

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN THE PROJECT SITE AT SANGAM KALLUR VILLAGE, CHINCHOLI TALUK, GULBARGA DISTRICT ON 09-10-2013 AT 11.00 AM IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CEMENT PLANT FROM THE EXISTING 2.5MTPA TO 8.25MTPA, CAPTIVE POWER PLANT FROM EXISTING 30MW TO 160MW AND CAPTIVE LIME STONE MINE FROM EXISTING 4.00MTPA TO 10.00MTPA IN THE EXISTING CEMENT PLANT AND MINE AREA AT Sy. No.18-30,169-209,213,214,217-251 OF SANGAM K AND KALLUR VILLAGES, CHINCHOLI TALUK, GULBARGA DISTRICT BY M/S. CHETTINAD CEMENT CORPORATION LTD.**

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| 1) Venue of Public hearing  | : Premises of M/s.Chettinad Cement Corporation Ltd., Kallur Project, Sy.No.18-30,169-209,213,214,217-251, Sangam K & Kallur Villages, Chincholi Taluk, Gulbarga District |
| 2) Officers present   | : Details enclosed as Annexure -1  |
| 3) Representatives of the Project   | : Details enclosed as Annexure -2  |
| 4) Name of the Public participants  | : Details enclosed as Annexure-3   |
| 5) Written opinions/suggestions received in the Office and during the hearing | : Details enclosed as Annexure-4   |

**PREAMBLE:**

M/s.Chettinad Cement Corporation Ltd, Sy.No.18-30,169-209,213,214;217-251, Sangam K and Kallur Villages, Chincholi Taluk, Gulbarga District is an existing industry engaged in the manufacture of cement of capacity 2.5MTPA and captive power plant of capacity 30MW. Now, the industry has proposed for expansion of cement plant from the existing 2.5MTPA to 8.25MTPA, captive power plant from existing 30MW to 160MW and captive lime stone mine from existing 4.00MTPA to 10.00MTPA in the existing cement plant and mine area. As per the notification of Ministry of Environment and Forest, GOI dated: 14.09.2006, M/s.Chettinad Cement Corporation Ltd., has to obtain Environmental Clearance for its proposed expansion project from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi, and also it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public hearing.

Accordingly, MOEF has issued the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this project to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies. In view of the above, the Project Proponents have prepared the EIA report and Executive summary of the said Project in Kannada and English version which has been submitted to Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga in accordance with EIA notification. As per MOEF,GOI terms of reference(TOR) letter dtd. 21-04-2011 and request of the project proponent letter dtd.6-2-2013, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board. In accordance with the EIA Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing notification was published in leading news papers of Karnataka State, i.e. "Samyukta Karnataka", (Kannada) on

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8-9-2013, "Prajavani(Kannada)" on 9-9-2013 and "Times of India" (English ) on 8-9-2013 regarding the Project by inviting responses in writing from the concerned persons having a plausible stake in the environmental aspects of the project or activity within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification. Further, also, the draft Rapid Environment Impact Assessment(REIA) report and Executive summary are kept in the designated places like : Deputy Commissioner Office, Gulbarga, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Gulbarga, District Industry Centre, Gulbarga, Town Municipal Council, Chincholi, Gram Panchayat, Sangam K, Gram Panchayat, Kallur, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga, South Zone Office, MOEF, Bangalore and Help desk, KSPCB, Bangalore for public reference.

The Environmental Public Hearing was conducted on 09-10-2013 in the premises of **M/s.Chettinad Cement Corporation Ltd, Sy.No.18-30,169-209,213,214,217-251, Sangam K, Kallur Village, Chincholi Taluk, Gulbarga District. Sri Venkatesh Sanabal, Regional Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga** extended a warm welcome to **Dr. N.V.Prasad, Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga** who presided the public hearing, all the public, all the officials of different Departments, elected representatives and members and the staff of the project who were present. He briefly explained the need for Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and the Environmental public hearing as per the EIA notification and informed that accordingly publicity was given in the news papers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the public hearing and the documents kept for the public hearing. He requested the chairman of this environmental public hearing to preside over the public hearing and requested the public to interact and to discuss about the project and to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of both written record and videographed. He requested **Dr. N.V.Prasad, Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga** to Chair the Public Hearing meeting. He informed the project proponent to give brief power point presentation of the proposed project, there after the public who assembled in the meeting can express their opinion, suggestions and objections for the proposed project on environmental issues and accordingly, the proceeding will be drawn.

