

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S HUTTI GOLD MINES CO. LTD., PROPOSED PRODUCTION OF 69,397 TONNES/YEAR OF ORDINARY SAND QUARRY IN TOTAL EXTENT OF 12.00 ACRE (4.86 Ha) AT BHIMA RIVER BED, OPPOSITE TO SY.NO.62 & 95 OF GHATTARAGA VILLAGE, AFZALPUR TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 15/06/2022 @ 11.00 AM.

VENUE: Near Project Site, Shree Bhagyavanthi Devi Temple premises, Ghattaraga Village, Tq: Afzalpur, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

M/s Hutti Gold Mines has proposed production of 69,397 Tonnes/year of Ordinary Sand Quarry in total extent of 12.00 acre at Bhima River bed, opposite to Sy.No. 62 & 95 of Ghattaraga Village, Tq: Afzalpur, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, Dated: 14.09.2006 and subsequent amendment dated: 01.12.2009. Further, the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted by following existing COVID19 guidelines of Government of Karnataka.

Public Hearing Panel:

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1	Shri. Bheemashankar Teggelli, K.A.S Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District
	Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

1. Shri. Madhusudan, SEO, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi
2. Shri C.N. Manjappa, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.
3. Shri. Sanjeevkumar Dasar, Tahasildar, Afzalpur Taluk, Dist: Kalaburagi
4. Shri. Adamsab, DEO, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S HUTTI GOLD MINES CO. LTD (HGML)

1	Shri. Anil Kumar B.V	Dy.Manager, M/s HGML
2	Shri. Raghavan T.J	Environmental Officer, HGML
3	Shri Surendra	Sr. Consultant, HECS, Chennai
4	Smt. Impa	Consultant, HECS, Chennai

The attendance extract of officers and public participated in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and it is mandatory

that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or his/her representative not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority- Karnataka, Terms of Reference (TOR) letter No. SEIAA 438 MIN 2021, dated 06.12.2021 for the proposed quarrying of ordinary sand project at Bhima River bed, opposite to Sy.No.62 & 95 of Ghattaraga Village, Afzalpur Taluk, Kalaburagi District in an extent of 12.00 Acre, and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated 14.02.2022, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 15.06.2022 near the project site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the paper Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "Kannada Prabha" and English daily news paper "The Times of India" on 16th May, 2022. The public hearing notification was also issued in the local Kannada daily news paper "Sanjevani" on 16/05/2022. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited. Affected people could send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc., either orally or written or through e-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification/at the time of public hearing.

The copy of the EIA draft report and executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the reference to the General Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi.
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Kalaburagi.
3. District Industries Centre, Kalaburagi.
4. Taluk Panchayat Office, Afzalpur.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Ghattaraga Village, Tq: Afzalpur, Dist: Kalaburagi.
7. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.
8. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Bangalore.
9. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church Street, Bangalore.

Sri C.N. Manjappa, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi welcomed the Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, the public, the officials of all Departments and others who were present on the occasion. He briefed the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification. He informed that accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public Hearing and the documents kept for the public reference at different places. He requested the Addl. Deputy Commissioner, to preside over

the Public Hearing. He informed the public to present their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of this hearing. Entire proceedings was Video graphed and audio. Environmental Officer informed the project proponent to present their project proposal to the gathered public.

Sri Raghav, Environmental Officer of project proponent M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., said that the Government has notified new sand mining policy. Based on this policy, committees have been formed in each District under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner. Government has divided 2 parts, South & North Karnataka. North Karnataka sand mining has been entrusted by the Government to another Government Company M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., Hutti, Raichur. The aim of this is to help the local common people and to the villages. Hence, Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., has proposed this project. The company has to carryout sand mining as per new sand mining policy of Government. He said that the public can book sand requirement through mobile app as we book gas cylinder. He said each sand transporting vehicle will be fitted with GPS to track the vehicle and all documentation will be done in computer. Hutti Gold Mines Company is not expecting any profit from this sand mining, but the aim is to help the common man to get sand easily in legal manner. Sand will be supplied to Gram Panchayat for their development works. This public hearing has been arranged to get opinion of public about this project, same is videographed and sent to Government for taking decision at Committee formed at Government level. He said that the Hutti Gold Mines Company will carryout mining and transportation without causing problem to the public and to the environment. He said they will develop roads in the surrounding area and will provide water supply like this the company has reserved the CSR fund for other activities. In this area, the fund will be utilized for plantation, road repair works, drinking water facility, toilets and for village development. The aim of this decision of the Government is to make availability of sand easily to the common man. He requested co-operation of public in this process. He informed the public that they have undertaken environmental studies in the surrounding area of the project, same will be presented to the public.

