

PROCEEDING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 27.05.2022 AT 11:00 AM WITH RESPECT TO SHREE NEELESH G MADARAKHANDI, SY NO 54/2, KOLUR-VILLAGE, KOPPAL -TALUK & DISTRICT OF AN EXTENT 5-20 ACRES OF ITS PROPOSED ORDINARY SAND BLOCK OF CAPACITY 23 498.5 TONNS/ANNUM.

Date : 27.05.2022

Time : 11.00 AM

Venue : Proposed Ordinary Sand Block of M/s. Shree Neelesh G Madarakhandi, Sy No 54/2, Kolur-Village, Koppal -Taluk & District.

Shree Neelesh G Madarakhandi is applied for the ordinary sand block quarry at Sy.No:54/2 of an extent 5.20 acres of Patta land of Kolur-Village, Koppal-Taluk & District Karnataka State. The Lease area is notified by Senior Geologist, Department of Mines & Geology, Koppal Vide Notification No.DMG/SGK/QLA/2021-22/1995 Dated:24.08.2021.

Proposed Environmental Public Hearing Place	:	Proposed ordinary sand block of Shree Neelesh G Madarakhandi, Sy No 54/2, Kolur-Village, Koppal -Taluk & District
Name of the Officers Present	:	Annexure - 1
Representatives of the Proposed Industry Present	:	Annexure - 2
Details of Public Participated	:	Annexure - 3
Details of publication arranged in the News Papers for public hearing	:	Annexure - 4
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As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (amended to date 01.12.2009) it is a pre requisite for such project to conduct Environmental public hearing prior to award Environment Clearance Certificate.

As the proposed project is classified under category –B1(a) of the notification, Environmental Clearance is to be Obtained from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority Karnataka, Constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Accordingly, the applicant has made an application to the State Environment Impact Authority in Prescribed format. The State Level Expert appraisal Committee comes under the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority and this authority issued a Terms of Reference (T.O.R) Vide a letter no., SEIAA 542 MIN 2021, Dated:14.01.2022. As per the Terms of Reference, conducting of Public Hearing is Mandatory.

In order to comply TOR, the Project Proponent have Submitted the Rapid Environment Impact Assessment (REIA) Report and Executive Summary both in Kannada & English language which is prepared by M/s. Horizon Ventures, No.04, Anaga, 3rd Floor, Devasandra, New BEL Road, opp M S Ramaiah Hospital, Bengaluru-560094 to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore and requested to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing as per reference Dated: 31.03.2022.

Considering the request made by the Project Proponent, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore, Vide a letter Dated: 31.03.2022 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal accorded consent to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing on 27.05.2022 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 27.04.2022 and in the local Newspaper namely “Nagarika” on 05.05.2022 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days.

In continuation to the above, the Draft Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report and copies of the executive summary both in Kannada and English language were kept in the following places for the perusal of the public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Koppal District.
- District Industries Centre, Koppal District.
- Office of the Town Municipal Council, Koppal -Taluk, Koppal- District.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal.

- SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, M.S.Building, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bangalore.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing is commenced on 27.05.2022 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal at the proposed project site.

Proceedings of Public Hearing:

Sri. S C Suresh, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Regional Officer, KSPCB, Koppal, welcomed Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Sri Doddashanayya Senior Environmental Officer, (Additional Charge) Zonal Office, Ballari, Tahashildar, Koppal and other Government Officers, 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 Deputy Commissioner, Koppal to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing

Sri Vikas Kishor Suralkar IAS, Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Koppal has addressed the gathering and briefed about the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006. 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. Shree Neelesh G Madarakhandi, Sri. Sachin EIA Co-Ordinate of M/s. Horizon Ventures, has explained the details

With respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report which is comprising of Government Sanctions, photos of the proposed mining area, 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 CSR activities proposed through power point presentation.

After the presentation, The Chairperson of the Environmental Public hearing committee is 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.

Following are the Views/Opinions, Suggestion of the General Public.

1. **Sri Ramareddeppa Radder Kolur- Village:** Speaking on the occasion he said that

- There is no objection for the proposed sand mining and please provide the speed breakers to control speed of vehicles at village limits.

2. **Sri Dyanamma Barker, Kolur-Village:**Speaking on the occasion he said that

- There is no objection for the proposed sand mining and please provide the speed breakers to control speed of vehicles at village limits.

The Chairman of the public Hearing is directed to the Environmental Officer, to record the all the oral & written statement and make a proceedings both in Kannaᅇa & English language and also expressed;

- Semi Mechanized quarrying which has been proposed in a plan looks impractical, especially given the scenario that sand is not available on the surface of land. So this Environment Clearance in which might be given for Semi Mechanized is bound to be misused and there might be allegation in future that the quarrying plans and EC conditions are not being followed. Hence I am of the opinion that Environment Clearance for this particular land shall be only for fully mechanized mining. Hence, **the Semi Mechanized quarry mining plan proposed is here is not suitable.**

With these precautionary words, the Chairman directed the Environment Officer to close the hearing and forward the proceedings to the competent authority.

Vikas Kishor Suralkar IAS

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,

 Koppal

