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PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 30.09.2014 AT 11.00 A.M
IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CHROMITE MINES BY M/S MYSORE MINERALS
LIMITED.

Venue of Public Hearing : Mines Site, Tagaduru village, Channarayapatna Taluk,
Hassan District.

Officers Present

1. Dr. H.N. GopalaKrishna, KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan district, Hassan.
2. Sri.M. Lakshman, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Mysore Zone.
3. Sri.K.V.Shivakumar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional office, Hassan.
4. Miss. Thanzila. Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional office, Hassan.

Project Proponent:-

1. Sri. Sanjive Gowda, General Manager, Mysore Minerals Limited, Bangalore.

Public Participants : **Annexure – 1**

PREAMBLE:

M/s Mysore Minerals Limited is proposing to increase it's mining capacity of existing Tagaduru mines located at Tagaduru village, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District from 0.26 Lakh TPA to 1.062 Lakh TPA.

As per notification of Ministry of Environment and Forest, GOI, SO No. 1533 dated 14.09.2006, proposed project requires prior Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of

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Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi, and also it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at proposed project site. Accordingly the Public hearing was conducted at Project site, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District.

The Project proponent had prepared draft EIA report in accordance with term of reference (TOR) issued by MOEF, New Delhi. The Executive Summary of the said Project was also prepared in Kannada and English version. The project proponent have requested Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting Environmental Public Hearing as per EIA notification. As per MOEF, GOI terms of reference letter No. J-11015/ 212 /2009-IA-II(M) dated 17th December 2009 and as per the request of the project proponent, the Environmental Public Hearing notification was published in state level leading newspapers of "Vijaya Karnataka" (Kannada) and "Deccan Herald" (English) on 29.08.2014 and also in district leading Local News Paper "Janatha Madhyama" on 30.08.2014. The Executive summary of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports in Kannada and English were kept in the following designated places for public references.

1. Deputy Commissioner Office, Hassan District, Hassan.
2. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Hassan District,
3. Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Hassan.
4. Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Channarayapantna.
5. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Hassan.
6. Ministry of Environment & Forest, South Zone Office, Koramangala, Bangalore
7. Helpdesk, KSPCB, Ground Floor Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore – 560001.
Bangalore for Public reference.

As per the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District the Environmental Public Hearing was organized on 30.09.2014 at Project site of Tagaduru village, Channarayapantna Taluk, Hassan District.

Shri. K.V.Shivakumar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Hassan has extended a warm welcome to Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, other officers, project proponent and

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publics attending the Public Hearing. He also briefed the gathering about project, the need for Environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and Environmental Public hearing as per the EIA Notification, 2006. He informed gathering about the publicity given in leading state level and district level news papers 30days in advance about the public hearing and also briefed about proposed project to the public. He informed gathering that, executive summaries in Kannada and English were kept in selected places for public reference.

Sri. K.V. Shiva Kumar, Environmental officer requested Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District to Chair the Environmental Public Hearing meeting and conduct the Public Hearing. Chairman of the Public Hearing committee and Additional Deputy Commissioner welcomed all the members and local people for Environmental Public Hearing Meeting. He requested Public to file the objections in writing or orally before Public Hearing committee which will be a part of proceedings and video graph to be sent to Government of India. .

Chairman of Public Hearing meeting requested project proponent to make brief presentation of the project in Kannada to the assembled publics. Accordingly, Dr. Shanth A Thimmaiah, Director/EIA Co-ordinator of M/s Metamorphosis, Bangalore have made power point presentation in Kannada briefing details of the project and environmental problems that may occur due to the project and also mitigation measures proposed to counter them. After the presentation chairman requested the public to file their objections and suggestions.

The following are the objections, opinions and suggestions expressed by the gathered public.

1. L.K. Devraj, Geologist

He expressed that, due to mining authority activity in the area for last 20-25 years the ground water level has gone down and due to further expansion and continuation of existing mining activity will leads to further depletion of the ground water in the surrounding villages. He also expressed that, the yield of the agriculture

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crops will come down due to discharge of effluent from mining area. He requested for the CSR activities from the company.

The project proponent informed that, the chances of depletion of ground water is neglected as they are not going for deep mining. They also informed that, there will not be any effect on crop of surrounding agricultural field as their planning of precautionary measures to avoid dust generation of mining pit and surface run off from mining area.