Representative of the proposed project made technical presentation in Kannada language on Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed project explaining the need of the project, its salient features, CSR activities and employment opportunities. A bird view of the Environmental technical data of the present and future was shown to the public gathered. The presentation made by the project proponent during hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-5**.

During the presentation about the proposed expansion project of **M/s.Chettinad Cement Corporation Limited** was being made, **Shri Deepak Nag, Shri Shetty, Shri Shivakumar Patil, Telkur and others'** of Sedam Taluk requested that the presentation should be completed quickly so that they can put forth their views. The representatives from nearby villages around Chettinad Cement raised objection on Sedam Taluk representatives expressing their objections to the said project as the unit is located in Chincholi Taluk. The presiding officer requested the public to allow the Public Hearing Process to go on in a peaceful manner and everyone will be given opportunity to express their views.

Accordingly, the gathered public expressed their views/suggestions about the proposed project. The following are the opinions and the suggestions expressed by the gathered public:-

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1. **Shri. Basavaraj Patil Sedam, Rajya Sabha MP**, requested the gathering to cooperate with the authorities to conduct the public hearing in a peaceful manner. He informed that the lack of infrastructure and amenities in the area need to be addressed. He urged the Deputy Commissioner and the Pollution Control Board Officials to give more attention to safeguard the environment before clearing this project. He also informed that Chettinad Cement was spending Rupee one (1%) of its profit during last year and now they proposed to spend Rupee two (2%) from this year onward. He demanded that the company shall give employment to everyone in the family of land-loosers of surrounding 15 villages of this project. He also urged the company to spend 50 % of CSR fund in surrounding villages, 25% for Chincholi Taluk and 25 % for the backward classes. He urged the company to educate local people by starting ITI College for local youth to get job opportunities and help for self employment as carried out by Rajashree Cement. This company is having 8 industries and is our good fortune that they have established their unit in Chincholi Taluk and the benefits from this plant should reach common man. He requested the Deputy Commissioner and the Government to stipulate suitable conditions to benefit the local people. Then he suggested special training for local women and youth for job opportunities. He requested that the permission be given for the project as per law.
2. **Shri Madhusudan Reddy, Kallur** informed that the industry has fulfilled 85 % of the promises made in the previous meeting and 13 persons were not given jobs as they are minors. The presentation made by the company about CSR activities have been completely implemented. By giving permission to the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit, the job opportunities and the basic amenities will be improved.
3. **Shri C.A Patil, District Congress Committee, Labour Department** recommended to impose certain conditions to this project and requested support for his views. He also requested for the clearance of this project. He said industrialisation will improve the surrounding villages. The unit is being operated for the past 3 years and local employment is not given. There are ITI and B.E., qualified youths in the area, who are not given jobs and the company has employed people from outside the state. Sarojini Mahishi Report should be implemented. In Vasavadatta Cement, a committee has been formed under Tahsildar, Sedam to look into employment for local people. In case non-availability of local technical people, outsiders can be employed. This is followed in Vasavadatta Cement and the same should be implemented in this factory also. Few land-loosers children were not yet given employment. They should be given employment. The jobs should be kept reserved for the land-loosers children who are not eligible now. The Air and Water monitoring should be carried out by the approved third party and the report should be submitted.
4. **Shri. Dattatreya Reddy, Block Congress Committee, Ex Sarpanch, Sangem K Village**, on behalf of his villagers and himself supported the project. He is happy about the company's activities.

