

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 20-06-2016
AT 11:00 AM IN RESPECT OF M/S. J.R.SUPER CEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
ESTABLISHMENT OF 200 TPD CEMENT GRINDING UNIT TO MANUFACTURE OF
PORTLAND POZZOLANA CEMENT AT SY. NO.129/5A, 129/5B AND 129/5D OF JALIBER
VILLAGE, MUDHOL-TALUK, BAGALKOT DISTRICT**

Venue of the Public Hearing : Project site, Sy. No 129/5A, 129/5B and 129/5D,
Jalibera Village, Mudhol-Tq, Bagalkot-District.

Panel Members present :

1. Sri P A Meghannavar., IAS
Chairman- Environmental Public Hearing Panel
Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District.
2. Sri.M.P.Mullai Muhiglan, IAS
Assistant Commissioner, Jamakhandi Sub Division,
Jamkhandi
3. Sri. E. Prakash
Environmental Officer
Regional Office
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board,
Bagalkot

Representative of the project Annexure-I

List of the public participated: Annexure-II

PREAMBLE:

M/s. J.R. Super Cement has proposed to establish 200 TPD Cement Grinding Unit to manufacture of Portland Pozzolana Cement (PCC) Sy. No 129/5A, 129/5B and 129/5D, Jalibera Village, Mudhol-Tq, Bagalkot-District.

As per the EIA 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 SEIAA and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project site is held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner or an officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Department of Ecology and Environment Government of Karnataka, Bangalore letter dated: 14-08-2014 and the request of the Project proponent for the Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated: **15-03-2016**, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on **20-06-2016** at the Project Site, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "KANNADA PRABHA", English Daily Newspaper "TIMES OF INDIA" both dated: 21-05-2016 and in local daily Kannada News paper "SANJE DINAMAN" on 01-06-2016.

The suggestions / views / comments and objections of the interested bona fide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the Project site and are likely to be affected by the establishment were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc either orally or 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 this Notification.

The copy of the EIA draft 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:

- 1) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot
- 2) Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot
- 3) District Industries Centre, Bagalkot
- 4) The City Municipal Council, Mudhol, Mudhol-Tq, Bagalkot.-District
- 5) The Gram Panchayath Office- Jaliber Village, Mudhol-Tq, Bagalkot-District.
- 6) The Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- 7) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot
- 8) Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Bangalore.

As per the Board Office directions vide letter No. : KSPCB/305/HPI/2016-17/940 Dated: 20-05-2016, in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot a Technical Presentation by the Project Proponent as a pre-requisite necessity before the public hearing to enable to know the overall objectives & Environmental issues of the proposed project. Accordingly, the Regional Office KSPCB, Bagalkot arranged the Technical Presentation under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot on 18-06-2016 at 11.00 AM at Deputy Commissioner's Office regarding the establishment of 200 TPD Cement Grinding unit to manufacture of Portland Pozzolana Cement (PCC).

During the course of the technical presentation, the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot has expressed deep concern regarding the impact of the proposed project on the environment and raised the following points.

- Source and requirement of water for the proposed project with water balance sheet.

- The project proponents shall furnish the permission letter obtained from the concerned to draw the quantum of water from the Ghataprabha River.
- The raw material procured from large cement industries. If there are any agreement made with the cement industries for procurement of clinker and other raw material like fly ash from RTPC, Raichur.
- The details of transportation of raw materials like, Clinker, fly ash and gypsum to the site.
- The proposed health care facilities for workers.
- The measures taken to avoid any dust pollution from the proposed plant.
- Details of proposed green belt development in the unit and also to provide type of plants and number of plants to plant in the proposed site.
- Details of proposed Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

The Chairman of District Environmental Public Hearing Committee and the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot has informed the project proponent to incorporate the above points during the Public Hearing presentation.

On 20-06-2016, the day fixed for public hearing, Sri. E. Prakash, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot, all the public, all the officials of different departments, elected representatives and members and the staff of the industry who were present.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Govt. of Karnataka and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification, and informed that accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public Hearing and the documents kept for the Public. So far, no body had filed objections on the proposed project. He then requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing and invited the Public to interact and to give their views/opinion about the expansion of the project and to present all their submissions either in writing or orally.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel Bagalkot, verified the Notifications issued in the news papers and ascertained whether sufficient publicity has been made as required under the statute.

