

Proceedings of Environment Impact Public Hearing held at Yakshanti village of Tq: Wadagera Dist: Yadgir on 21-06-2022 at 11.00am, pertaining to proposed semi mechanized Sand Mining project of capacity 2,08,818 Ton/year by M/s. Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd, across Krishna River at Sy no. 91(p), 93, 94, 95, 100, 101, 102, 103, 122, 123, 131, 132, 135, 136 , 139, 140, 146, 147, 148, 149, 153, 154, 157, 158, 161, 162, 164, 165 & 166 of Yakshinti village Tq: Wadagera Dist: Yadgir:

Officers Present at the Public Hearing

- 1) Sri. Shankaragouda Somanal, Additional Deputy Commissioner(Selection Grade) , Yadgir
- 2) Sri. Madhusudhan, Senior Environmental Officer, representative of KSPCB, Kalaburgi.
- 3) Sri. K. Raju, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Yadgir
- 4) Sri. Sursh Ankalagi, Tahasildar, Wadagera.

The project is proposed to be engaged in the Mining of ordinary Sand of capacity 2,08,818 Ton/year across the Krishna River at Sand Block of Yakshanti village of Tq: Wadagera Dist: Yadgir.

As per the EIA Notification issued by MOEF, Government of India, on 14-09-2006 (as amended on 01-12-2009), it is mandatory to obtain prior Environment Pollution clearance letter from the Ministry. In this connection, it is necessary to conduct an Environmental Public Hearing, under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner of the concerned Dist.

As per the direction of Ministry Of Environment and Forest, Govt of India, the Public Hearing was conducted on 21-06-2022 at 11am. at proposed site Yakshinti village, Tq: Wadagera Dist: Yadgir at the beginning of hearing, Sri K. Raju, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Yadgir had welcomed the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Yadgir and requested to chair the hearing and also welcomed senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Kalaburgi, Revenue Department authority, all the staff Hutti Gold Mines co, project consultant, Police Department, Health Department, Media persons and all the Publics, Farmers and one and all. While welcome speech, the Environmental Officer briefly explained the proposed project and the intension of the gathering. He informed that, as per the Rules, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board had published the Notification on 21-05-2022 in the Kannada daily news paper "**Prajavani**" & in English daily news paper "**Indian Express**" local news paper edition in "**Prajavani**" and thereby informing the Public Hearing and appeals, suggestions, views, comments, complaints, grievances etc, about the Environment Impacts are invited from the interested Environmental groups , NGO's, bonafied residents, People residing in the project area, the ones who would be affected by the Project and other problems and also informed that in the said Notifications it was made clear that interested people, organizations and project affected people can send their suggestions, objections, grievances etc., either orally or in writing or through e-mail to

the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Committee, within 30 days from the date of Publication of the Notification and also invited the interested peoples to participate in the Public Hearing.

As per the conditions of the said Notification, a copy of the EIA Report in both Kannada and English, Executive summary in both Kannada and English and the soft copies of the same in both Kannada and English are made available for review of the general public by keeping with the :

- 1) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Yadgir
- 2) Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Yadgir,
- 3) Department of Mines & Geology, Yadgir.
- 4) District Industries Center, Yadgir,
- 5) Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Shahapur
- 6) Tahasildar Office, Wadagera
- 7) Gram Panchayat Offices of Hayyal (B) village, Tq: Wadagera Dist: Yadgir
- 8) Regional Office, Pollution Control Board, Yadgir

In the Environment Public Hearing, Sri. K Raju, EO, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Yadgir had extended a warm welcome to the Chairman and Additional Deputy Commissioner Yadgir, representative of KSPCB, Tahasildar, Wadagera and other all the Officials, staff of the Hutti Gold Mines, media persons and all the public's and NGO's and formers of surrounding villages who are all present on the occasion. He convinced the people who had come to attend the hearing about the need of the Public Hearing as per the Environment Impact Study Notification 2006. He requested the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Yadgir to preside over the meeting.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing committee had directed the project consultant of the company to give Power point presentation to the Public.

Accordingly, the consultant of M/s. Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd had made a power point presentation in Kannada and explains about the basic objectives of proposed project, basic picture of present Environment of Project area, impact of the project on the Environment, the management of Environment and its evaluation, measures proposed to avoid ill-effects, measures conceived for the protection and maintenance of Environment, Techniques for management of calamities and also about the datas already collected.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing had invited the publics to put forth their remarks, suggestions, comments, grievances, objections, agreements etc. without hesitation and also to submit grievances\request pertaining to the Environmental aspects without fear.

Accordingly, the following Publics have put forth their views:

- 1) **Sri. Ningappa, Vice President, Raita Sanga & other members, wadagera village :** have informed about the problems of said mining activity and have submitted written letter to the chairman with a request to cancel the said proposed sand mining. (enclosed Annexure-7).

