

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 06-01-2021 AT 11.00 AM FOR THE PROPOSED SAND MINING BLOCK OF M/S SRI DANESHWARI ROADLINES OF SRI V R MANNANGI, HIREBANNIMATTI SAND MINING BLOCK (BLY-OSB-03) NEAR TUNGABHADRA RIVER BANK, SY NO 296, HIREBANNIMATTI VILLAGE, HUVINAHADAGALI TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT WITH CAPACITY 98,860 TONS PER ANNUM IN AN AREA OF 27.18 ACRES.**

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		<b>Project Site:</b> M/S Sri Daneshwari Roadlines of Sri V R Mannangi, Hirebannimatti Sand Mining Block (BLY-OSB-03) Near Tungabhadra River Bank, Sy No 296, Hirebannimatti Village, Huvinahadagali Taluk, Ballari District
<b>DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE</b>		<b>DESIGNATION</b>
1	Sri Chandrashekhar Guddi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayat, Ballari District	<b>Chairperson</b>
2	Sri K Raju, Senior Environmental Officer(I/c), KSPCB, Zonal Office, Ballari District	<b>Member</b>
3	Sri P. K. Umashankar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, RO Ballari.	<b>Member Convener</b>
<b>Officers of KSPCB present:</b>		
1	Sri Hanumanthappa H, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Ballari District.	
<b>Others Officers present:</b>		
1.	Sri Prashanth Kumar, Assistant Commissioner, Harapanahalli Taluk, Ballari District	
2.	Sri Somashekar. Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayath, Huvinahadagali Taluk, Ballari District.	
3.	Kumari Jyothi Doddamani, Panchayath Development Officer, Gram Panchayath, Makarabbi, Huvinahadagali Taluk, Ballari District	
4.	Sri K Dyamappa, Revenue Inspector, Hire Hadagali Hobli, Ballari District	
5.	Sri K Anand, Village Accountant, Hirebannimatti Grama, Ballari District	
6.	Sri Prashanth Hulikatti, Village Accountant, Hirehadagali Grama, Ballari District	

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7.	Sri Kareesh, Village Accountant, Yerada Grama, Ballari District
<b>Representatives present on behalf of Sand Mining unit of M/s Sri Daneshwari Roadlines of Sri V R Mannangi</b>	
1.	Sri Iqbal Baig – Lease Holder
2.	Sri Ramakrishna – Lease Holder
3.	Sri. V R Mannangi – Lease Holder
4.	Sri J Baner Baig - Lease Holder
5.	Sri Shivu Mallappa – Business Client
6.	Sri Lingaraju - Business Client
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Copy of extract Register containing signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is enclosed as <b>Annexure-1</b>.</li> <li>2. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of public participants are enclosed as <b>Annexure-2</b>.</li> </ol>	

**PREAMBLE:-**

Sand Mining Block of M/s Daneshwari Roadlines of Sri V R Mannangi has proposed for sand mining on the shores of Tungabhadra River at Hirebannimatti Sand Mining Block (BLY-OSB-03), Sy No 296, Hirebannimatti Village, Huvinahadagali Taluk, Ballari District with Capacity 98,860 Tons Per Annum in an area of 27.18 acres.

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 classified under B-1 the schedule under EIA notification 2006 and amendments there on. As per the Notification, Environment Clearance is to be obtained from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (SEIAA) constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Accordingly, the project proponents have made an application to the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority in prescribed format. The State Level Expert Appraisal Committee



comes under the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority after scrutiny of the application made by the project proponents, has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. SEIAA 88 MIN 2017 dated 23-03-2018. 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, Bengaluru to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore requesting to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 04-10-2018.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore vide letter Dated 23-03-2019 requested the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Accordingly the Public hearing date was allotted on 23-02-2019 at project site. Due to unavoidable circumstances the Environment Public hearing was postponed.