On behalf of the M/s, Bhagavati Ana Labs Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad the Environmental Consultant, presented the Power Point presentation of the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data, present scenario of existing environment in the project area, the impact of the project

on the environment, Environment Management Plan, measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection. The hard copy of the presentations made in the Public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Earlier the Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled on 28-11-2014, the same was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. Previously, the board had received the complaint from Jaliber villagers against the establishment of the proposed project. The copy of the same is enclosed as Annexure-IV.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel Bagalkot received 11 No's of written submissions in the hearing. Out of 11 Nos, 10 Nos expressed their favour to establish the industry & one was against the proposed establishment of the industry and the copies of the same are enclosed as Annexure- V. Most of the villagers who were present in the hearing strongly objected to the requisition given in favour to the project.

After the detailed presentation on the proposed establishment project, the Deputy Commissioner invited the public who were present at the meeting to express their comments/views/suggestions on the proposed expansion project. Accordingly, the following persons came ahead and expressed their views on the proposed expansion project.

1. Sri. Basavaraj.Lingappa. Teli, Jalaiber Village:

- From the proposed unit there may be problem to the yield of crops, cattle and to the public by water, air and noise pollution, due to this it is difficult to lead the life.
- He also informed that the proposal may have adverse effect on thousands of farmers.
- We have forming only one or two acres of land for cultivation.
- He informed that the natural nala is located adjacent to the proposed site which leads to water pollution in surrounding agriculture fertile land.
- He also informed that earlier we have made complaint against the proposed project to the concern department.
- He enquired the permission obtained from various departments for the establishment.
- He objected the proposed plant coming in this area.

2. Shri Govind Metagudd, Jaliber Village:

- He informed that from the proposed project will cause air pollution & also it becomes difficult to cultivate cane and vegetable crops & hence leads to crop loss.

- The proposed project will affect the Jaliber village farmers and he strongly opposed the project.

3. Shri. Govindappa, Jaliber Village

- He informed that the proposed site is not suitable as the proposed land is surrounded by irrigated fertile land, which leads to dust problem to the surrounding fields.
- He expressed his opposition to the Deputy Commissioner regarding the project.
- He also informed that the proposal may have adverse effect on thousands of farmers.

4. Sri. Irappa Hanchinal, Shirol Village.

- He informed that the villagers are not happy from the establishment of any of the industry from this area. He also informed that they have faced lot of problems from the nearby industries & it is mainly dust and water pollution. The cattle's are died by drinking polluted water and also eating fodder with dust.
- He informed that the proposed site is not suitable as the proposed land is surrounded by irrigated fertile land. Hence he suggested to find alternative land.
- By establishing one industry surrounding 100's of farmers should not be faced problem.
- He strongly objected the proposed plant coming in this area.

5. Shri. Hanamanth.Vasanth Sindhe, Mudhol:

- He informed that for establishment of any industry, the authorities should first conduct meeting with concerned departments and to verify the suitability of land.
- He asked the guidelines for development of green belt in the proposed project.
- He also informed that they have faced lot of problems from the nearby industries & it is mainly dust and water pollution. The cattle's are died by drinking polluted water and also eating fodder with dust.
- He strongly objected the proposed project.

6. Smt. Yamanavva Teli, Jalibera Village:

- She informed that we have forming only one or two acres of land for cultivation in the nearby areas.
- From the proposed unit there may be problem to the crops, cattle and to the public due to water, air and noise pollution, hence it will be difficult to lead the life.
- She strongly objected the proposed project.

7. Smt Sunanda Sampat Chavan, Jaliber Village:

- She strongly objected the proposed project coming in this area.

8. Smt. Iravva Ningappa Teli, Jaliber Village.

- She strongly objected the proposed project coming in this area.

9. Smt. Renuka Pakirappa. Jaliber Village:

- She strongly objected the proposed project coming in this area.

10. Smt. Parvatevva Hanamanath Teli, Jaliber Village

- She strongly objected the proposed project coming in this area.

11. Smt Geeta .Raju Teli , Jaliber Village

- She strongly opposed the proposed project for affecting their fertile land.

12. Sri. Hanamanth Amalajari

- After establishment of the industry, they will not provide proper pollution control measures, no green belt development
- During the summer, the availability of drinking water is a major problem & proposal of the industry will further increase the scarcity of water.
- He informed that there is no much scope for the employment, the project proponents are offering. Hence they are no interested in their employment.
- He also informed that two years back we have made complaint against this project.
- All the farmers in together should strongly object the proposed project.
- He also informed that the diseases like Asthma may arise by the cement industries.
- Nearby municipal solid waste disposal facility of CMC Mudhol leads to smell and smoke problem due to burning of the garbage.