- The Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee have received the said letter and have informed that same will be submitted to Government for further action.
- 2) **Sri. Ninganna Karadi, President Dalita Sangarsha Samiti @ Yakshinti village:** have informed about the problems of the said mining activity and have submitted written letter to the chairman with a request to cancel the decision of the said sand mining and otherwise his association with Farmers association will protest the same. (enclosed Annexure-8).
- **The Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee have received the said letter and have informed that same will be submitted to Government for further action.**
- 3) **Sri. Siddanna Pujari, Yakshinti village:**
1. He said that he is one of the civil service aspirant and said that the present situation of village is like the door was closed after theft. Even though the treasure of the village is going out, there is no development works and he had no objection for the already prepaid environmental impact assessment report.
 2. He informed that, the information's on mining and methods given by the consultant is not clearly understood to him and as for as the matter of village development issue, the villagers and himself are all one.
 3. He requested that in spite of the outgoing of treasure, the village will get the name and even though the treasure gone is should be benefit to village and local peoples should get employment and he had objection to issue the employment to the outsiders/Kalaburgi people.
 4. He requested to officials to give attention to any issues of village development told by either villagers/youngsters/goudas.
 5. He said that, environmental consultant should have to explain further more information and he said that at present the sand mining was doing day and night and vehicles are stopped here and there which leads to problems to family's and school.
 6. He informed that, there is scarcity of water in the village and hence, there is hindrance to give bridegroom to the village and the water is not available in the village if wherever bore wells are sunk and peoples are talking that the village was not developed even though there is treasure and hence village will not develop further period of 20 year.
 7. He said that, only treasure of the village was theft and there is no development of village.
 8. He said that, the public's of the village are happy to see the respected Additional Deputy Commissioner in front of the villagers instead of conducting the said meeting within four walls.
 9. He informed that, there was one school with 1st to 5th standard and having only teacher and even though PDO informed to complete 25% work no one will do

the same and added that though **"God bestows, the Poojari didn't"** and the villagers are hindering to talk here because of the fear that the photographs will be collected and in future there is a problem to them.

10. He quoted an example of a glass of sand and pouring of the water so that in the mining has to be done to remove the dry sand only instead of removing the sand with help of JCB because already the Crocodiles have cached many peoples and already environmental norms being not followed in write way and un systematic manner and also added that as already the data has been given that natural resource again will came back to their village. But he wont object the local peoples and officials for over mining activities because clapping will happens only with help of two hands and he requested the villagers to express their views and finally he said that even though the treasure of village was gone, the village must be developed.

- **The Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee have commented that Sri Siddanna Poojari have given good suggestions and directed to Tahsildar and Environmental department to be in communicate about the effect with the villagers if any complaints and he will also be in touch with. He also informed that, the royalty cell will be established and village development and education related works will be done through the Government and proceedings will be submitted to Government.**

Sri. Siddanna Pujari, Yakshinti village: He said that, the entrance of the village was look nice and about four buildings are look nice but walls of many house at backside of the village have collapsed and many houses have also collapsed and like wise there are more residential problems.

- **The Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee have replied that, he had visited the village and also walked inside the village many times and directed to said person to tell about other issues along with social interest.**

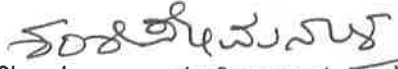
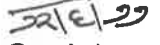
Sri. Siddanna Pujari, Yakshinti village: he said that there is no personal benefit to him and the local peoples are working and eating and the present situation is of fighting and leads to vanishing of the village and for the development of the village and education of the children as the children are going for education to other places and he said that, while his education there was four teachers and at present only one teachers and finally requested to give importance to education and village development.

- **The Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee have replied that, the responsibility of taking suitable actions on the already discussed issues on the dias.**

- 4) **Sri. Ramangouda Hayyal (B) village:** he objected that, he had patta land in Sy no. 91 in the name of his mother Smt Rachamma W/o Sidramagouda and no one had given correct information to him and he had objection.

Finally, Chairman of the Committee had briefed about the suggestion/opinion/written letters received in the meeting and concluded that, the proceedings will be drawn as it is and will be sent to Government along with video & audio for further action. The meeting was ended with the vote of thanks.

Since from publication of Notification the copies of request/ complaint etc., received at Regional Office, KSPCB, Yadgir and in the meeting are here with enclosed (Annexure-1,2,3,4,5,6,9 &10).


Sri. Shankaragouda Somanal 
KAS (Selection Grade)

CHAIRMAN
& Additional Deputy Commissioner, Yadgir
Public Hearing Committee
 Tq & Dist: Yadgir

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