

**PROCEEDING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 13.05.2022 AT 11:00 AM WITH RESPECT TO M/s. HATTI GOLD MINE COMPANY LIMITED, AT SY NO 1,2, 217, 216, 209, 208, 204, 203, 202, 201 and 174, KAKKARAGOLA-VILLAGE KARATAGI-TALUK & DISTRICT-KOPPAL, OF AN EXTENT 60-00 ACRES OF ITS PROPOSED ORDINARY SAND BLOCK OF CAPACITY 2,90,173 TONNS/ANNUM (SEMI-MECHANISED METHOD)**

**Date** : 13.05.2022  
**Time** : 11.00 AM  
**Venue** : Proposed ordinary Sand Block of M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited, Sy No. **1,2,217,216,209,208,204,203,202,201 and 174** of, Kakkaragola Village, Karatagi-Taluk Koppal Dist.

M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited is applied for the ordinary sand block quarry at Sy.No: 1,2,217,216,209,208,204,203,202,201 and 174 of an extent of 60.00 Acres of Patta land of Kakkaragola Village, Karatagi-Taluk Koppal Dist Karnataka State (**Semi-Mechanized Method**). The Lease area is notified by Senior Geologist, Department of Mines & Geology, Koppal Vide Notification No./DMG/SG/SQ-Patta-2020-21/2143 Dated: 24/08/2020.

<b>Proposed Environmental Public Hearing Place</b>	M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Limited, Sy No: 1,2,217,216,209,208, 204,203,202, 201 and 174 of Kakkaragola Village, Karatagi-Taluk ,Koppal Dist
<b>Name of the Officers Present</b>	Annexure - 1
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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 344 MIN 2021, Dated:13.10.2021. 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 07.02.2022.

Considering the request made by the Project Proponent, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore, Vide a letter Dated: 10.02.2022 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 13.05.2022 at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice though paper notification in state level newspapers namely Hosa Diganta (Kannada) and The Times of India (English) on 13.04.2022 and in the local Newspaper namely “Suddimula” on 12.04.2022 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 13.05.2022 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 Committee is informed the project proponent to present the technical details of the proposed project.

Accordingly, on behalf of M/s. Hatti Gold Mines Company Ltd, 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 panel 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 Uma Maheshwarappa, Ex Grampanchyat Member**

- Speaking on the occasion he opined that provide the employment to the villagers and provide sand to the local villagers for the construction of Houses. He also requested to take our vehicles on rent basis for transportation of sand.

**2. Sri Honnursab, Kakkaragola Village**

- Speaking on the occasion he opined that he had no objection for the proposed sand mining. Please provide the employment to the villagers and provide the sand to the local villagers for the construction of Houses.

**3. Sri Bullappa Naik Ex Grampanchyat Member**

- Speaking on the occasion he opined that he had no objection for the proposed sand mining. He said that the roads are damaged and requested repair to same. He also requested to provide the sand to our villagers for free of cost to construct the Houses.

**4. Sri Basappa Nayak, Kakkaragola Village**

- Speaking on the occasion he opined that he had no objection for the proposed sand mining and provide the sand to our villagers for free of cost to construct own house.

**5. Sri Uma Maheshwarappa, Ex Grampanchyat Member**

- Speaking on the occasion he opined that he had no objection for the proposed sand mining. He also expressed that there is a provision under the Gram panchyat jurisdiction of Namma Hola Namma dari scheme for the road repair works.

**6. Jammer Ahmed, Gram Panchyat PDO**

- Speaking on the occasion he opined that Under Gram Panchyat Act Namma Hola Namma Dari Roads are yet to be repaired but till date not sanctioned in line management. If we get any chances in the coming year under Namma Hola Namma Dari then the roads will be repaired.





**Dr Sarvabhoom S Bagali**, Former Member of Legislative Assembly(2008-13), Indi Constituency is submitted a letter on Dated 23.05.2022, to stop immediately illegal in stream mechanized sand mining with heavy machineries like JCB/Hitachi on the bed of Tungabhadra river in Nandihalli Village, Karatagi Taluk of Koppal District, failing which I will be left with no option but to file contempt petition which please note.

The Chairman of the public Hearing has directed to the Environmental Officer, to record all the oral & written statements and to make proceedings both in Kannada & English language. and also expressed that,

- The sand mining consultants/project proponents should adopt the mining closure plan & implement the mining closure plan without fail. He also opined that if any lapses are found than the immediate action for the closure or stopping mining activities shall be taken.
- If any problems arise due to the mining in the village then the Villagers have liberty to bring to the notice to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal.
- Based on the queries raised by farmers, Chairman asked the Environment Consultant to express his thoughts on impact of sand mining on underground water level. To this Environment Consultant replied that given quarrying plan includes mining of sand only up to 1 meter of depth and no impact on underground water level is envisaged.
- As per the Government rules Lease/License holders should pay the Royalty to the Government of Karnataka. Hence there is no provision for free sand.

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

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