

**Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing with respect to proposed mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 54000TPA at Haranagiri Sand Mining Block-5 in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 173(P), Haranagiri Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District by M/s. SPCIPL-RMN (JV) held on 10/08/2021**

Venue	:	At Proposed Project Site
Date	:	10/08/2021
Presided by	:	Sri S. B. Shettnavar Deputy Commissioner & President, Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri- District
Officers Present	:	List enclosed as Annexure-1
Representatives of the Project	:	List enclosed as Annexure-2
Names of the Public Participants	:	List enclosed as Annexure-3
Written objections / suggestions / opinions received	:	List enclosed as Annexure-4

**Preamble:**

M/s. SPCIPL-RMN (JV) has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 54000TPA over an area of 13-00Acres (5.260 Hectares) at Haranagiri Sand Mining Block-05 in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No.173(P), Haranagiri Village, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification published on 14.09.2006 and subsequent amendment by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance for the said project from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SLEIAA), Karnataka and it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at the project site. Accordingly, SEIAA has issued Terms of Reference (ToR) vide letter No. SEIAA 312MIN 2020, dated:25/02/2021 for the said project and directed the project Proponent to request the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to conduct Environmental Public Hearing. In view of the above, the project proponent, M/s. SPCIPL-RMN (JV) has submitted a draft EIA report including Executive summaries in Kannada and English and requested the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at the project site vide dated: 04/03/2021.

Based on the request of the project proponent and in accordance with the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment, Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled at Proposed Project Site on 25/05/2021 at 11.30 am. Accordingly, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has published about the Environmental Public Hearing in leading newspapers of Karnataka State viz., "The Hindu" (English) and "Vijaya Karnataka" (Kannada) on 24/04/2021 and also in local news paper "Kaurava" (Kannada) on 28/04/2021 regarding the project. But due to Covid-19 Pandemic, the Environmental Public Hearing was postponed and published about the same in "Vijayavani" (Kannada) newspaper on 16/05/2021.

Further, the Environmental Public Hearing was re-scheduled at Proposed Project Site on 10/08/2021 at 11.30 am and subsequent to this, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has published about the Environmental Public Hearing in leading newspapers of Karnataka State viz., the "Deccan Herald" (English) and "Vijaya Karnataka" (Kannada) on 10/07/2021 and also in local news paper "Kaurava" (Kannada) on 11/07/2021 regarding the project, inviting responses orally/writing/ e-mail to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, District Environmental Public Hearing committee, Haveri from the concerned persons having possible stake in the Environmental aspects of the project or activity within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification.

Further, the draft EIA report and Executive Summary of the project were kept in the designated places such as Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Haveri, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Haveri, District Industry Centre, Haveri, Taluk Panchayat, Ranebennur, Gram Panchayat Office, Haranagiri Village, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Haveri, SEIAA, Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru and HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No. 49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru for public reference.

The Environmental Public Hearing was conducted on 10/08/2021 at Proposed Project Site at 11.30am. Sri M. S. Maheswarappa, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Haveri extended warm welcome to Sri S. B. Shettennavar, Deputy Commissioner, Haveri, Sri S.B. Ullegaddi, Asst. Commissioner, Haveri Sub Division, Sri Shankar G.S. Tahasildar Ranebennur and Officials of other departments. He also extended the welcome to representatives of the project, all surrounding villagers & public who attended Public Hearing.

Sri M. S. Maheswarappa, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Haveri has briefly explained the procedure as per EIA Notification,

2006 and need for Environmental Clearance for the said project and requested the Deputy Commissioner, Haveri to start the proceedings of the public hearing. Sri S. B. Shettnavar, Deputy Commissioner, Haveri has informed the representatives of the Project and their consultants to make the presentation on proposed project and briefly present the summary before the public and informed the general public to express their views, opinions and objections if any, about the proposed project after the presentation.

On behalf of M/s. SPC IPL-RMN (JV), Sri Sachin MU from M/s. Horizon Ventures has informed that, on behalf of Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Upper Tunga Project Division, Ranebennur, M/s. SPC IPL-RMN (JV) has proposed to undertake mining of Ordinary Sand of capacity 54000TPA over an area of 13-00Acres (5.260 Hectares) at Haranagiri Sand Mining Block-05 in Tungabhadra River Bed adjacent to Sy. No. 173(P), Haranagiri Village. He explained that, an open cast quarrying by semi-mechanized method will be adopted to operate the quarry and Hitachi & JCB Eco Excellence will be used for digging and loading activities. The Salient feature of the project, the impact of the project on the surrounding Environment, Environment Management Plan and Measures proposed to control/mitigate the Environmental Pollution and CSR activities were explained through power point presentation. The hard copy of the presentation made in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

**List of the views expressed by public during the Public Hearing after the completion of presentation on the proposed project are as follows:**

1. Sri KuruvatteppaVeeranna Jyothi, Haranagiri

He said that, the mining activity can be carried out only if there shall not be any deep digging and digging in adjacent lands otherwise they will object the mining activities. Also requested not to allow the mining through machineries and action has to be taken in case of such activities, further he requested to ban on mining during night hours and to ensure the deposition of Royalty to Village Panchayath by issuing passes to all.

