

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO KARCHEDU SAND MINING BLOCK –BLY-OSB-13 OF M/s MARUTI INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPERS FOR PROPOSED QUARRYING OF ORDINARY SAND OF CAPACITY 99,000 TPA IN A TOTAL AREA OF 25.00 ACRE (10.12 HECTARE) OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE LAND AT IN VEDAVATHI (HAGARI) RIVER BED, SY. NO.191, KARCHEDU VILLAGE, BALLARI TALUK & DISTRICT HELD ON 10-01-2022 AT 11:30 AM AT THE PROJECT SITE.**

<b>VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING</b>		<b>Project Site:</b> Karchedu Sand Mining Block –BLY-OSB-13 in Hagari River Bed, Sy. No. 191, Karchedu Village, Ballari Taluk & District
<b>DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE</b>		<b>DESIGNATION</b>
1	Sri P. S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari	<b>Chairperson</b>
2	Sri K Raju, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Ballari District	<b>Member</b>
3	Sri P. K. Umashankar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ballari.	<b>Member Convener</b>
<b>Officers of KSPCB present:</b>		
1	Sri Hanumanthappa H, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
2	Sri Pavan S, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
<b>Others Officers present:</b>		
1.	Sri K S Nagendrappa, Senior Geologist, Ballari District	
2.	Sri Srinivas K, Geologist, Ballari District	
3.	Sri Naveen G - Geologist, Ballari District	
4.	Sri K Tipperudrappa – Gram Panchayat, Secretary, Basarakodu.	
5.	Sri L Maiboob Basha – Village Accountant – Basarakodu.	
<b>Representatives present on behalf of M/s Maruti Infrastructure and Developers:</b>		
1.	Sri Ramakrishna Rao - Ballari	
2.	Sri B Basavaraju - Ballari	
3.	Sri Narayan - Hagari	
4.	Sri P. G. Sudhakar Naik – P D Halli	
5.	Sri S Kandakur - Meenahalli	
6.	Sri Sachin M. V. – Environmental Consultant	
7.	Sri Arun R - Environmental Consultant	

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2. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of public participants are enclosed as **Annexure-2**.

**PREAMBLE:-**

**M/s Maruti Infrastructure and Developers** has proposed to undertake quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 99,000 TPA in a total area of 25 Acre (10.12 Hectare) of Government Revenue Land at Karcherdu Sand Mining Block –BLY-OSB-13 in Hagari River Bed, Sy. No. 191, Karchedu 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 is scheduled 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 submitted by the project proponent, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 798 MIN 2019 dated 14-05-2021. As per the terms of reference issued, conducting of Public Hearing is mandatory.

In order to comply with the TOR, the project proponent 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12-10-2021.

Further The Deputy Commissioner has given the consent to conduct Environmental Public Hearing on 10-01-2022 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 Vijaya Karnataka (Kannada) and The Hindu(English) on 10-12-2021 & in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 12-12-2021 (Copy 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 the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District.
- District Industries Centre, Ballari District.
- Taluk Office, Ballari District.
- Village Panchayath Office, Ballari.
- Village Panchayath Office, Basarakodu.
- 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 10.01.2022 and also informed about the newspaper notification.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills kept at surrounding villages (Banapur, Karchedu, Basakodu, Vanenuru, Hadligi, Benakallu, Sindvala) of the proposed project area on 07-01-2022. (Photographs are enclosed as **Annexure 4**).

Deputy Commissioner Ballari District has issued the letter Dtd: 07-01-2022 to Sri P .S. Manjunatha, KAS (Sr Scale), Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari to conduct public hearing (The copy of letter is enclosed as **Annexure -4**).

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the environmental Public Hearing commenced on 10-01-2021 at 11.30 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 M/s Maruti Infrastructure and Developers, 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 M/s Maruti Infrastructure and Developers, Sri Sachin has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by M/s Horizon Ventures, No 4, Anaga, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Ravi Kumar - Karchedu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that doing sand mining in Karchedu Village will cause problem for borewells. The farmers in the village of Karchedu village have installed borewells for agricultural purposes. He said sand mining would cause problem to them. He said that the villagers in this area will have a shortage of sand to build. He said there were also unemployment problems in the village. He requested to review those points in the meeting.
2. **Sri G. Nagarajaguda - Karchedu Village** – Speaking on the occasion he said that the farmers in the Karachedu village of Basarakodu Panchayat have dug borewell and are getting water at 10-15 feet. If the sand mining is allowed then water will not be available if the borewell is dug for 150-200 feet. Hence he requested that sand mining in the area should not be allowed. He said if sand mining is allowed in the area, then they will protest against it.

