

**PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING W.R.T MANNURU SUGURU SAND MINING BLOCK (BLOCK NO.BLY-OSB-09) OF M/S KARNATAKA STATE MINERAL CORPORATION LIMITED FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND IN GOVERNMENT LAND IN TUNGABHADRA RIVER BED WITH CAPACITY 151827 TPA OVER AN LEASE AREA OF 21.44 HECTARES LOCATED AT SY. NO. 551(P), MANNURU SUGURU VILLAGE, SIRUGUPPA (TQ) BALLARI DISTRICT ON 02-08-2022 AT 1:00 PM AT THE PROJECT SITE.**

<b>VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING</b>		<b>Project Site:</b> Mannuru Suguru (Block No.BLY-OSB-09) m/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Sy. No. 551(P), Mannuru Suguru Village , Siruguppa(tq) Ballari district
<b>DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE</b>		<b>DESIGNATION</b>
1	Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate	<b>Chairperson</b>
3	Dr. Doddashanaiah, Senior Environmental Officer (I/c) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ballari.	<b>Member Convener</b>
<b>Others Officers present:</b>		
1	Sri Hanumanthappa H-Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
2	Dr.Shwetha B -Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
3	Sri Hanamanth Koppada- Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
4	Sri.Virendra Kumar- Revenue Tekkalakote	
5	Sri. Basavaraj Hosalli -Village accountant M.Suguru	
6	Sri.Veeranagouda- PDO Gram Panchayat M.Suguru	
<b>Representatives present on behalf of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited</b>		
1.	Sri Rajashekar Bullapura – Assistant General Manager.	
2.	Smt.Binutha-Environmental Officer	
3.	Sri. Trayambaka Shashtri,-Assistant Manager	
4.	Sri.Veenitha Poul- Environmental Engineer	
5.	Sri.Prithiviraj - Environmental Engineer	
6.	Sri.Anjali Nigav-Consultant	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Copy of extract Register containing signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is enclosed as <b>Annexure-1</b>.</li> <li>2. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of public participants are enclosed as <b>Annexure-2</b>.</li> </ol>		

**PREAMBLE:-**

The Project Proponent had proposed to undertake quarrying of ordinary sand in government land in Tungabhadra river bed with capacity 151827 TPA over an lease area of 21.44 Hectares located at Sy. No. 551(P), Mannuru Suguru village , Siruguppa(tq) Ballari 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 Environment Impact Assessment Authority Bangalore (SEIAA).

Accordingly, the Project Proponents have made an application to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Bangalore (SEIAA) in prescribed format. The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority Bangalore (SEIAA) authorities after scrutiny of the application made by the project proponents, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 385 MIN 2021 Dated 20-11-2021. 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 Mantech Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Noida to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 21-03-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 23-05-2022 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari 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 02-08-2022 at 1.00 pm at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level newspapers namely "Prajavani" (Kannada) and "The New Indian Express" (English) on 02-07-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 03-07-2022 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, Ballari District.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District.
- Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Ballari District.



- Tashildhar Office, Siruguppa, Ballari District
- Office of the Taluk Panchayat, Siruguppa, Ballari District
- Office of the Gram Panchayat, Mannuru Suguru Village, Siruguppa Tq, Ballari Dist.
- Zonal Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari.
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari.
- SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment) Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Room No 706, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Gate, M S building, Bangalore.
- 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 04-07-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (M.Suguru, Muddatanuru, and Havinal) of the proposed project area on 29-07-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure - 4**).

Deputy Commissioner, Ballari has issued the letter dated: 25-07-2022 to Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari to conduct public hearing (The copy of letter is enclosed as **Annexure -5**).

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the environmental Public Hearing commenced on 02-8-2022 at 1.00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari at the proposed project site located at Sy.No 551(Part) Mannuru Suguru Village, Siruguppa(tq) Ballari district.

Dr Doddashanaiah, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari and Senior Environmental Officer (I/c), Zonal Office, Ballari welcomed Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari. He also welcomed Government Officers, officers of the M/s KSMCL, 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 Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari 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 Minerals Corporation Limited. Smt. Binutha has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by Mantech Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Noida 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 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:-

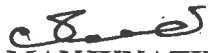
1. **Shri. G. M. Parashuram – M. Suguru Village** - Speaking, said that the agriculture land in his village is about 10,000 acres, of which at least 70% of the land is above the river. He said that even now the water does not stop in the fields for 24 hours. He opined that sand mining will deplete ground water. He asked what the benefits of sand mining are to the farmers.
2. **Shri. M. Nagendrappa - M. Suguru Village** - Speaking, he asked whether it is allowed to transport sand by bullock cart to farmers and poor people.
3. **Shri Basavavannaya, M. Suguru Village** - Speaking in the meeting, he asked how the school children would benefit from this project. He requested to give permission to transport the sand by bullock cart to the farmers and the poor.
4. **Shri Kubera Gowda - M. Suguru village** - He asked that in a year of sand mining, they mine for three months or a full year. He said that the water is less during the dry season and during the summer season. He said that 90 percent of the farmers take water through pump sets and cultivate. He said that due to mining, the water level will completely go down, causing problems to the farmers and appealed for compensation.
5. **Shri V. Veeresh – M. Suguru Village** - said that 26 people will get employment in this project, Dodda Rajacamp, Mannuru and Suguru villages have one panchayat and Mannur Sugur village has one gram panchayat. He asked the meeting under which village panchayat the sand mining will take place. He said that there are local youth who have SSLC and degree holders. He requested that only local youths should be given employment in this project and not other villages should be given employment.
6. **Shri. Parasurama, M. Suguru Village** - Speaking, he requested that vehicles transporting sand inside the village would cause dust and noise pollution, so a by-pass road should be constructed outside the village to transport the sand.

7. **Shri. Mallikarjuna - M. Suguru Village - Speaking**, requested to give free sand to the houses in the village.

The Chairman of the public Hearing Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari 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 **Annexure-7**) so as to forward the same to the competent Authority for further necessary action.

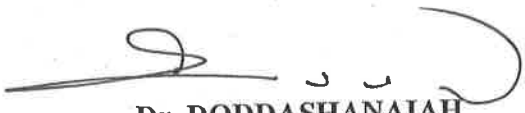
He rendered vote of thanks for gathering and the Public Hearing is completed.

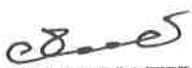
  
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ANNEXURE

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**.
3. The Newspaper advertisement in the leading state level newspapers Kannada (Prajavani – 02-07-2022) and English (The New Indian Express – 02-07-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 03-07-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 29-07-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. Approval letter Dtd:25-07-2022 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Additional District Magistrate Ballari to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing 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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