13. Sri. Muttappa Komar. Vice President, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot:

- He strongly objected the requisition letters given in favour of the project by the public.
- He informed that, from some of the industries, they are facing the problems for discharging waste water in to the rivers.
- He informed that the water pollution by the industries leads to drinking water problem in the area and the concerned authorities are not taking any actions.

- The entrepreneurs before establishment of the industry have to take care of all precautionary measures.
- He requested the project proponent to select suitable alternate site for the project or any other dry lands.
- He strongly objected the proposed project as we have only one or two acres of land which can be used to grow sugarcane or vegetables to lead our livelihood.
- He further informed that the people near the Municipal Solid Waste disposal site, Mudhol are facing various problems like odour, smoke & hence he insisted the authorities to take appropriate action in this regard.

14. Shri. Shivu Teli, Mudhol:

- The industry is giving employment and paying a salary of about Rs. 5000/ month. This may be difficult to manage day to day life. If we had 1 or 2 acres of land, it is very easy to manage the life by growing vegetables.
- He strongly objected the proposed project.
- He further informed that the people near the Municipal Solid Waste disposal site, Mudhol are facing various problems like odour, smoke & hence he insisted the authorities to take appropriate action in this regard.

15. Shri. Suresh Shankarppa, Jaliberi Village.

- He questioned that what type of land is suitable for establishment of industries and are there any scientific guidelines.
- This area is having full of sugar cane growing fields. The proposed establishment may affect the vegetation.
- The proposed site is near to the Ghataprabha River.
- This project is strongly objected and we will lead the life growing vegetable crops.
- The establishment of the industry will increase the dust, smoke and noise pollution in the nearby areas.

16. Shri. Mahaningappa Holebasappa Teli, Jaliber Village:

- He strongly objected the project. The project proponent has to change the mind set and have to select alternative site for the proposed project.

17. Shri. Mahanatesh Yaragatti, Mudhol:

- By this proposed project, there may be issues regarding the health and it also affects the sugar cane and hence he expressed his strong objection for this project.

18. Shri. Girish Metri, Mudhol.

- The project proponent has distributed the pamphlets on suitability and advantages of the project. If there are no problems by the proposed project, the pollution control Board has to give their opinion.
- He strongly objected the proposed project.

19. Sri.Sampath Appaseth Chavan. Jaliber Village:

- He informed that they are facing smell, flies nuisance and difficult to take meals in their fields around the Municipal solid waste disposal site of Mudhol city.

20. Smt Sunand Sampat Chavan, Jaliber Village:(Second time)

- Lot of smell and flies nuisance from Municipal solid waste disposal site of Mudhol city.

21. Shri. Govindappa Narayan Chavan, Jaliber:(Second time)

- He informed that the dust from the proposed unit may affect the vegetable crops like onion and cucumber and this may invite asthma diseases.
- He strongly objected the proposed project in Jalaiber village.
- He questioned that on what basis the pamphlets were printed describing that there is no problem from the establishment of the industry.

22. Sri Ramesh Jamabagi, Jalliber Village:

- He informed that all the project proponents will start the industry saying it is a small industry but once after establishment, they keep on expanding the unit & tries to acquire extra land. Sometimes it becomes inevitable to the farmers that they have to sell the land for the industry authorities.
- Once the land is sold out to the industry, they will be dependent on the industry authorities & hence objected the proposed project.

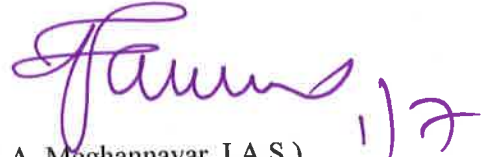
23. Sri. Kalmesh Rabakavi, Jaliber Village:

- He informed that they have given the objection two years back regarding the establishment of the industry.
- He also informed that the most of the villagers are illiterate & hence they are not aware of paper notification & requested for drum beats gram panchayat

The Deputy Commissioner clarified that, a notification was already published both in Kannada & English news papers & directed the Gram Panchayath to conduct drum beats for publicity before conducting the environmental public hearings.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkot, while addressing the meeting said that the appeals, suggestions and grievances of the Public have been recorded through video and the same would be made into CDs and the proceedings of the meeting, as it is, would be sent to the SEIAA, Department of Ecology and Environment Government of Karnataka for further action.

Thereafter, the Environmental public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks & hence the proceedings.



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Environmental Public Hearing Panel
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