

Proceedings of EPH of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Bidaragadde Sand Block No.1

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing for the proposed Quarrying of Ordinary River Sand of capacity 1,39,861 TPA over an area of 24.00 acres at Bidaragadde Sand Block (Block No.01) in Tungabhadra River Bed of Sy.No.19-24 of Bidaragadde Village, Honnali Taluk, Davangere District by M/S Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Bangalore.

Date: 28-09-2022 at 11-00 AM

Place: Sreeshyla Mallikarjuna Samudaya Bhavana,
Bidaragadde Village,
Honnali Taluk, Davangere District.

Details of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee:

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer	Designation
1	Sri. Lokesh P N KAS	Additional Deputy Commissioner Additional District Magistrate, Davangere District
2	Sri. Murlidhar.B.S	Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
3	Sri. B.K.Santhosh	Environmental Officer (Incharge) Regional Office, KSPCB, Davangere.

Officers present:

1. Smt. Rashmi, Tahsildar, Honnali Taluk, Davangere District.
2. Smt.Rashmi.C.R., Senior Geologist, Dept. of Mines and Geology, Davangere.
3. Sri. Lohith Kumar P.J., Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
4. Sri. Shivaprasad.R, Geologist, Dept. of Mines and Geology, Davangere.
5. Smt. Vinaya Banakar, Geologist, Dept. of Mines and Geology, Davangere.
6. Sri.Shanmukha.D.M., Administrative Officer, H.Kadadatte, Gramapanchyath.
7. Sri.B.Shivakumar, Panchyath Development Officer, H.Kadadatte, Gramapanchyath.

Representatives present on behalf of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited:

1. Smt.Dwitheeya E.C., Senior Geologist, Nodal Officer - Sand, K.S.M.C.L., Bangalore.
2. Sri. Threeyambaka Shasthri, Manager- Sand, K.S.M.C.L., Hospet.
3. Dr.Binutha Raghunath, Manager-Environment, K.S.M.C.L., Bangalore.
4. Sri. Pruthiviraj.A., Environmental Engineer, K.S.M.C.L., Bangalore.
5. Sri. Vinith Paul, Environmental Engineer, K.S.M.C.L., Bangalore.
6. Sri. Sharth Hegde, Environment Technical Consultant, M/s. Sneha Hi Tech Products, Bangalore.

1. A Copy of extract Register containing signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.
2. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of public participants are enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

PREAMBLE:-

The Project Proponent had proposed to Quarrying of Ordinary River Sand of capacity 1,39,861 TPA over an area of 24.00 acres at Bidaragadde Sand Block (Block No.01) in Tungabhadra River Bed of Sy.No.19-24 of Bidaragadde Village, Honnali Taluk, Davangere District.

The project proponent is required to obtain Environmental Clearance as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended till 01.12.2009) issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

As the proposed project schedule under EIA Notification 2006 and subsequent amendments made there on. As per the Notification, Environment Clearance is to be obtained from the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

Accordingly, the Project Proponents have made an application to the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in prescribed format. The State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) after scrutiny of the application made by the project proponents, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 232 MIN 2021 Dated 15-11-2021. As per the terms of reference issued, conducting of Public Hearing is mandatory.

In order to comply with the TOR, the project proponents have submitted Rapid Environment Impact Assessment (REIA) Report and Executive Summary both in Kannada and English prepared by M/s Sneha Hitech Products, Bangalore to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 30-03-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 23-05-2022 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Davangere to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing.

Further The Deputy Commissioner has given the consent to conduct Environmental Public Hearing on 28-09-2022 at 11-00 AM near the project site at Shreshyla Mallikarjuna Samudaya Bhavana, Bidaragadde Village, Honnali Taluk, Davangere District. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level

Proceedings of EPH of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Bidaragadde Sand Block No.1 newspapers namely Vijaya Karnataka (Kannada) and The New Indian Express (English) on 27-08-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "Janathavani" on 28-08-2022 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days. (Copies enclosed as **Annexure - 3**).

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

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Davangere District.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Davangere District.
- District Industries Centre, Davangere District.
- Tashildhar Office, Honnali Taluk.
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, H.Kadadakatte, Honnali Taluk.
- Zonal Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Chitradurga.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Davangere.
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, South Zone, No, E. 3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E & F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Ground Floor, # 49, Church Street, Bangalore - 560001.

All the above departments have been informed about the environmental public meeting and also about the newspaper notification vide letter on 29-08-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Bidaragadde & Hole Madapura) of the proposed project area on 27-09-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure - 4**).

Deputy Commissioner, Davangere informed to Sri Lokesh P N, KAS Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Davangere District to conduct public hearing.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the environmental Public Hearing commenced on 28-09-2022 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Sri Lokesh P N, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Davangere near the proposed project site Sreeshyla Mallikarjuna Samudaya Bhavana, Bidaragadde Village, Honnali Taluk, Davangere District.

