

Proceedings of Environment Impact Public Hearing held at Hemmadagi village of Tq: Shorapur Dist: Yadgir on 04-04-2022 at 12pm, pertaining to proposed semi mechanized Sand Mining project of capacity 1,12,761 Ton/year by M/s. Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd, across Krishna River:

Officers Present at the Public Hearing

- 1) Smt. Dr. R. Ragapriya, Deputy Commissioner , Yadgir
- 2) Sri. Madhusudhan, Seiner Environmental Officer, representative of KSPCB, Kalaburgi.
- 3) Sri. Subbanna, Jamakandi, Tahasildar , Shorapur.
- 4) Sri. Sunil, V. Moolimani, PSI, Shorapur
- 5) Sri. Sannavenkatesh Sanabal, DEO, KSPCB, Yadgir.

The project is proposed to be engaged in the Mining of ordinary Sand of capacity 1,12,761 Ton/year across the Krishna River at Sand Block (YDG-10) of Hemmadagi village of Tq: Shorapur Dist: Yadgir.

As per the EIA Notification issued by MOEF, Government of India, on 14-09-2006 (as amended on 01-12-2009), it is mandatory to obtain prior Environment Pollution clearance letter from the Ministry. In this connection, it is necessary to conduct an Environmental Public Hearing, under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner of the concerned Dist.

As per the letter Dated:13-10-2021, by Ministry Of Environment and Forest, Govt of India and Hutti Gold Mines Co, Ltd letter Dtd:10-01-2022, the Public Hearing was conducted on 04-04-2022 at 12pm. at proposed site Hemmadagi village, Tq: Shorapur Dist: Yadgir.

As per the Rules, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board had published the Notification on 05-03-2022 in the Kannada daily news paper ' Prajavani ' & in English daily news paper 'Indian Express' thereby informing the Public Hearing and appeals , suggestions , views, complaints, grievances etc, about the Environment Impacts are invited from interested Environmental groups , NGO's, bonafied residents, People residing in the project area, the ones who would be affected by the Project and other problems.,

In the said Notifications it was made clear that interested people, organizations and project affected people can send their suggestions, objections, grievances etc., either orally or in writing or through e-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Committee, within 30 days from the date of Publication of the Notification and also invited the interested peoples to participate in the Public Hearing.

As per the conditions of the said Notification, a copy of the EIA Report in both Kannada and English, Executive summary in both Kannada and English and the soft copies of the same in both Kannada and English are made available for review of the general public by keeping with the :

- 1) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Yadgir
- 2) Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Yadgir,
- 3) Department of Mines & Geology, Yadgir.
- 4) District Industries Center, Yadgir,

- 5) Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Shorapur
- 6) Tahasildar Office, Shorapur
- 7) Gram Panchayat Offices of Sugur village, Tq: Shorapur Dist: Yadgir
- 8) Regional Office, Pollution Control Board, Yadgir
- 7) Central Forests and Environment Ministry, South Zone Office, Bangalore
- 8) Help Desk KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan , Bangalore.

In the Environment Public Hearing, Sri. Sannavenkatesh Sanabal DEO, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadgir had extended a warm welcome to the Chairman and Deputy Commissioner Yadgir, representative of KSPCB, Tahasildar, Shorapur and other all the Officials, staff of the Hutti Gold Mines, media persons and all the public's and NGO's and formers of surrounding villages who are all present on the occasion. He convinced the people who had come to attend the hearing about the need of the Public Hearing as per the Environment Impact Study Notification 2006. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Yadgir to preside over the meeting.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing committee had directed the company to give Power point presentation to the Public.

Accordingly, the consultant of M/s. Horizon Ventures had made a power point presentation in Kannada and explains about the basic objectives of proposed project, basic picture of present Environment of Project area, impact of the project on the Environment, the management of Environment and its evaluation , measures proposed to avoid ill-effects, measures conceived for the protection and maintenance of Environment, Techniques for management of calamities and also about the datas already collected.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing had invited the publics to put forth their remarks, suggestions, comments, grievances, objections, agreements etc. without hesitation and also to submit grievances\request pertaining to the Environmental aspects without fear.

