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Proceedings of the Public hearing of the proposed building stone quarrying of capacity 2 Lakh TPA by Open and Semi Mechanised Method by Sri.Hanumappa S/o Late Sri.Chikkamarappa in the land area of 2.15 Acres at Sy. No. 59, Sulivara Village held on 02/09/2022 at 12.00 PM at Sulivara Village,Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist.

<b>Venue</b>	Sy. No. 59 at Sulivara Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist.
<b>Time</b>	12.00 P.M

**OFFICERS PRESENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>
1.	Sri.Raghunandan A.N., KAS, Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South Sub-Division and Chairman of the Public Hearing.
2.	Sri. Vasudev S.K. Zonal Senior Environmental Officer, Bangalore South Karnataka State Pollution Control Board,Bangalore.
3.	Sri. Dinesh. S. Environmental Officer Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Rajarajeshwari Nagar. Bangalore.
4.	Dr.Naveen. D. Deputy Environmental Officer Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Rajarajeshwari Nagar.
5.	Sri. Shivaram. S. K. Assistant Director, District Industrial Centre, Bangalore Urban District.
6.	Dr.Vaibhav .K. Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore Urban District.
7.	Smt.Vijayalakshmi.G. Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore Urban District.

8.	Sri.Nisar Ahmad, Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore Urban District.
9.	Smt.Neelavva A Halli, Panchayath Development Officer, Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath. Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

**Mining Owners and their representative present during the public hearing**

Sl. No.	Name, Designation and Address
1	Sri. Hanumappa S/o Late Sri.Chikkamarappa. Project Proponent, Sy.No.59, Sulivara Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.
2	Sri.Dhanraj B N, (EIA Co-Ordinator-Mining), Chief Executive Officer, M/s.Horizon Ventures, No.04, III Floor, Anagha, Devasandra New B L Road, Bangalore.

The public, environmentalists, journalist from in and around the proposed building stone quarry located at Sy. No. 59, Sulivara (V), Tavarekere (H), Bangalore South (T) & Bangalore Urban (D) and from various places of Karnataka State, elected representatives (village Panvhayath members), members of non-governmental organization and agriculturists were present in the public hearing. **Attendance sheet is enclosed as Annexure - I.**

**PREAMBLE:**

Proposed building stone quarry of capacity 2 Lakh TPA by Sri.Hanumappa S/o Late Sri.Chikkamarappa, by Open and Semi Mechanised Method in the land area of 02.15 Acres is located at Sy. No. 59, Sulivara (V), Tavarekere (H), Bangalore South (T), Bangalore Urban District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 dated: 14/09/2006 (subsequent amendments issued dated: 01/12/2009) under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change (MoEF & CC) Government of India, the proponent is required to obtain Environmental Clearance for the proposed building stone quarry of Sri.Hanumappa S/o Late Sri.Chikkamarappa and the project is classified under Category B1.

Accordingly, the application for combined TOR was submitted by quarry lease owner to SEIAA, Karnataka in order to prepare combined EIA report for grant of Environmental Clearance for (Form-1, Pre Feasibility report and approved quarry plan) the proposed building stone quarries by Sri.Hanumappa S/o Late Sri.Chikkamarappa was considered respectively. The proposal was considered by SEAC Karnataka during its 270<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Later on SEIAA, Karnataka issued combined Terms of Reference (ToR) for preparing EIA/EMP report and conducting public consultation vide its letter No. SEIAA 634 MIN 2021 dated 14.01.2022. As per these terms of reference Environmental impact assessment (EIA) study and Environmental public hearing is mandatory.

The Owner of the quarry has submitted draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and EIA executive summary in Kannada and English prepared by the project consultant and submitted to the Member Secretary of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore on 22.04.2022 requesting to conduct the Environmental Public hearing.

Subsequently, by considering the request made by the Project Proponent, KSPCB on 09.05.2022 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District to suggest the suitable date, place and time for conducting Environmental Public Hearing.

