited informed that the mining will be done from 6.00 AM to 6.00 PM. Again Sri. Nagaraja asked about the status of sand mining in the area for that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that sand mining has not yet started in the river bed. Further sri Nagaraja requested to give sand for Rs. 300/- per ton instead of Rs. 700/-. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that the cost of sand mining and cost of management was already fixed by the government. This request will be brought to the notice of Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner. Sri Nagaraja asked whether mining activity will be carried out by machine or labours, there are 150 families who are leading their life by mining sand, those

families should be given employment. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that the activity will be semi-mechanized involving labours. If anybody is interested to work in this project will be given job opportunity depending on the requirement. And jobs will be given to local people on priority. Sand will be mined upto one meter depth and the quantity of sand to be mined per year is already decided by the government.

3. Sri. Ningappa Madiwalara, Chikkakuravatti Village

He said that formers have installed pumpsets to draw water with the help of pipelines. During sand mining, as there will be lot of vehicular movement which may damage the pipes. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner told that water is public property, the river water may be used by the public but one should not use pump set to draw water from the river. Yes, pipelines may get damaged due to movement of heavy vehicles, on humanitarian grounds both the farmers and the project proponents shall cooperate each other while carrying out sand mining.

4. Sri Basavaraja Chandrappa Banakara, Chikkakuravatti Village

He asked whether they can take fertile soil available in the river beds. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that there is fertile soil as well as sand in the river beds, and river beds are belonging to the government. One can remove sand by taking permission from the government but not the fertile soil.

Further Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner asked the Chairman and members of Village Panchayath to express their views.

5. Sri Honnappa Basappa Airani, Member, Gram Panchayath, Chikkakuravatti Village

He expressed his support to the project and informed that the activity should be done legally.

6. Sri Basavaraja Honnappa Banakara, Member, Gram Panchayath, Chikkakuravatti Village

He informed that he will support the project.

7. Sri Thirakappa Talawara, Vice President, Gram Panchayath, Chikkakuravatti Village

He informed that he will support the project.

8. Sri Sharanagouda Kempagoudara, Chikkakuravatti Village

He told that the income generated from the sand mining goes to the government, while transporting the sand, care should be taken not to over load vehicles, emphasis should be given for road safety. The Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner brought this issue to the notice of M/s Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited and informed them not to over load vehicles and not to damage the roads.

9. Sri Hanumanthappa Akki, Member, Gram Panchayath, Chikkakuravatti Village

He requested to take up developmental activities in the village.

The Hon'ble 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 was concluded.



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

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