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5. **Shri. Gampath Rao, Block Congress Committee, SC/ST Unit, Sangem K Village** informed that direct and indirect employment will increase because of this project and the said project should be supported.
6. **Shri Shivakumar Kolar, KPCC State Convenor** informed that he is satisfied with this project. The company has given employment to the surrounding people and supported for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit. He condemned the outsiders opposing the said project.
7. **Ms. G Sudharani, Chandapur Village** said Chincholi Taluk is a backward Taluk and this project will help to prosper economically and socially in this area. She supported the project.
8. **Shri Sanjeev Yakapur, Member Zilla Panchayat** informed that there are no negative effects from this project. He supported the project and requested permission to be given to the project within the frame work of law.
9. **Shri Shivsharana Reddy Shetty, Bhaktampalli village** welcomed the project as it is giving employment. He urged locals should be given employment by the company.
10. **Shri DeepakNag PunyaShetty, Member, Zilla Panchayat** said he is giving complaints against the company and submitting written representation. He informed that this project has been established in violation of Forest Act, Environment Protection Act, Wild Life Act, Water Act, Air Act. He informed that the industry has not taken permission from central empowered committee, central wildlife board, State wildlife board. He opposed the proposed project. He submitted written representation and the same is attached in **Annexure- 4**.
11. **Shri. Laxman Aounti, Advocate, Chincholi**, informed that there are hundreds of employment generation from this industry and due to this industry there is progress in all areas like social, economical and education, etc. Hence we should not oppose this project and should support the project. He requested the DC & PCB to give permission for the project.
12. **Smt Narmadha Venkata Reddy Patil** informed that the industry helped the surrounding people to a large extent and requested permission to be given for the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit.
13. **Smt Sowbagamma Matapathi** informed that due to this project, employment for youth, local people and women will be generated. She welcomed the project.
14. **Shri A S Korve, Vice President, Town Panchayat** requested permission from Deputy Commissioner as this project will generate employment for local people.
15. **Shri K M Bari, Ex Director, Water Board, Chincholi** supported the expansion project of Chettinad cement.

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- 16. **Shri Ramashetty Pawar, Taluk Banjara Samaja** informed that the industry has given water supply and carried out welfare activities in schools and Tailoring Training for women. He supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit.
- 17. **Shri Gopal Rao Kattimani, Ex -Taluk Panchayat Member** informed that unknowingly in the previous hearing we opposed this project. It was their misunderstanding. The industry has carried out welfare activities like water supply, toilets for village women, teachers for school, etc., There is prosperity due to industrialisation. He informed that we should not listen to some people who are objecting this project with vested interest. He requested permission for this project.
- 18. **Shri Abdul Bashir, Ex-Chairman, Taluk Panchayat** welcomed this project as their area is backward. Due to this project employment will be generated. There is no need to raise objections on our behalf by outsiders. He requested for local employment as their people are going outside for employment purpose. He requested Deputy Commissioner to encourage more industries in this area.
- 19. **Shri Raviraj Koravi, Chairman Zilla Koli Samaja** informed that this industry has given employment and identity for Chincholi Taluk in Gulbarga District. He requested for permission to this project
- 20. **Shri Vijaya Kumar Ghatage, Ex-Member Bhu Nyaya Mandali** informed that this industry has given employment and identity for Chincholi Taluk in Gulbarga District. He requested for permission to this 2<sup>nd</sup> unit.
- 21. **Shri Sudhakar Patil, Ex-President Grama Panchayat** informed that the industry has given employment and taken up developmental works. He said the industry employed 100 youths of surrounding area. He supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit.
- 22. **Shri Narasimha Pujari , Ex-Vice Chairman Taluk Panchayat** informed that unemployment problem has been solved, but health deteriorating, which should be noted. He urged need of good hospital and good drinking water facility. He requested for water filters for all villages and toilets for women. He requested Deputy Commissioner to direct industry to provide all these facilities.
- 23. **Shri Jagadeesh SinghThakur, Chandapur** spoken in support of the project and said no objection for this project. He urged for local employment
- 24. **Shri Gautham Bommanahalli, Bahujana Samajawadi Party** informed that this project should sustain for longer period. He urged the Deputy Commissioner and KSPCB to look into the interest of common man in the area . He opposed the project. He informed that they had bitter experience on closure of CCI Plant.
- 25. **Shri Amruth Rao Giri, Advocate,** informed that due to this industry the roads in the surrounding area are damaged and it takes 4 hours to reach from Gulbarga. There are deaths of birds and animals in Kuncharam Betta due to air pollution from this industry. The contents of the representation given by Shri Deepaknag PunyaShetty are true and the

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authorities should look into it. The industry has given only lower cadre jobs to local people.