Accordingly, the following Publics have put forth their views:

- 1) **Sri. Basavaraj Badiger, R/o Hemmadagi village** : has stated that :
 - a) He is speaking on behalf of all farmers and villagers. He informed that due to sand mining problem will raised to the pump sets of farmers.
 - b) He informed that there is a problem to domestic Animals, Birds and to aquatic flora and fauna.
 - c) He informed that there is a problem of road for to and fro to Shorapur town to the school children's, publics, and also to hospitals.
 - d) He opined that moisture content in the farmer's fields is also decreased due to mining and there is a decrease in crop yield.
 - e) He told that due to dust deposition on crop, there is decrees in the crop yield since 10 years and hence he suggested to find out the remedies for the same.
 - f) He informed that the drinking water pipe lines, drainage and UGD of Hemmadagi and Sugur village have broken and spoiled the life of villagers.

- g) He brought to the notice of meeting that today only the villagers and himself have come to know that this type of meeting is conducting.
- h) He told that if the same hearing will be conducted after 2 to 3 days by informing to the public through "DANGURA" (Tambourine), it will be benefitted to the public's.
- i) He informed that the project proponent had deliberated the project by saying that the company will provide all arrangements for their activity and accordingly, he asked about the compensation to the farmers through whom field the sand will be transported.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing committee have directed as follows:

1. The KSPCB Office have to give 3 days of time to the local public's for the submission of their grievances/opinion in written letters to KSPCB Office through Gram Panchayat so that same shall be submitted to Government for further action.
2. The Chairman also directed PDO of Sugur Gram Panchayat to publicize the matter through "DANGURA" (Tambourine) and to collect the objection/opinions of public in writing and submit to KSPCB Office.
3. The Chairman have informed that, the present auctioning of Sand blocks to Hutti Gold Mines is proposed to Government organization in order to control the illegal Sand Mining activity and whatever the revenue collected to the Government is utilized for the development works of village through District Mineral Funds.
4. The Chairman have informed that such legal sand mining will generate income to Government and also helps in curbing and control of illegal sand mining activities.
5. The chairman once again directed the PDO Gram Panchayat to collect the objection/opinions of public in writing and to submit to KSPCB Office and the KSPCB shall attach the same to the proceedings and send to Government for further action.

The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Kalaburgi have informed as follows:

1. The study of environmental impact pertaining to said sand mining was done in between October-2021 to December-2021 (3-months) and the impact of said mining on environment report was submitted to Government.
2. The environmental appraisal committee, after verifying the report will give TOR (Term of Reference) to the project proponent.
3. He informed that due to the sand mining activity, though there is no environmental pollution but there might be environmental degradation and there is effect on aquatic flora and fauna.
4. He informed that the company has proposed for scientific sand mining activity to decrease the effect on the aquatic flora and fauna.

5. He informed that the unscientific sand mining will results in creation of pits which will leads to worry and death and the said company will do the mining activity with keeping in mind that, there shall not be much impact on environment by adopting the scientific methods.
6. He also informed that it is the responsibility of Department of Mines & Geology to monitor mining activities.
7. Finally, he informed that the villagers shall submit any written complaints within 3days of time, so that same shall be submitted as evidences to Central Government through the Deputy Commissioner.

Finally, Sri. Sannavenkatesh, DEO, KSPCB, Yadgir had said that whatever the suggestions, comments, objections, demands, complaints etc, both orally and in writing along with replies are recorded as it is and same will be submitted to the Government for further action and the meeting was ended with the vote of thanks.


CHAIRMAN
& Deputy Commissioner, Yadgir
Public Hearing Committee
Tq & Dist: Yadgir