

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ASUNDI SAND MINING BLOCK –BLY-OSB-15 OF SRI. T. V. PRASAD FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 90,000 TPA IN A TOTAL AREA OF 32.00 ACRE (12.95 HECTARE) OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE LAND AT HAGARI RIVER BED, SY. NO. 458(P), ASUNDI VILLAGE, BALLARI TALUK & DISTRICT HELD ON 14-09-2021 AT 3:30 PM AT THE PROJECT SITE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		Project Site: Asundi Sand Mining Block --BLY-OSB-15 in Hagari River Bed. Sy. No. 458(P). Asundi Village. Ballari Taluk & District
DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE		DESIGNATION
1	Sri P. S. Manjunatha. KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari	Chairperson
2	Sri K Raju, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Ballari District	Member
3	Sri P. K. Umashankar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ballari.	Member Convener
Officers of KSPCB present:		
1	Sri G.R.Kiran Kumar, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
2	Sri Pavan S. Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
Others Officers present:		
1.	Sri K S Nagendrappa, Senior Geologist, Ballari District	
.	Sri Shashidar .Y. Sub Inspector P.D. Halli police Station.	
3.	Sri Naveen G - Geologist, Ballari District	
4.	Sri Y. Annaporna – Revenue Inspector – Rupanagudi.	
5.	Sri T Nandeeshwara – VA – Asundi Village.	
6.	Sri Halli Manjunatha - VA – Kuntinahala Village	
7.	Sri Ganesh J - VA – Tolamamidi Village	
Representatives present on behalf of Asundi Sand Mining Block of Sri T. V. Prasad:		
1.	Sri T. V. Prasad -	
2.	Sri Sandeep -	
3.	Sri Sathyanarayana Reddy	
4.	Sri Vinaykumar P.T. -	
5.	Sri R.K.Ashok.	
5.	Sri Sachin M. V. – Environmental Consultant	

6.	Sri Arun R - Environmental 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.

PREAMBLE:-

Sri. T. V. Prasad has proposed to undertake quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 90,000 TPA in a total area of 32.00 Acre (12.95 Hectare) of Government Revenue Land at Asundi Sand Mining Block -BLY-OSB-15 in Hagari River Bed, Sy. No. 458(P), Asundi Village, Ballari Taluk & 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 794 MIN 2019 dated 14-05-2020. 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 Horizon Ventures, No 4, Anaga, 3rd Floor, Devasandra, New BEL Road, Opposite MS Ramaiah Hospital, Bengaluru - 560094 to The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 29-01-2021.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 20-01-2021 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. But due to COVID-19 the meeting was not conducted.

Further, Deputy Commissioner has given the consent to conduct Environmental Public Hearing on 22.06.2021 @ 3.00 PM at the project site.

But, due to COVID-19 the meeting was postponed by The Deputy Commissioner and rescheduled on 14-09-2021 at 3:30 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 Vijaya Karnataka (Kannada) and Deccan Herald (English) on 14-08-2021 & in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 16-08-2021. (The copies are enclosed as **Annexure 3**) by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days.

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 Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District.
- District Industries Centre, Ballari District.
- Taluk Office, Ballari.
- Office of the Taluk Panchayath, Ballari .
- Village Panchayath Office, Amarapura.
- 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 & Environment, 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 to be held on 14-09-2021 and also informed about the newspaper notification vide letter dated 16.08.2021.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (P. D. Halli, Kaggallu, Lingadevanahalli, Hagari, Yalapi, Kuntanal, Tolamamidi, Asundi Village and Godehalu) of the proposed project area on 09-09-2021 & 13-09-2021. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure 4**).

Deputy Commissioner Ballari District has issued the letter Dtd: 13-09-2021 to Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari to conduct public hearing on 14.09.2021 (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 24-08-2021 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari at the proposed project site.

Proceedings of Public Hearing:-

Sri P K Umashankar, Member Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Environmental Office, KSPCB, Ballari welcomed Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari & Sri K. Raju, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Ballari. He also welcomed Government Officers, officers of the Asundi Sand Mining Block of Sri T. V. Prasad, 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 Asundi Sand Mining Block of Sri T. V. Prasad, Sri Sachin.M.V. has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by M/s Horizon Ventures, No 4, Anaga, 3rd Floor, Devasandra, New BEL Road, Opposite MS Ramaiah Hospital, Bengaluru – 560094 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) **Sri Animeshi – Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that he had fully consent to the sand mining in Sy No 458 in Amarpura village panchayat on the banks of the Hagari river in Asundi village. He said that 25% of the money would go to the Gram Panchayat which would be favorable for development activities.
- 2) **The President of Karnataka State Hasiru Sene Ballari Taluk** - Speaking on the occasion he said he has arrived after knowing that the government has called for tender for sand mining in Vedavati- Hagari river. He raised his objection to sand mining project. He said Asundi village of Ballari Taluk and several villages are dependent on Vedavati River for drinking purposes, agriculture and other activities. He said by allowing sand mining many problems will arise mainly groundwater level will deplete and the soil fertility of agriculture land will be lost. He said that the neighboring lands would be loosened and will collapse. He said that deep sand mining would result in the deaths of people and livestock. He said check dams should be constructed to increase groundwater table and water should be supplied to these villages so that migration of the people can be avoided. He said that the migration of people would affect their education. He said that check dam should be constructed to increase groundwater and farmers should be helped to grow crops. He said due to sand mining the existing system will be disturbed. He told them to stop the sand mining.
- 3) **Sri Manjunath - Asundi Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that Sand mining tender in Hagiri has pleased them. He said sand is not available in the village. He said local villagers would get employment. He said that both the tractor and the local workers would get jobs. He

said that no one would be hurt by sand mining and that it he asked it to be implemented.

- 4) **Sri B.V. Reddy – Ballari** - Speaking on the occasion and referring to what villagers have talked about, he told them to solve the problem of villagers. He told to create a coordination committee and address minor issues. He said that CSR fund and District Mineral Fund are used in development of the village.
- 5) **Sri Sudarshan - Social Worker – Hyderabad** – Speaking on the occasion he said that he would give advice on sand mining for several meters deep. He said he welcomed the establishment of industries. He said that 75% of the locals be given employment. He told them not to take child laborers and to take local tractors and tippers for carrying of sand. He told them to use the CSR money for education.

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 **Annuxure-7**) and Video (Documents enclosed as **Annuxure-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 (Vijaya Karnataka 14-08-2021) and English (Deccan Herald- 14-08-2021) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu - 16-08-2021) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure - 3.**
4. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 09-09-2021 & 13-09-2021 are enclosed as **Annexure-4.**
5. Approval letter Dtd: 13-09-2021 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. 46 No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing are 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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