26. **Shri Venkata Reddy, Ex-Chairman, Taluk Panchayat** spoken in support of the project. He requested for employment to locals, training to youth in motor rewinding. He urged training to women for employment and development of surrounding area. He requested permission to be given for 2<sup>nd</sup> unit
27. **Shri Abdul Rauf, Miriyan** informed that the industry has started only 1 ½ years back and it requires time to take up more developmental works. The industry has already taken up welfare activities. He supported this project.
28. **Shri Manik Rao Gulagunji, Advocate, Sulahpet** informed that industry has taken lands from the farmers at lower rates. He urged for more rates for the lands. He said environment is polluted, health is affected. There is no good hospital in the area and the industry has not given more employment. He urged for more employment and facilities. He asked industry to give the list of locally employed people.
29. **Shri Chandrasekhar Palled, Kallur village** informed that he has demanded for Rs. 5 lakhs for land, but it was finalised for Rs. 4.8 lakhs. He informed that he has demanded for local employment and accordingly, the company has given local employment and the company has trained 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> class passed youths and given employment in their factory. He supported the project and urged administration not to consider the objections given against the project.
30. **Shri Basava Raj Mali, Chincholi** informed that the chettinad factory has given benefits such as roads, water, employment, hence he requested permission for the 2<sup>nd</sup> project.
31. **Shri Chatrasekhar Patil, Chairman, Taluk Panchayat, Chincholi** informed that we have demanded to set up factories in Chincholi for the past 20 years as this is back ward area and youths were going to Bombay and Hyderabad for employment. This industry has given employment opportunity and also taken up welfare activity in the area, hence such project should be permitted.
32. **Shri Mukram Khan, Sedam** informed that he is not objecting the project, but he said whatever welfare activity, job opportunity given by the company is not sufficient, they should have taken up education of people in the area and set up good hospital in the area. During medical emergency they have to travel minimum 4 hours either to Gulbarga or Hyderabad for treatment. He demanded for orthopedic doctor and lady gynaecologist. Further he said the industry has installed advanced air pollution control systems like air cooled condenser, reverse air bag house, etc for air pollution control. He further demanded for repair of roads, local employment and education, etc.
33. **Shri Sanjiv Kumar Patil, President Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, Chincholi** demanded for permanent employment for contract employees and also requested for employment to ITI candidates.

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34. **Shri Shashikanth Adaki, Advocate, Chincholi** informed that he is not objecting the project but he demanded for development of more forest in the area. He informed that roads are damaged due to moment of heavy vehicles which is causing environmental pollution. He urged employment for experienced & educated local youths.
35. **Shri Ganapathi, Ganapur village** supported the project and he informed that there is direct and in direct employment in this industry and industry should give employment and take up welfare activities in the surrounding the villages.
36. **Shri Kanti Anil Kumar** supported the project as this project will generate more employment to the local areas. He informed that earlier the qualified local youths were going for employment to outside and they were paid only Rs. 9000/- which is very less. As this industry provides local employment, the youth will get employment locally and he requested for employment to local youths.
37. **Smt. Girija Revur, Gulbarga** informed that she is teacher in mentally challenged children school in Gulbarga and this is only school in the district. This industry has given all facilities to our school and they have even promised to provide bus to the school. She requested to support the industry.
38. **Shri Ramesh Pujari, Kallur** informed that he has passed ITI and applied for job 6 months back, but till now he has not given job. Hence, he requested for employment.
39. **Shri Veera reddy J.P** informed that due to this industry employment has generated for local people and he requested to give employment to remaining local people. He requested to give permission for 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
40. **Shri Gopal Rampure, Taluka Convenor , DSS** informed that due to this industry backward people will not get any benefit and this industry will cause more environment pollution and road damage. This industry should not be given permission.
41. **Shri Mohammed Moulana** supported the project.
42. **Smt Nagamani, Bhakthampalli** informed that she is not getting the job from the company. She requested for a job from the company.
43. **Shri Dasharath, Sangem K** requested for more local employment.
44. **Shri Chandrakanth, Chairman, Anvar Grama Panchayat** informed that the company has given employment for local youths and surrounding 7 villages support this project.
45. **Shri Syed Niyez Ali, President Taluka BSP** informed that the public are called to discuss about environmental issues from this company. The environment and forest got damaged in this area. He requested the authorities to direct the industry to take up more plantation and environment protection measures before giving clearance.