Accordingly, Smt. Impa, representative of project consultant M/s Hubert Enviro Care Systems Private Limited, Chennai has presented the public about the salient features of the project viz the executive summary, base line studies, Socio Economic environment, proposed activity, monitoring details, Air Pollution sources and Control measures proposed, Ambient air quality, Noise environment, Water environment, Surface water quality, Ground water quality, land environment, biological environment, anticipated environmental impacts, Project benefits, CSR and environmental management plan of the proposed project. The presentation made by the project proponent in the public hearing is enclosed in Annexure – II.

The Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Sri Bheemashankar Teggalli said that the public hearing of the sand mining project of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd has been conducted here today. There is lot of complaints to Assistant Commissioner and Tashildar on illegal sand mining in this area. Due to this illegal sand mining lot of problem to the common man to get

the sand. Hence, Government has notified new sand mining policy. Hutti Gold Mines Company has proposed sand mining at 12 acres land for 5 years period. Due to this local village panchayat will be benefitted. Mining will be carried out without affecting the local public. He invited the gathered public to express their views on this project.

There is no written suggestions/ objections submitted during hearing.

The public expressed their views are as follows;

1) Sri Vittal, Member, Village Panchayat, Ghattaraga;

He said that lot of problems faced by this village. There is need of drinking water supply to the village. School is located inside the Temple and hence, school has to be developed.

2) Sri Subhaschandra, Ghattaraga Village;

He said that there is drinking water problem in this village. Due to sand mining, there is further water problem in this area and he urged not to transport and mine sand in this area..

3) Sri Vittal Natikar, Chairman, Gram Panchayath, Ghattaraga Village;


He welcomed the proposed sand mining project by M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd.,. He said that the District and Taluka Administration, Pollution Control Board Officers have come here today to invite opinion of public on the mining project of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Ltd., He said that the Government has identified this project in our village to develop this area roads. The company will mine sand from Bhima river bed and company itself will transport it by its vehicles. He said that company has given many assurances in their presentation. He recalled that same type of public hearing meeting was conducted for up come of Sugar factory in this area and has given several assurances to the public during public hearing. But now the industry is polluting the air, water and soil in this surrounding area and they have submitted many memorandums to the District Administration and to Pollution Control Board. But nobody has taken action against this factory and continued its pollution. He said in this regard they have also did strike, due to this factory, open wells and bore well water has been polluted, soil has been polluted and animals are not drinking this water. He said that in the presence of Hon'ble MLA they have raised pollution aspects of this industry and urged action against that industry. Pollution Control Board has to answer this. He said that this Ghattaraga village is holy place, thousands of devotees will visit this village on every Tuesday and Friday. He urged the Sugar factory to repair this main road and also internal roads of village. There is no shelter/bus stand in this village and causing problem to the students during rainy season. He urged to provide shelter/bus stand in Ghattaraga village. He urged to disclose the CSR activities taken up by the Sugar factory. There is no drinking water supply to this village. He said that the sand mining should be carried out legally as this is our natural resource. He said that there shall not be any illegal sand mining and officers have seized such illegal sand. He urged to give fund to village panchayat for development of village and there is no objection from us if they develop this village. There are many Government Housing Schemes like PMAY, Basava Yojana and Indira Avas Yojana etc., the

sand should be available to these schemes at cheaper rates. Government has to build Schools and Anganavadi buildings in this village. He urged to give permission to take sand by village panchayat for development schemes of the Government.

Additional Deputy Commissioner said that the fund has been allocated to village panchayats for development works. Any other demands as requested here by the public will be considered. CSR activities of the Sugar plant will be collected and action will be taken accordingly. He said that here the sand mining has been proposed by the Government Company only and hence there is no chance for illegal sand mining. He said there is Government Rules for all. He thanked all the public attended the meeting.

Finally, Sri. C.N.Manjappa, Environmental Officer informed that all of you have attended environmental public hearing of the Proposed Quarrying of Ordinary Sand by M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., and heard the environmental management plan of the project. He informed that the opinions of the public have been videographed and proceedings will be forwarded to State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority- Karnataka, for further action. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and said that with the permission of the Chairman of the committee we are concluding this Environment Public hearing meeting.

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