In this regard, the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District has given the date and time to conduct the public hearing at the proposed project site on 02.09.2022 at 11.00 AM. Based on the above, the Member Secretary has notified "Environmental Public Hearing" by publishing in State Level English and Kannada daily news papers namely Times of India and Hosa Digantha respectively on 02/08/2022 inviting objections/suggestions/opinion/if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days and also informing that the interested public can participate in the public hearing and express their views at the mentioned afore said date, time & venue. In continuation with the above, the copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and executive summary of the proposed project in Kannada and English were kept at the following designated places for benefit of public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore.
- Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bangalore Urban District.
- Zonal Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore South, Bangalore
- Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore.
- Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bangalore Urban District.
- Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Bangalore South.
- Regional Office, KSPCB, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001.

In the meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District has nominated Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South Sub-Division on behalf of him to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing on 02.09.2022. Copy of the letter in this regard is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

After observing the statutory formalities as required under the notification, the Environmental public hearing was held on 02/09/2022 under the Chairmanship of the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South Sub-Division at proposed project site at Sy. No. 59, Sulivara (V), Tavarekere (H), Bangalore South (T) & Bangalore Urban (D) Karnataka at 12.00 PM.

**Proceedings of the Public Hearing:**

Public hearing was started at 12.00 PM instead of pre-scheduled time of 11 AM as the Assistant Commissioner, Sri.Raghunandan.A.N, KAS has to accompany with Honorable Minister of Co-Operation, Government of Karnataka during the visit of rain affected areas of Tavarekere Hobli.

Sri. Dinesh S, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, welcomed the Assistant Commissioner, Sri.Raghunandan., KAS, Bangalore South Sub-division, Bangalore Urban District to chair the meeting and conduct the process of public hearing, welcomed Sri. Vasudev S K, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Bangalore South and also welcomed all the Officers, representative of the Project Proponent, elected representative, surrounding Village farmers, NGO's, representative of the Media and the public present in the public hearing.

Sri. Vasudev S K, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Bangalore South has brought to the notice of the gathered public about the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification dated: 14/09/2006 (Amended dated: 01/12/2009) issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. He has informed that even though extent of proposed building stone quarry of capacity 2 Lakh TPA by Sri.Hanumappa is only 02.15 Acres it requires Environmental Clearance as the proposed quarry is in cluster exceeding 5 Hectares as per the OM issued by MoEF & CC dated: 12.12.2018. It was informed that all the procedures required under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and amendments there upon have been followed with.

Sri. Vasudev S K, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Bangalore South also requested the public to interact and discuss about the project and freely express their opinion in writing or orally during the hearing, which will be recorded and videographed. He informed the Project Consultant of the Project Proponent to present the technical details of the proposed project.

Accordingly, Project Consultant has started Power Point Presentation to give the details about the proposed project. In the meanwhile, Sri.Basavaraj, President of the Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath has interfered during the presentation and expressed his dissatisfaction about the publicity given towards public hearing.

In reply, Environmental Officer, KSPCB has informed that as per the procedure of EIA all measures were taken to give the publicity by advertising the details of public hearing in the daily news papers of both the Kannada and English and also kept the EIA reports in the designated places including the Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath Office. He further informed that, Sri.Basavaraj, President of the Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath he will be given chance to express his opinion/objections about the proposed project once the Power Point Presentation is being completed. Subsequently, Environmental Officer, KSPCB has informed Project Consultant to continue the presentation.

Consequently, Project Consultant continued his Power Point Presentation about the technical details of the proposed project including extent area of proposed project, present scenario w.r.t water, ambient air quality, production activity, source of water, water quality, disposal method, Soil sampling and its quality, noise level and use of controlled blasting, saplings, aforestration, effects on aquatic animals and solution, effects on rain water harvesting, employment, impact on public health, use of control room, education, Air pollution source and its control measures, corporate social responsibilities, was conducted in Kannada by the Project Consultant and copy of the power point presentation is herewith enclosed as **Annexure -III**.

After the power point presentation is completed, Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South Sub-division has requested the assembled public to clarify their doubts if any or submit any suggestions/objections either in writing or orally, environmental concerns with regard to proposed project and same will be included/recorded in the proceedings. The proceedings will be drawn both in Kannada and English and it will be submitted to State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) after duly signed by Chairman of the Public Hearing he added.