Proceedings of Public Hearing:-

B.K.Santhosh, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee, Environmental Officer (I/c), Regional Office, Davangere welcomed Sri Lokesh P N, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Davangere & Sri Muralidhar.B.S.,

Proceedings of EPH of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Bidaragadde Sand Block No.1 Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Divisional Office, KSPCB, Chitradurga. He also welcomed Government Officers, officers of the M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, 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 and till date not received any written objections/suggestions /opinions with respect to the Sand mining project. Further he requested Sri Lokesh P N, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Davangere to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri Lokesh P N, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Davangere has addressed the gathering and briefed about the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006. He also informed that all the oral & written statements will be recorded in the proceedings in Kannada & English. 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 Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Sri Sharath Hegde has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by M/s Sneha Hitech Products, Bangalore which is comprising of 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 briefed about the CSR/CER activities 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.

Accordingly, the public expressed their views/opinions/objections/Suggestions as below:-

- 1) **Shri B H Manjappa - President, Sri. Mallikarjuna Trust, Bidaragadde Village -** Speaking on the occasion he said that, due to day and night illegal mining of sand from the private sand dealers from past 5 years, the villagers facing many Air pollution problems and causing pollution to surrounding environment. And he also said that the project of sand mining proposed from KSMCL, is very use full in avoiding the illegal mining of sand and use full in generating revenue for the Government and also avoids the

causing of Environmental pollution to the village atmosphere. He also informed to implement the work effectively at the earliest and requested to provide CC roads from village to river bank in order to avoid generation of Dust emission. He also requested to create a stock yard in the village premises and requested to deposit the profit from the same to Sri. Mallikarjuna Trust for the needful of villagers and also submitted a written letter regarding the same (Annexure 5)

- 2) **Shri Ganeshappa P H - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said to include lands bearing Sy, No. 25,26 containing huge sand located beside the proposed Sy, No's 19-24 for the sand mining project.
- 3) **Shri Bangarappa B H - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said to provide sand for the Bidaragadde villagers at free of cost for the construction of their residential houses as there is huge demand for the natural sand in market.
- 4) **Shri Nageshappa N- Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the children of villagers were facing many problem regarding the network for online classes and requested ADC to provide or install Mobile network tower so that it will be usefull for the students.
- 5) **Shri. Nagaraja - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that to provide Cement Concrete roads to village and also asked the authority to give information about the advantage and disadvantages of the project.
- 6) **Shri. Prabhayya B M - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said the problems facing for not including the Sy. No 55 for Sri. Mallikarjuna trust as it was undertaken by government and also informed to include the surrounding land of sand block for the sand mining project so that it will be usefull for the villagers.
- 7) **Shri. Eshwarappa - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he also said the same problem to ADC that he is facing for not registering Sy. No. 55 to the trust as it was undertaken by government.
- 8) **Shri. Channeshwara B M - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said Sy. No. 9,7,57,55 were registered as government property and requested ADC to re register to Trust and owners account.
- 9) **Shri. Vinayaka - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he requested to provide storm water drains in the village as villagers were facing huge problem from the storage of storm water in low laying areas and also requested to provide CC Roads to village.
- 10) **Shri. Sathish - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he requested to provide CC road from Honnalli to Bidaragadde so that it will be usefull for the project to transport sand.
- 11) **Shri. Lohit P M - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he asked the Mining authority to provide detailed information of mining process, excavation, tenure and all details of the project.
- 12) **Shri. Chandrappa - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he requested to provide CC road from Honnalli to Bidaragadde and also requested to provide river water supply for drinking purpose as the villagers are getting borewell water for drinking purpose.

- 13) **Shri. Anjaneya - Samagra Parivarthane Samudaya** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the sand mining project is very use full for government and villagers as well and submitted a letter regarding the same.
- 14) **Shri. Rudresh - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he asked the Mining authority to provide information about the direct and indirect job opportunities for the villagers created by sand mining project and also informed to provide basic facilities for the bidaragadde village under CSR Activity and also informed ADC that no action taken against the illegal mining activity even though after lodging many complaints.
- 15) **Shri. Devaraja - Bangalore** - Speaking on the occasion he said the need of CC roads in village and also informed to carry out the mining without harming the surrounding environment.
- 16) **Shri. Manjunatha B C - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he informed to provide/plant trees all along the both sides of the Honnalli - Bidaragadde Road.
- 17) **Shri. Shivakumar - Bidaragadde Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that to provide sand storage yard inside the village instead of establishing away from the village so as to avoid the illegal shifting of sand happening at the storage yard and also requested to include Sy. No. 27 for the mining project as there is accumulation of sand in Sy. No. 27 land.

The Chairman of the public Hearing Sri Lokesh P N, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Davangere District in his presidential address informed to the public that, No decisions will be made in the Public hearing, all the oral and written statements will be recorded in the Proceedings in Kannada and English. The same will be forwarded to the Member Secretary, Karnataka state Pollution Control Board, Bangalore along with photographs (taken during public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-6**) and Video (Documents enclosed as **Annuxure-7**) so as to forward the same to the competent Authority for further necessary action.


He rendered vote of thanks for gathering and the Public Hearing is completed.



Lokesh P N, KAS
Additional Deputy Commissioner &
Additional District Magistrate,
Davangere

ANNEXURE

1. A Copy of extract Register containing signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.
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3. The Newspaper advertisement in the leading state level newspapers Kannada (Vijaya Karnataka-27-08-2022) and English (The New Indian Express-27-08-2022) and also local newspaper (Janathavani-28-08-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 27-09-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing and --- No's of written statement/objection received at Regional Office, Davangere is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.
6. The photographs taken during the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-6**.
7. The CD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.


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