

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO M/s STAR MINERALS FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF IRON ORE BENEFICATION PLANT OF CAPACITY 4,80,000 TONS PER ANNUM AND MANGANESE ORE BENEFICATION WITH CAPACITY 15,000 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 25 ACRES AT SY. NO. 178/2 & 178/4, SANKALAPURA VILLAGE, HOSAPETE TALUK, VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT HELD ON 10-08-2022 AT 11:30 AM AT THE PROJECT SITE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		Project Site: M/s Star Minerals, Sy. No. 178/2 & 178/4, Sankalapura Village, Hosapete Taluk, Vijayanagara District
DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE		DESIGNATION
1	Sri N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara	Chairperson
2	Dr. Doddashanaiah, Senior Environmental Officer (I/c) and Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ballari.	Member Convener
Officers of KSPCB present:		
1	Sri Hanumanthappa H, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
2	Sri Hanamanth Koppada, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
3	Sri Manjunath P, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
Others Officers present:		
1	Sri Amaresh- Tashildhar (Probationary) – Hosapete.	
2	Sri Mallikarjun Gouda – Revenue Inspector – Hosapete.	
Representatives present on behalf of M/s Star Minerals		
1.	Sri K Guruprasad – Promoter	
2.	Sri A. Kandan – Promoter	
3.	Sri Mehul Gosai - CEO	
4.	Sri B. S. Girish – General Manager	
5.	Sri G Bheemashekar – Plant Incharge	
6.	Sri Ashwath Narayan - Consultant	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		

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PREAMBLE:-

The Project Proponent **M/s Star Minerals** has proposed to establish Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant of capacity 4,80,000 Tons Per Annum along with Manganese Ore Beneficiation Plant of capacity 15,000 Tons Per Annum over an area of 25 acres at Sy. No. 178/2 & 178/4, Sankalapura Village, Hosapete Taluk, Vijayanagara District.

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) authorities after scrutiny of the application made by the project proponents, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 08 IND 2022 Dated 11-04-2022. 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 Envipro Solutions Pvt Ltd, Bangalore to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 08-05-2022.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 17-06-2022 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Vijayanagara District to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing.

Further The Deputy Commissioner, Vijayanagara District has given the consent to conduct Environmental Public Hearing on 10-08-2022 at 11:30 am at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published Environmental Public Hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level newspapers namely Hosa Digantha (Kannada) and Times of India (English) on 10-07-2022 in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 11-07-2022 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, Vijayanagara District, Hosapete.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Vijayanagara District Hosapete.
- District Industries Centre, Ballari District.
- Tashildhar Office, Hosapete.

- Office of the City Municipal Council, Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.
- Office of the Taluk Panchayat, Hosapete.
- 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, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001
- 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 11-07-2022.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Papinayakahalli, Vadarahalli, G G Camp, Nagappa Camp, Kariganuru, Ingalgi, Malapanagudi, Kondanayakanahalli, Sankalapura, Jambunathanahalli, Rajapur, Kalahalli, Vaysanakere, Galamanaguddi and Hosapete) of the proposed project area on 08-08-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure-4**).

Deputy Commissioner Vijayanagara has issued direction vide dated: 06-08-2022 to Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara to conduct public hearing.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the environmental Public Hearing commenced on 10-08-2022 at 11:30 AM under the Chairmanship of Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara at the proposed project site.

Proceedings of Public Hearing:-

Dr Doddashanaiah, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari and Senior Environmental Officer (I/c), Zonal Office, Ballari welcomed Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara. 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 with. Further he requested Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri. N. Mahesh Babu, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara has addressed the gathering and briefed about the

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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 Star Minerals, Sri Ashwath Narayan has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by M/s Envirpro Solutions Pvt Ltd, 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 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 J. S. Ramesh Gupta - City Council Member - Hosapete** – Speaking on the occasion he said that during the crisis of Corona, the local people are unemployed and facing hardship, setting up this industry will benefit them. He said that the lorry owners and people from Kariganur and surrounding villages will get employment from the proposed project. He opined that the said company is a boon to the surrounding villages. He requested everyone to support the said project. He said that there are 300 lorries standing idle in Kariganur village and that they will get jobs by the establishment of the said factory. He appealed to support the project and welcomed the establishment of the factory.
2. **Shri Teja Naik** - Speaking on the occasion he said that informed that the establishment of the factory will provide employment to the unorganized laborers and lorries owners in the surrounding villages of Sanklapur, Kariganur, GG camp etc. In the last four years, factories have not been established in this region and jobs are not available to the locals. In such a situation, Star Minerals industry has promised to provide jobs to the locals on priority. Hence he appealed to support the Star Minerals factory.
3. **Shri Ramakrishna - Kariganur Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that although mining has been going on around this area for about 60 years, there is no benefit to the local mine workers. He said that locally there are educated youths but they are not getting jobs. He said there is unemployment due to non-availability of factories. He said there is no objection to establishing the said factory; but after the

establishment of the factory, he requested the factory owners to provide employment on priority to the local laborers, lorry owners, and the unemployed youth.

