

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF SHRI. QANIT HUSSAIN MULLA AT SY. NO. 139 AND 140, HEBBALLI VILLAGE, BADAMI TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT HAS PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE MINING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 57,751TPA FOR FIRST TWO YEARS AND 10,000TPA FOR NEXT TWO YEARS IN AN MINE LEASE AREA OF 3.338HA (08-10 ACRES) HELD ON 26/04/2022 AT 11.00AM AT PROJECT SITE, HEBBALLI VILLAGE, BADAMI TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT.

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad (I/C) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.	Member
<u>Consultants & Mines representatives present</u>		
1.	Shri. Qanit Hussain Mulla	Mine Owner
2.	Shri. Khalik Ahmed Mulla	Mine Owner
3.	Shri. Sachin M U	Representatives of Environmental Consultant - M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru

Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District, the Tahasildar, Badami Taluka, Bagalkote District and all the participating villagers from surrounding area & public, elected representatives who were present in the public hearing. Further, he briefly explained the needs for Environmental Clearance and public hearing for the said project as follows:

Shri. Qanit Hussain Mulla propose to undertake Mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 57,751TPA for first two years and 10,000TPA for next two years in an Mine lease area of 3.338Ha (08-10 Acres) at Sy. No. 139 and 140, Hebballi village, Badami Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification

on 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, GOK and Conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division), GOI, the project proponent has made application for Environmental Clearance and got the Terms of Reference from State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, GOK vide Letter dated: 07-08-2021 and accordingly the draft EIA report is prepared. The project proponent submitted the request letter to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote, the Public Hearing is scheduled on 26-04-2022 at Project site, Hebballi village, Badami Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Vijay Karnataka" and English Daily Newspaper "Deccan Herald" dated: 26-03-2022 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshan" on 29-03-2022. In the said Notification, the suggestions / views/ comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed project were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. in 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.

The copy of the draft EIA report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th floor, E&F Wings, 17th main road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.
- Office of the Executive Officer, Taluka Panchayat, Badami, Bagalkot-District.
- Office of the Secretary/Panchayat Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Hebballi village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot-District.
- Web site of KSPCB "<http://kspcb.gov.in>"

The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote and other offices mentioned above have not received any E-mail or any written applications with comments or objections from public as on 25-04-2022 in respect of said project. This Environmental Public Hearing is organized for hearing the suggestions/ views/ comments and objections of the interested public and villagers on Environmental related issues.

He informed the representatives of the Environmental Consultant, M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru to make a Power Point Presentation on environment study conducted on Air, Water, Soil & noise environmental impact assessment and the environmental management plan of the proposed project to the public gathered;

On behalf of M/s. **Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru**, the Environmental Consultant **Shri. Sachin M U**, made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data and present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impacts of the project on the environment, The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection, environmental monitoring etc by the Project Proponent. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding, as **Annexure-01**. List of participants/villagers & others who attended the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-02**.

The Environmental Officer requested the public & villagers present in the hearing to express their suggestions / views / comments if any about the said project. Accordingly the following villagers/public are expressed their views in the hearing:

1. Shree. Santosh Kumar M Navalli of Hebballi Village

- He informed that, the proposed Ordinary Sand Mining project is helpful in upliftment of economy of surrounding villagers.
- He informed that, from the proposed Ordinary Sand Mining project, the sand will be available to surrounding villagers at low cost.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

2. Shree. Kumaraswamy N Bhadragouda of Hebballi Village

- He informed that, more job opportunities will be created from proposed sand mining project in surrounding villages.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed Ordinary sand mining project.

3. Shree. Hanumappa Talawar of Hebballi Village

- He informed that, many sand mining activities were carried out in surrounding area and the sand mined pits are kept open without backfilling as proposed, which is changing the path of river and causing problems in the nearby areas.
- He also informed that, the mining authorities have constructed temporary small bridges over the river for transporting of sand violating the rules & regulations.


Shri. J B Majjagi, Tahasildar, Badami Taluka, Bagalkote District addressed the public hearing as follows:

- The Mining authorities shall follow the guidelines prescribed by the KSPCB/ CPCB and Department of Mines and Geology.
- During the inspection, if any violation of guidelines prescribed by the KSPCB/ CPCB and Department of Mines and Geology was observed, strict action will be initiated against the mining authorities, he added.

Shri Mahadev A Muragi, the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District addressed the public hearing as follows:

- Already the Environmental Consultant M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project. The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection by the Project Proponent.
- Shree. Hanumappa Talawar has expressed his concern for not implementing the closure plan by the other ordinary sand mines present in the surrounding area, which is correct and he directed the Project Proponent to take all precautionary measures during the establishment of project by following guidelines/ norms/ conditions/ directions/ standards stipulated by competent authorities.
- The other villagers present in the public hearing expressed that, there will not be any environmental related problems and shown their support to proposed sand mining project.
- The appeals, suggestions & opinions of the public have been recorded through video and the proceedings of the meeting will be sent to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka for further needful.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.


(Shri Mahadev A Muragi)
Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Bagalkote, Karnataka.