

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing with respect to proposed mining of Ordinary Sand in an area of 12.00 Acres, of capacity 45,104 TPA at Haranagiri Sand Mining Block in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 170 (P), 171 and 172, Haranagiri Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District by M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd., held on 29/06/2022

Venue	:	Haranagiri Sand Mining Block in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 170 (P), 171 and 172, Haranagiri Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District
Date	:	29/06/2022
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
Written objections / suggestions / opinions received at the time of Environmental public hearing	:	List enclosed as Annexure-5

Preamble:

M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 45,1041 TPA in an area of 12.00 Acres at Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 170 (P), 171 and 172, Haranagiri 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 432 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 29/06/2022 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 Times Of India" (English) and "Kannadaprabha" (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, Haranagiri 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 29/06/2022 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 T V Suresh Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ranebennur and Sri G S Shankar, Tahashildar, Ranebennur. She also extended the welcome to representatives of the project, all surrounding villagers & public who attended 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 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 pump sets, 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. Sri Sanjeevegouda representing M/s. Sneha Hi Tech Products, has informed that, M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd. has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 45,104 TPA in an area of 12.00 Acres at Chandapura Sand Mining Block in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 170 (P), 171 and 172, Haranagiri 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 tonne. They are going to release an App ie. Sand App, from which you will be supplied with sand if you enter the details on how much sand you need and where to deliver, through your mobile. You 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, 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 Mounesha, Haranagiri village

He informed that he is having 3 Acres 9 Gunta land, previously his land was taken on rent for sand mining, but he has not received the rent amount. He requested to look into it. He also informed that this is the second time that such meeting has been conducted but he has not benefitted by this sand mining. The representative of Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited, Sri Raghava informed that till now license has been given to private companies but now all the activities with respect to sand mining will be carried out by the government under the presidentship of Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner. If you face any problem you can file your complaint to M/s Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited or Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner or to Tahashildar.

2. Sri Kubera Topina, Haranagiri village

He said that till now mining was carried out illegally, if we question mining authority they would tell us to contact either concerned officials or Deputy Commissioner. We can't go to Haveri or Ranebennur frequently as it is costly to travel. He requested to appoint a staff locally. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that it is true that till now illegal mining was going on. Previously Ircon Company has mined sand with the permission of the government for road construction work. The government has implemented New Sand Policy to stop illegal mining. As per this policy M/s Hatti Gold

Mines Company Limited, which is a government organization have been entrusted with the activity of sand mining. As per the government notification they are going to mine sand in North Karnataka wherever sand is available in the rivers and to supply sand to the needy people at the fixed rate. The sand will be mined in the fixed survey number with the fixed area up to one meter depth and fixed quantity in a year. The project proponents have explained this in their presentation. This project has been implemented to stop illegal mining. This project is not just restricted to one village but the government wishes to extend this facility to entire public. This is like a sand depot in order to make sand mining legal. Roads may be damaged if the vehicles are over loaded, anybody can question about it. 25 Percent of royalty amount will be given to Gram Panchayath developmental activities such as for repair works of roads, drainage, street lights, drinking water, schools, anganwadis and hospitals.

3. Sri. Honnappa Pujar, Haranagiri Village

He informed that previously they have mined in the river beds up to 2 to 3 meters depth by using Hitachi. They have transported two trips in a single pass. Due to deep mining, the fatality of domesticated animals has occurred. He submitted a requisition letter to the President of the meeting. The President received his submission. He also informed that the village panchayat is a part of government and the members, President and vice President are the elected representatives of the government. He asked them to express their opinion about this project.

4. Sri. Shekhappa Nagappa Topina, President, Gram Panchayat, Haranagiri village.

He informed that he doesn't have objection for sand mining if it is carried out legally. Previously illegal sand mining was going on. Sand worth of Rs. 10 Crores has been sold, 25 percent of royalty amount was to be given to Gram Panchayat, but the same has not been given. If they give the details on the pass issued we can calculate the quantity of sand transported. Hence the concerned department has to furnish the details. Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that the Department Mines and Geology has to furnish the details regarding the quantity of sand transported and for how many days the sand has been transported. He also informed that the details shall be collected from Ircan Company and submitted to the President Gram Panchayat and Panchayat Development Officer.



5. Sri Hanumareddy B. Giraddy, Haranagiri Village

He informed that Sand mining cannot be carried out legally in this village, Previously also it was not legally done. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed him to keep in mind that this is government project, if it is not carried out legally he can file the complaint, action will be taken.

6. Sri Gangadhara Irani, Member, Gram Panchayat, Haranagiri Village

He informed that previously a road has been temporarily constructed to transport sand, once that temporary road damaged they started commuting on agricultural lands. As a result lot of dust nuisance was faced and formers have faced lot of problem. Hence he requested to ban vehicular movement on agricultural lands and informed that vehicles have to maintain their speed within the permissible limit. For that Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner informed that he will instruct the project authorities and they have already planned not to create any such problems to anybody, they have proposed to sprinkle water on roads to suppress dust. Action will be taken to control the speed of the vehicles.

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 was concluded.



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

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