The public have submitted their opinion on the said project as detailed below:

**1. Sri. Mutthuraj, Gollahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk:**

He has informed that the nearby Villagers are unaware of the public hearing and should have given more publicity in the villages nearby and requested to give more publicity in future if public hearing happens in the vicinity of the villages. Further, he has expressed his apprehensions towards the compliance to air pollution as shown in the power point presentation and only 40 % of compliance can be expected from the Project owner and we have to suffer from the dust originates from the

proposed quarry activity. He informed that everyone's opinion is important however, due to lack of publicity about the public hearing only few of the local villagers are participated and most of the people from other part of village are present in the public hearing.

In reply, Sri.Vasudev S.K, SEO, KSPCB has informed that 30 days prior to public hearing it was notified in the daily news papers and also kept the details of proposed project in the form of EIA and executive summary both in Kannada and English language at the Office of Chikkanahalli Panchayath on 11.08.2022. However, all the opinion and suggestions expressed in the public hearing will be recorded in the proceedings and same will be sent to competent authority and also utmost care will be taken to give wide publicity to the public hearing to be conducted in future.

Sri. Mutthuraj, Gollahalli Village has also informed that as the villagers rarely read news papers and hence not aware of the public hearing.

## **2. Sri.Dhanraj, Chikkanahalli, Bangalore South Taluk:**

He has asked the Officials of the various Departments present in the public hearing about how many existing quarries are complying with the Rules out of 15 quarries already exist in this village limit and informed that even though the quarries have obtained the license from other Departments, they are not obtained panchayath license and not paying tax to the Chikkanahalli Village Panchayath; and informed that, the panchayath is lack of funds even to conduct health camps. Further, he asked to make it mandatory for all the quarries to obtain general license from the concerned Panchayath and also requested to inspect all the quarries and crushers for verifying the compliances.

In reply, Sri.Vasudev S.K, SEO, KSPCB has informed that license to quarries is being issued from Department of Mines and Geology. The KSCPb is the nodal agency for conducting the public hearing as Member Convener of the public hearing committee and further informed that the objections raised by Sri.Dhanraj is recorded and will send the opinions through proceedings to SEIAA and informed the gathering to express only the views/objections if any pertaining to proposed project.

Sri.Dhanraj has requested the Committee to inspect all the quarries operating in the village limits of Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath for compliance verification and also requested the Assistant Commissioner to direct the Mines and Geology Department to mandate all the quarry owners to take general license from concerned Village Panchayath and also requested to bring the same to the notice of the State Government.

**3. Sri.Basavaraju, President, Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath, Bangalore South Taluk:**

He has expressed his gratitude towards Assistant Commissioner for conducting public hearing at the Sulivara village. He once again highlighted the lack of publicity given to the public hearing and asked whether the public hearing for quarries is being conducted newly. In reply, the EIA consultant Sri. Sri.Dhanraj B N, CEO, M/s.Horizon Ventures, had informed that earlier the public hearing had been conducted for quarries with more than 25 Hectares in clusters; however, during September 2020, NGT in Writ Petition had given direction to mandate Environmental Clearance and to conduct the public hearing for new quarry located in cluster exceeding 5 Hectares area excluding the existing quarries having lease before 2013.

Sri.Basavaraju, President, Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath informed that he does not know the Project Proponent Sri.Hanumappa and asked Sri.Hanumappa how come he knew about mining land available in this village limit even though he is resident of Gottigere village and from whom he had purchased the land for mining. In reply, Assistant Commissioner had informed Sri.Basavaraju to restrict his opinions only to the environmental aspects of the proposed project. Sri.Basavaraju has informed that compliance from the quarry owners of Sulivara Village including his quarry towards complying the conditions mentioned in the quarry lease and EC license is very poor and merely about 10% of compliance achieved was noticed and the existing quarries have not provided green belt as committed. Hence, he requested the Committee to look after the existing quarries for their compliances towards conditions imposed and to control the negative consequences arising from the quarries towards environment including diversion and encroachment of rajakaluves.

Further, he has highlighted the visit of quarries by Assembly Committee (Sadana Samithi) in which Committee members gave opinion of obtaining NOC from local Panchayath to the quarries is must. He has further informed that some of the quarry owners rudely behaved with Panchayath Officials during the time of tax collection. Hence requested to consider the quarry license only if they have NOC from local Panchayath and also requested to bring to the notice of Panchayath about all the activities proposed to coming up in the panchayath limit.