Based on the suggestions made by Deputy Commissioner, Ballari on 04-01-2020, a letter was addressed to the project proponent to submit the Revenue land details. Upon submission of the documents by the Project Proponent the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari has accorded consent to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Ballari District to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at the project site **(The copy of the letter is enclosed as Annexure 3)**. Accordingly the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District has given the consent to conduct Environmental Public Hearing on 06-01-2021 at 11.00 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 Deccan Herald (English) on 05-12-2020 & in the local Newspaper namely "E Namma Kannada Nadu" on 07-12-2020 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 perusal 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.
- Office of the Town Municipal Council, Huvinahadagali, Ballari District.
- Office of Grama Panchayath, Hirebannimatti Grama, Ballari District.
- Office of Grama Panchayath, Makarabbi Grama, Ballari District.
- 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, Church Street, Bangalore.

In addition, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills at local Panchayat Office(Hirebannimatti) and surrounding villages (Kattebennur, Chikkabannimatti, Havanshi, Shakar, Holalu, Balyahunsi, Makarabbi) of the proposed project area on 02-01-2021. Photographs are enclosed as **(enclosed as Annexure 7)**.

Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District has issued the letter dtd: 05-01-2021 to Sri Chandrashekhar Guddi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District to conduct Environmental Public Hearing. (The copy of the letter is enclosed as **Annexure 4**).

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing commenced on 06-01-2021 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Sri Chandrashekhar Guddi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District at 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 Chandrashekhar Guddi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District; Sri K Raju, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Ballari; Sri Prasanna Kumar, Assistant Commissioner, Harapanahalli; Sri Somashekar, Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Harapanahalli. He also welcomed Government Officers and officers of the Sand Mining of Sri V N Mannangi M/s Daneshwari Roadlines, 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 Chandrashekhar Guddi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District to chair the meeting and to conduct the process of public hearing.

Sri Chandrashekhar Guddi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayath, Ballari District has addressed the gathering and briefed about the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006. 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 sand mining of Sri V R Mannangi of M/s Daneshwari Roadlines, Sri Sachin, Environmental Consultant M/s. Venture Horizons, Bangalore has explained the details with respect to Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report 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 CSR activities proposed 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. Mr. Goneppa Kushtagi, Hirebannimatti Grama,** said sand mining is carried out in our village generating revenue for the government. When we asked the Panchayath Development Officer to provide infrastructure like cleaning of drainages, installation of electric poles, drinking water facilities from the royalty collected from the mining activity, he asked us to go to Department of Mines and Geology, Hosapete. We met the officials of Department of Mines and Geology, Hosapete, it was of no use. He requested to develop the infrastructure with the help of Grama Panchayat from the royalty collected from the mining activity.
- 2. Sri Barka Bettad Mallapa, Hirebannimatti Grama, Ex Gram Panchayat member,** he submitted a written objection on the spot not to permit the sand mining activity in the area. Continuing, he said that adjacent to the Sy No 296 there are fertile agricultural lands if the sand mining is permitted in the area, the pipelines and electric poles in the area will be drowned and also the dust from the sand mining activity will spread into neighboring farmers agricultural lands and damage the crops. He opposed the sand mining project in the area.
- 3. Sri Basavanyappa Salasavada, Hirebannimatti Grama,** he said that his agricultural land bearing Sy No 293 is adjacent to the sand mining activity and he is carrying agricultural activity since 1974. He further said that he has laid pipeline for carrying out agricultural activity; but if the sand mining is permitted in the region it will be very difficult to carry out the agricultural activities.