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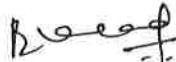
46. **Shri Anand Kumar Pujari, Kallur** informed that compared to other industries , this industry has taken better emission control measures. Still, they can take up additional measures and tree plantation.
47. **Shri Narasimhalu, Sangem, Ex Sarapanch** informed that for starting 2<sup>nd</sup> unit they have no objection. He also informed that the company has taken up good welfare activities.
48. **Shri Vijsy Kumar, Kallur** informed that the company has given job to them and has adopted advanced technology for pollution control. Earlier, they studied upto 6<sup>th</sup> standard, but the company has trained and employed them.He requested administration to give clearance to the company.
49. **Shri Yashwanth, Kallur** supported the project and informed that the company has given employment to local people and he requested to give permission to the company.
50. **Shri Venkata Reddy, Bhakthampalli** informed that he has passed only 9<sup>th</sup> Standard and the company has given training and employment in the company. There is no dust in the working area and they are working even without masks. He requested the authorities to give permission for the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit.
51. **Shri Shivayya Swamy Hanumapur** informed that there is no objection from him for the said project.
52. **Shri Shiva Reddy, Garagapalli** requested for all facilities for Garagapalli village.
53. **Shri Sharanappa Subash, Chandapur** informed that there is no problem of environment pollution and requested authorities to give permission for 2<sup>nd</sup> unit.
54. **Shri Jaggabayudu, Sangem** requested jobs for land-loosers.
55. **Shri Fakkirappa** informed that some of the land -loosers are not given jobs inspite of many requests made to the industry. He requested for a job.
56. **Shri Srinivasalu, Sangam** informed that what Shri Fakkirappa told is correct, but he misbehaved with the management and that delayed his job. He is working in the company on contract basis and is hopeful that management will regularise him during expansion.
57. **One of the Farmer ( Name not given)** informed that he lost his land , but the company has not given compensation. The presiding officer directed the concerned Tahasildar to sort out the issue.
58. **Shri Sunil Kumar, Sangem** requested for a job in the company and supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit of the company.
59. **Shri Amar Chahus, Bhakthampalli** informed that the company has given jobs to educated youth and he requested for training for remaining ITI holders and to give jobs for them.

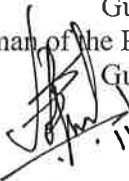
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60. **One Old Women (name not mentioned)** requested for compensation for the land. The presiding officer directed the concerned Tahasildar to sort out the issue.
61. **Shri Jayappa Chakul, Bhathampalli** informed that earlier the land litigation was in court and now it has been cleared. Now, he is ready to give the land, but the company is not taking. He informed that his land is getting polluted due to the company activity and he requested to solve the problem.
62. **One of the Contractor of the company (name not mentioned)** informed that earlier he was doing company contract work and the company has not made the payments.

Finally, Dr. N.V.Prasad, Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga informed the gathering that he is going to conclude the hearing as all the willing public had expressed their views. Accordingly, Sri Venkatesh Sanabal, Regional Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga concluded the meeting by thanking the public for their co-operation to the hearing. Further he informed that the proceedings of the hearing along with written representations, photos and video recording of the hearing will be forwarded to Ministry of Environment and Forest, GOI for further action.

  
Deputy Commissioner,  
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