In reply, Assistant Commissioner has informed that obtaining license from Panchayath for operation of quarry and crusher is compulsory. Responding to the answer, Sri.Basavaraju has informed that none of the crushers and quarry owners have obtained NOC from Panchayath. Further he added that, quarry lease and Form-C have been issued to them without NOC from Panchayath. But local people

blame the Panchayath for any violations from the quarries. Further, he has informed that none of the quarry owner including himself has spent the CSR funds for social/environmental improvement.

He has informed that he is not against the upcoming project and his concern is only to rectify the issues pertaining to violations from the existing quarries and all the quarry owners must pay the requisite tax to the local Panchayath and in this regard he requested Assistant Commissioner to include his request in the proceedings and also requested to brought to the notice of his grievancy to concerned State and Central Government Offices.

Assistant Commissioner has said that, obtaining general license from panchayath and paying the Rajdhan to Panchayath is mandatory. In reply, Sri.Basavaraju had clarified that they are demanding quarry owners to pay the general license fees not the Rajdhan.He further requested that DMF fund should be utilized only for in and around the affected areas by quarry activity and not to other regions. He had given the example of utilizing DMF at Yalahanka Taluk where there is no mining activity at all. In reply, Assistant Commissioner has assured Sri.Basavaraju about bringing this issue to the notice of Deputy Commissioner to ensure the utilization of DMF to the local affected area only.

**4. Sri. B Vijaya Reddy, Environmentalist, Shakthi Environment, Rural Development Society, Ballary.**

He has informed that Sri.Mutthuraj and Sri.Dhanraj have informed that there is lack of publicity about the public hearing and hence felt there should be more publicity towards the public hearing. He further informed that considering the investment of the proposed project about 2% of the investment i.e. about 2.46 Lakhs will be CSR fund and there are about 15 plus quarries are operating nearby and hence, Panchayath should come forward to form a coordination committee for proper utilization of CSR fund. He thanked everyone for giving opportunity to express the opinion.

Assistant Commissioner has praised Sri.P Vijaya Reddy for giving valuable suggestion and assured of bringing the same to the notice of Honorable Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban to ensure the proper utilization of CSR/DMF in coordination with the local Panchayath.

At the end, Assistant Commissioner has said that whatever the issues raised by Sri.Basavaraj are very important and local bodies are there for betterment of the local area and informed that, the Quarry owners present in this public hearing whenever the Officials of Panchayath come for tax collection they have to be respected as they are doing social service and the local bodies are the main pillar of our Government.

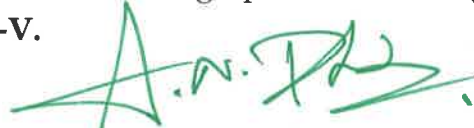


Further, while addressing to the gathering he informed that, the objections, opinion and memorandums submitted will be forwarded to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) for further needful action.

Pertaining to the proposed project 04 Memorandum were received at the KSPCB, Regional Office, Rajarajeshwari Nagar and they have been listed and are enclosed as **Annexure - IV**.

At last, the Environmental Officer, KSPCB has informed that KSPCB is being nodal agency organized the public hearing and SEIAA is coming under Central Government and SEIAA have given the responsibility of conducting public hearing to KSPCB. The public hearing is being organized based on the guidelines of EIA Notification, 2006 and as highlighted by the President of Chikkanahalli Gram Panchayath Sri.Basavaraj, assured of giving more publicity for public hearing to be conducted in future.

Further, Environmental Officer has given vote of thanks to Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South Sub-division; SEO,KSPCB; President of Chikkanahalli Panchayath, Officials of Department of Industries and Commerce, Mines and Geology and Chikkanahalli Gram panchayath and all those who were present, co-operated in smooth functioning of the Environment public hearing. The Environment public hearing ended at 1.20 PM on 02.09.2022. Photographs and video graphs of public hearing are enclosed as **Annexure -V**.



(Sri.Raghunandan A.N., KAS)

**Assistant Commissioner,  
Bangalore South Sub-Division and  
Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee  
Bangalore Urban District**