3. **Sri Thippeswamy - Karchedu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that those who live in Karachedu village are poor farmers and are dependent on agriculture for their livelihood and if sand mining is allowed farmers will face problem and requested not to permit the sand mining activity.
4. **Sri Prakash - Karchedu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that the village of Karchedu are dependent on the vedavati river for drinking water if sand mining is allowed then it will lead to decline in groundwater levels. He said that there will be problem for drinking water and there are rare birds in the river and it will cause trouble to them. He said farmers are dependent on agriculture and they need borewell and sand mining would damage borewells. Hence he requested that sand mining be halted.
5. **Sri Mallikarjuna - Karchedu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that their village is a small village, and mostly occupied by poor people live here. They are dependent on Vedavati river for drinking water purposes. If sand mining is allowed there is a possibility of drinking water becoming saltier and requested not to give permission for sand mining activity.
6. **Sri Venkateswaralu - Adoni Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that sand mining should be allowed in Karchedu village and he submitted a letter in support of the company.
7. **Sri Shekhappa - Karchedu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that carrying 20-30 tonnes of sand in a lorry can damage the village roads, damage to homes and due to huge movement of vehicles it will be difficult for children to get off the road. He said the domestic animals will also face problem and hence he requested that sand mining should not be permitted.
8. **Sri Gadigappa - Member of Hirehatti Gram Panchayat** - Speaking on the occasion he said that there is a shortage of grants for development in gram panchayats. He said that if sand mining is allowed royalty is collected and panchayat will also be developed. He said if sand mining is allowed about 10-15 people might face problem but if it is allowed then fund from DMF will be released and their village will be developed. He said that due to sand mining the development works like drainage system, improvement of roads can be done and he said that he and the members of gram panchayat approved for the proposed project.
9. **Sri Pakeerappa - Karchedu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he said that as the members of Gram Panchayat have suggested that the Panchayat

will be developed by allowing sand mining, he requested them and asked them to allow the sand mining activity in their own village and develop their village. He said that there is also river in their village and requested them to allow sand mining in their village. He said that their village is a small and poor village and they are dependent on Vedavati river for drinking water purposes. If sand mining is allowed in Karchedu village then there is a possibility of drinking water becoming saltier. He said farmers relied on the vedavati river for water and are drawing water by installing about 80-100 pumpsets. He said if sand mining activity is allowed then farmers will face problems and requested that sand mining should not be allowed.

10. **Sri A gadalingappa – Member of Basarkodu Panchayat** - Speaking on the occasion he said that by using 25% of the revenue generated by allowing sand mining activity development projects such as CC roads construction, School development etc can be undertaken.
11. **Sri Gadilingappa - Karchedu Village** - Speaking on the occasion he questioned why the decision was made to allow sand mining in the Survey No. 191 belonging to his village.? He said that the basin of the Vedavati River was large and permission can be given for sand mining anywhere. He said the villagers of the village were not making a living from sand mining activity. He said that everyone in their village were either hired labours or small farmers. He questioned the purpose/motive of allowing sand mining here by suppressing the local people.? He said that his villagers were engaged in farming activities on the shores of Hagari river, and due to runoff of water from vedavati river everything was damaged and they have faced huge losses of about 40-50 thousand and no one has compensated them. he said it is common that people go from village to Delhi to build a life, but it is irony that the people from Delhi come to villages in name of development. He condemned the fact that they chose only their village for sand mining without considering the neighboring villages. He kindly requested that sand mining should not be allowed in the Karchedu village.
12. **Sri Kallappa - Member of Hirehalla Gram Panchayat** - Speaking on the occasion he said that sand mining in the area was allowed earlier and asked why is it not allowed now. had not been sanctioned before. He said that allowing sand mining here would facilitate developmental works.
13. **Sri Adi Rudrappa - Vice-President - Karchchedu Gram Panchayat** - Speaking on the occasion he said that all members of his village have said that sand mining should not be allowed, but the members of panchayat have suggested that the sand mining should be allowed. He said that sand

mining would not bring development in panchayat. Speaking further, he said he was elected by his own village and that their opinion is his opinion.

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 **Annexure-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 – 10-12-2021) and English (The Hindu –10-12-2021) and also local newspaper (E-namma Kannada nadu – 12-12-2021) regarding public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure – 3.**
4. Approval letter Dtd:07-01-2022 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 -4.**
5. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and distribution of Hand bills on 07-01-2022 are enclosed as **Annexure-5.**
6. <sup>14</sup> No's of written statement/objection received directly from the public during public hearing and ~~—~~ 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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