2. Sri Nagaraj Shivarudrappa Airani, Haranagiri

He sought information about the action to be initiated against the lease holder, if he fails to follow the stipulated norms and violation of any provisions.

3. Sri Praveen DevappaKuppeluru, Haranagiri

He submitted his opinion on the project in writing.

4. Sri KariyappaAntaravalli, Haranagiri

He said that, the proposed mining activity is very beneficial as the Government will get the income through the Royalty and expressed his opinion for the proposed project and also submitted his opinion in writing.

5. Sri Chandrappa Puttappa Kuppeluru, Farmer, Haranagiri

He expressed he has no objection to the proposed project but asked to carry out the activities without creating nuisance and also asked to put water sprinkling to the road during crop cultivation period to avoid the dust and also submitted his opinion in writing.

6. Sri Prabhuling Shankrappa Dyamanagoudru, Haranagiri

He said that, if the Farmers problems are taken care of, then he has no objection to the project and also submitted his opinion in writing.

7. Sri Mahesh Poojar, Haranagiri.

He submitted his opinion in writing.

8. Sri Satish Veerabhadrappe Jyothi, Haranagiri

He said that, the Environment Public Hearing should not be restricted for one day, in this meeting all rules and regulations and the responsibilities are informed to the public. Today because of mining activities, Environment, Biotic and abiotic entities are becoming extinct. Mining is causing an adverse effect on farmers. He further stressed that, all rules stipulated by the Pollution Control Board should be implemented properly, especially farmers and the adjacent lands should not be affected by the mining activities. Further on behalf of villagers he asked the meeting to reserve some special fund for the development and shall be utilized through the Government and related village panchayat properly.

9. Sri Ashok Ramappa Chikkappa, Haranagiri

He said that, there are about 150 to 200 labors in this area belongs to SC & ST, and they will lose jobs if the project is carried out by using the machineries like JCB. To this the chairman of the committee asked what they are doing, for this he informed the meeting that they are engaged in lifting and loading the sand to lorries and tippers. The Chairman of the meeting informed that, he will verify this matter.

10. Sri Basavaraj Ganjal, Haranagiri

He said that, previously the mining was done illegally, in future the Government will get monetary benefits hence, he requested to carry out the activities by helping the farmers and also submitted his opinion in writing.

11. Sri Ananda, Haranagiri

He asked, what is the compensation if in case of damage of pipelines in the agriculture land due to the movement of heavy vehicles. To this the Chairman of the meeting informed that, as the project proponent has stated in the project proposal that, they will maintain the road and in case of any damage they will pay the compensation and it is their responsibility to not allow such things to be happen.

12. Sri Honnappa Hanumanthappa Poojar, Haranagiri


He said that, even earlier also mining was done illegally, but don't know whether it benefitted the Government or not, but we agree with this meeting conducted by the District Commissioner, Tahasildar and Pollution Control Board. We are well informed about this project in the meeting and have no objection to carry out the project. Also, he submitted his opinion in writing.

13. Smt. Manjula, NGO, Chitradurga has submitted her opinion in writing.

At the end of the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner and the Chairman of the meeting informed that, previously the meeting was postponed and now, after issuing public notice and paper notification regarding the proposed project, the meeting is conducted by giving sufficient time for the public to express their opinions. In this meeting it appears that, that the overall opinion is not against the project, but all are asked to implement the strict measures proposed in the project proposal, especially not to carryout deep mining.

He said that, he felt while coming to this meeting spot that, the roads are very small which would not sustain the heavy vehicle movement. And it would be informed to the project proponent to take suitable measures to this issue. Further he said that, wet sand should be transported with tarpaulin covering, mining activities and transportation should be carry out without creating nuisance to the local farmers. The mining will fetch the income through the Royalty and also the company will spend the money under CSR activities, apart from this by utilizing the District Mineral Fund development works may be carried out in this area. The opinion expressed by the public in this meeting is recorded and all recorded opinions in the CD format along with proceedings of the meeting are submitted to the Government through the State Pollution Control Board.

Sri Rajesha P Assistant Environmental officer, KSPCB, Haveri thanked all who attended the meeting and with this the meeting is concluded.

  
S. B. Shettennavar, IAS  
Deputy Commissioner &  
President-District Environmental  
Public Hearing Committee, Haveri