4. **Shri A. K. Vaderappa - Ingalagi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that although the villages of Kariganuru, P. P. Halli and Gadiganuru are close to the city, neither the industries nor basic facilities are available to these villages. The villages are still deprived of basic infrastructure facilities. He said that although the villages around the said area are mine-affected areas, the District Mine Fund (DMF) under District Collector has not been used for the development of the villages in this area. He expressed regret that the people's representatives are looting the said fund in the name of road construction and drainage system. He requested the officials to bring this matter to the attention of the government. He said that previously in this region, Saroji Alloys Company was operating and providing employment to the residents of the surrounding villages and after the closure of the said company, the Star Minerals factory has bought it and intends to start a beneficiation factory. He thereby welcomed the project saying that it will create employment to locals in large. He appealed to give support to such projects and welcomed the proposed project.
5. **Shri Manjunath - Kariganur Lorry Owners Association President** - Speaking on the occasion he said, if the industry is started in this region the workers will get employment. Hence he requested to give permission to start the factory. He said that there are only laborers here and it will benefit them. He appealed the Star Minerals industry to provide employment to local educated people. He requested to establish a hospital in this region. He indicated his support for the said industry.
6. **Smt. Shakuntala Kalgalli - Village Panchayat President** - Speaking on the occasion she requested to give priority to local people in employment. She requested not to give employment in the company for people coming from other state. She said that there are lorries available locally and the owners are unable to pay the monthly installments, she asked to employment to such people and further asked to give priority during employment for local educated people and laborers.
7. **Shri Yallappa - Gram Panchayat Member - Rajapur Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said the establishment of Star Minerals Industry will provide employment to the local farmers, laborers and improve their standard of living.
8. **Shri Gyaneshwar - Sanklapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that he welcomes the establishment of Star Minerals Industry. He said that by establishing the factory, the local farmers, laborers will get employment and their standard of living will improve. Speaking further, he appealed to start the factory taking utmost care not to harm the environment.
9. **Shri B.V. Reddy - Environmentalist** - Speaking on the occasion he asked to form a coordination committee consisting of owners and local leaders to solve the problems





arising from operating the industry and solve their local problems. He welcomed the project saying that the establishment of the industry would provide employment to the locals.

10. **Shri Jambaiah - Sanklapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that due to the operation of Star Minerals industry, the farmers, laborers and educated people from the surrounding villages will get employment opportunities. He hoped that by establishing Star Minerals factory, the fate (Star) of the public of surrounding villages would also shine. He said the local people are suffering from corona, heavy rains and droughts and he welcomed the project by saying that the establishment of the project will benefit them.
11. **Shri. K. Raju - Karvy president - Sandur** - Speaking on the occasion he said that it is a matter of pleasure that the meeting has been held. He said that it is a matter of happiness that the villagers have agreed to set up the beneficiation plant. He requested not to give jobs to people from outside the state. He appealed to give 80 per cent jobs to locals as per the reports of Nandujappa and Sarojini. He said that around 60 organizations have agreed to the project and supported it.
12. **Shri Gopalakrishna - Sanklapura Village** - Speaking on the occasion he requested to facilitate the establishment of such factories as factories and mining companies are the basis of life of the surrounding villagers.
13. **Smt Shama R. Sheikh - Hosapete** - Speaking on the occasion she requested to give employment to women in the proposed factory.

The Chairman of the public Hearing Sri N. Mahesh Babu. KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Vijayanagara 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-7**) and Video (Documents enclosed as **Annexure-8**) 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 (Hosadigantha – 10-07-2022) and English (Times of India – 10-07-2022) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 11-07-2022) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3**.
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 08-08-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-4**.
5. Approval letter Dtd:06-08-2022 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Vijayanagara to the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Additional District Magistrate Vijayanagara to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure -5**.
6. 208 No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing and 60 No's of written statement/objection received at Regional Office, Ballari is enclosed as **Annexure-6**.
7. The photographs taken during the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-7**.
8. The CD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-8**.


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