

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF SHRI. PRAKASH B BAGEWADI, PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE MINING OF PINK GRANITE OF CAPACITY 50,000 CU.MTRS FOR 05 YEARS IN AN MINE LEASE AREA OF 9-16 ACRES OF SY. NO. 271/1 AND 271/2 & MINING OF PINK GRANITE OF CAPACITY 25,000 CU.MTRS FOR 05 YEARS IN AN MINE LEASE AREA OF 4-36 ACRES OF SY. NO. 270/3 AND 270/5, OF BALAKUNDI VILLAGE, HUNAGUND TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT HELD ON 21/09/2021 AT 12.00PM AT PROJECT SITE, BALAKUNDI VILLAGE, HUNAGUND TALUK & BAGALKOT DISTRICT.

| <b><u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u></b>            |  |  |
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| 1   | <b>Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi</b><br>Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,<br>Environmental Public Hearing Committee,<br>Bagalkote District. | <b>Chairman</b>  |
| 2   | <b>Shri. Vijaykumar T. Kadakbhavi,</b><br>Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal<br>Office, Dharwad.                                       | <b>Member</b>  |
| 3   | <b>Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik,</b><br>Environmental Officer,<br>KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.  | <b>Member</b>  |
| <b><u>Consultants &amp; Mines representatives present</u></b> |  |  |
| 1.  | Shri. Sagar P Bagewadi   | Mine Owner   |
| 2.  | Dr. S K Myageri  | Consulting Geologist   |
| 3.  | Shri. N S Divakar  | Representatives of<br>Environmental Consultant -<br>M/s. KRS Enterprises |

Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District, the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Dharwad and all the participating villagers from surrounding area & public, elected representatives who were present in the public hearing. Further, he briefly explained the needs for Environmental Clearance and public hearing for the said project as follows:

Shri. Prakash B Bagewadi, propose to undertake Mining of Pink Granite of capacity 50,000 Cu.mtrs for 05 years in an Mine lease area of 9-16 Acres of Sy. No. 271/1 and 271/2 & Mining of Pink Granite of capacity 25,000 Cu.mtrs for 05 years in an Mine lease area of 4-36 Acres of Sy. No.

270/3 and 270/5 of Balakundi village, Hunagund Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the State Level Impact Assessment Authority, GOK and Conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division), GOI, the project proponent has made application for Environmental Clearance and got the Terms of Reference from State Level Impact Assessment Authority, GOK vide Letter dated: 01-09-2020 and accordingly the draft EIA report is prepared. The project proponent submitted the request letter to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote, the Public Hearing is scheduled on 21-09-2021 at Project site, Balakundi village, Hunagund Taluk & Bagalkot District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "**Vijay Karnataka**" and English Daily Newspaper "**Deccan Herald**" dated: 21-08-2021 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "**Sanje Darshan**" on 23-08-2021. In the said Notification, the suggestions / views/ comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed project were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. in written or through E-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification.

The copy of the draft EIA report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, E&F Wings, 17<sup>th</sup> main road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.
- Office of the Executive Officer, Taluka Panchayat, Hunagund, Bagalkot-District.
- Office of the Secretary/Panchayat Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Balakundi village, Hunagund Taluk, Bagalkot-District.
- Web site of KSPCB "<http://kspcb.gov.in>"

The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote and other offices mentioned above have not received any E-mail or any written applications with comments or objections from public as on 20-09-2021 in respect of said project. This Environmental Public Hearing is organized for hearing the suggestions/ views/ comments and objections of the interested public and villagers on Environmental related issues.

He informed the representatives of the Environmental Consultant, M/s. KRS Enterprises to make a Power Point Presentation on environment study conducted on Air, Water, Soil & noise environmental impact assessment and the environmental management plan of the proposed project to the public gathered;

On behalf of **M/s. KRS Enterprises**, the Environmental Consultant **Shri. N S Divakar**, made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data and present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impacts of the project on the environment, The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection, environmental monitoring etc by the Project Proponent. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding, as **Annexure-01**. List of participants/villagers & others who attended the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-02**.

The Environmental Officer requested the public & villagers present in the hearing to express their suggestions / views / comments if any about the said project. Accordingly the following villagers/public are expressed their views in the hearing:

**1. Shree. Shivappa Chavan of Balakundi Tanda**

- He informed that, the surrounding villagers will be benefitted and get employment from the proposed Pink granite Mining project.
- He extended his support for undertaking the proposed pink granite mining project for benefit of the public.

**2. Shree. Ramesh. P. Jadhav, Vice-President of Gram Panchayat, Balakundi.**

- He informed that, the proposed Pink Granite mining project exist at the distance of 01 KM from Balakundi village. It will be very helpful for surrounding villagers as new job opportunities will be created from the proposed Pink Granite Mining project.
- Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed project.

### 3. Shree. Vittal Chavan of Balakundi Tanda

- He informed that, his land exist adjacent to proposed Pink granite Mining project.
- It will benefit the surrounding villagers as new job opportunities will be created from the proposed project.

### 4. Shree. Shivappa Chavan of Balakundi Tanda

- He informed that, the quarry of M/s. Gem Granite Company is not in operation since last 02 to 03 years, hence so many people lost their jobs.
- Now, from this proposed project the surrounding villagers will get more jobs. Hence, he welcome proposed pink granite mining project.

**Shri. Vijaykumar T. Kadakbhavi, The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad** adressed the public hearing as follows:

- He informed to public present in the hearing that, the land consist of 9-16 Acres of Sy. No. 271/1 and 271/2 and 4-36 Acres of Sy. No. 270/3 and 270/5 of Balakundi village, Hunagund Taluk & Bagalkot District. The total area will be more than 05 Hectares. Hence, Environmental Public Hearing for the said project is being conducted.
- He informed that, Environmental Consultant of M/s. KRS Enterprises has conducted study on Air, Water, Soil & noise, environmental impact assessment and the environmental management plan of the proposed project.
- Already around 04 people were gave their opinion in public hearing and everyone showed their support to this pink granite mining project and they informed that, this proposed mine will create job opportunities and it will improve social economical status of surrounding villagers.
- The appeals, suggestions & opinions of the public have been recorded through video and the proceedings of the meeting will be sent to the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka for further needful.

**Shri Mahadev A Muragi, the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District** adressed the public hearing as follows:

- The villagers present in the public hearing expressed that, there will not be any environmental related problems and shown their support to proposed pink granite mining project.

**During public hearing following 03 NGO's present in the meeting have submitted the written application to the Hon'ble Chairman, Public Hearing committee and same are enclosed as Annexure-3.**

1. Shri Anjaneya Nagenahalli of Samagra Parivartana Samudaya, Po: Airani, Renibennur-Tq & Haveri-Dist.

2. The Secretary, Amrutha Dreams Foundation, Environment & Women Rights, Harihar, Davanagere-Dist.
3. Manjula, President of G.K. Education & Rural Urban Society (R.), Barageri road, 1<sup>st</sup> Cross, Holalkere road, Chitradurga.

All the above 03 applicants have supported the said Pink Granite quarry project with suggestion to plant more number of sapplings and to conduct health camps in the area. They further stated that, establishment of said project will create employment opportunities for local people and will improve the basic infrastructure facilities in area and all of NGOs have supported the said Pink Granite quarry project.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.



(Shri Mahadev A Muragi)  
Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,  
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,  
Bagalkote, Karnataka.