4. **Sri Channappa Bellary, Grama Panchayat member, Hirebannimatti Village**, said that the remedial measures laid down for the implementation of the proposed project are limited only for reading and not for implementation. Speaking further, he said that due to existing sand mining activity there are 10 to 20 feet deep potholes in the area making it difficult for farmers to commute. Earlier an Bullock had fell into the pothole created due to sand mining activity, even after repeated requests to the concerned mining authorities, they did not get the poor farmer another bullock to carry out agricultural activity. The local farmers together have planned to gather a small amount and get a bullock for the poor farmer. He further requested that for construction of temples the sand shall be given at affordable rates. He further said that, the royalty earned from the sand mining activity in the village should be handed over to gram panchayat and used for development of the village. He also stated that permission should be given only after obtaining written consent from the sand mining authorities that they will provide all measures for controlling the environmental pollution. Only after that the permissions for sand mining activity should be accorded.
5. **Sri Linganagouda, Hirebannimatti village**, he said, that the agricultural land bearing Sy No 204 adjacent to the project area belongs to him, and mining activity is carried out in his agricultural land. When questioned, he was tortured. He said that sand mining in the area has affected the pipelines laid in his agricultural land. He said that sand mining activity is affecting the farmers in the region.
6. **Sri Sasalavada Shivappa Hirebannimatti Village**, he said that earlier adjacent to the project site Block No 2, and Block No 4 was sanctioned by the government for sand mining. The contractor was requested to provide sand for the construction of temples in the village, but the contractor did not oblige. Also, the pipelines laid by the farmers to their agricultural land were damaged due to sand mining activity and he asked to repair them immediately. He welcomed the project, requesting to develop the roads linking the agricultural land.



7. **Sri Basappa Gowdannanavar, Hirebannimatti Grama**, he said that the implementation of the project would be limited only for reading measures and would not be implemented practically. He said that the road from Hirebannimatti village to Agasi border has been completely deteriorated and despite repeated requests to repair it, it has not been rectified. He added that the area is now calm and exceeding the sand mining beyond the limit would be a total disaster to the region and will lead to natural calamities. He said that sand mining from the womb of nature is not agreeable and he opposed for sand mining. He expressed his displeasure and said that even though all the participants/public in the meeting opposed the project, then also the government would allow sand mining in the area.
8. **Sri Jaligari Hanumanthappa, Hirebannimatti village**, he said that the pipelines installed in the agricultural lands were damaged due to the traffic from the sand mining activity. He requested not to allow sand mining in the area and disturb the farmers.
9. **Sri Anjaneya Nagenahalli Integrated Environmental Community NGO, Haveri** speaking at the meeting, said that there was a consensus among all farmers for sand mining in the area. The farmers present at the meeting opposed his view and requested the presiding officer to allow only the farmers who are affected by the sand mining activity to speak and not for the ones who have come from other places. At the insistence of the farmers present at the meeting, Mr. Anjaneya Nagenahalli was obliged not to speak further and a written request was received from him.

The Chairman of the public Hearing Sri Chandrasekhar Guddi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayat, Ballari District in his presidential address informed to the public that, the Project Proponent has already submitted a letter to the Deputy Commissioner vide letter dated:03-11-2020 committing that they will invest Rupees 6,58,000/- per Annum for the CSR activities. The copy of the letter is enclosed as (Enclosed as **Annexure-5**). 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 along with photographs (Enclosed as **Annexure-8**)





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and video documents (Enclosed as **Annexure-9**) so as to forward the same to the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority for further necessary action.

He rendered vote of thanks for gathering and the Public Hearing is completed.



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**(Chandrasekhar Guddi)**

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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. Approval Letter issued from Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to conduct the public hearing **Annexure-3**.
4. Approval Letter issued from Deputy Commissioner, Ballari to the Sri Chandrashekar Gudi, Chief Project Director, Zilla Panchayat, Ballari District to conduct the public hearing **Annexure-4**.
5. The copy of the letter submitted by the Project Proponent to Deputy Commissioner dated:05-11-2020 regarding CSR activities is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.
6. Written 2 number of statement/objection from public participants is enclosed as **Annexure-6**.
7. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers and Hand bills on 02-01-2021 are enclosed as **Annexure-7**.
8. The copy of photographs of the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-8**.
9. The CD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-9**.



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