2. Kempananje Gowda – Honnamaranahalli Village,

He demanded good roads for surrounding villages by M/s MML under their corporate social responsibilities. He demanded strengthening of Honnamaranahalli Village bridge which was damaged due to movement of over loaded mines vehicles.

He expressed that, there will be increase of noise nuisance due to mining and vehicular movement and also expressed that, there will be a depletion of ground water due to deep mining and also deforestation due to expansion of mining. He urged project proponent to take up over-all development of surrounding villages and also demanded for the compensation for 9 acres of agricultural land used by M/s MML for waste dump for last 20-30 years.

The project proponent informed that, the nuisance due to mining and vehicular movement will be minimized by mitigation measures. They also informed that, there will not be ground water depletion and deforestation as they are not going for underground mining and additional acquisition of land for expansion of the project.

3. L.P.Prakash, Advocate, Lakkarasannahalli Village.

He opposed expansion of existing mine. He demanded for infrastructure development of surrounding villages by project proponent under corporate social responsibility. He also demanded explanation from M/s MML authority about percentage of the profit allotted by M/s. MML for development of surrounding villages and also percentage of amount actually spent for development of

surrounding villages under CSR activity. He requested for fixing of boundary for 614 hectares of lease to M/s MML, by Revenue authorities.

The project proponent informed that, the matter will be discussed with management and decision on providing infrastructure under corporate social responsibility will be taken up.

4. Vijay Kumar, President Santheswara Grama Panchayath and Ranganatha Swami Temple Trustee.

He informed that, the Ranganatha Swami Temple which is near by to the mining area is getting damaged due to mining activity and also requested for construction of Samudhaya Bhavan at temple premises by MML. He also requested the MML authorities to maintain the buffer zone of around 300mtrs around the hill.

5. T.C. Manjunath –Thagadur villager.

He informed that, the ambient Air quality sampler was kept in temple due to which the representative sample may not be collected by the project proponent. He also questioned why temple was selected as a station for collection of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring.

6. L.K. Indresh – Farmer Grama Panchayath President , Tagaduru.

He demanded for fixing up of boundary of mines lease area of Tagaduru mines. He also demanded for infrastructure development of surrounding villages especially Lakkarasanahalli which is neglected by M/s MML. He requested for giving water stored in existing mines pit for agriculture activity of surrounding villages.

7. T.N. Basavaraj – Tagaduru villager.

He objected expansion of existing mine as it is going to create Environmental damage and also nuisance to surrounding villages. He demanded for Asphalt road to Tagaduru village.

8. S.R. Manjunath, Siddarahatti village.

He informed that, the project proponent have dumped waste dumps from mining activity in 9 Acres of private land belonging to farmers of near by village due to which farmers could not able to cultivate their land for last 30 years and informed that the land is no more a cultivable land because of waste dump . He also informed that M/s MML has not given compensation to the farmer in spite of repeated representations.

He expressed that, permission for expansion of mining may be given or allowed only after the development of infrastructure of surrounding villages by the company under CSR.

The chairman of the meeting informed that, the case will be examined through Revenue department and requested farmers to submit their land details and previous letter correspondence to the district administration to take appropriate action.

9. M.P. Basavaraj – Farmer, Lakkarasannahalli Village.

He demanded for surveying of surrounding villages by district administration to verify infrastructure development taken up by M/s MML. also informed that, even though M/s MML is engaged in mining activity in the area since last 30 years they have not contributed for development of the surrounding villages.

He also demanded for rejuvenation of Rayara kaval village tank as it is important water body in the region.

10. Basavaraj – Taluk Panchayat President, Obalapur Village.


He expressed his views about the basic requirement to all the nearby villages and he suggested that, 2% of the total production amount should be earmarked for development of surrounding villages under corporate social responsibility of the company. He also demanded details on total production value during previous mining period and amount spent for development of surrounding villages in that previous years.

The project proponent informed that, the representation may be submitted including requirement of development activities to the surrounding villages and he informed that, same will be placed before management for necessary action.

In the concluding remarks the chairman, Dr. H.N. Gopalakrishna thanked the public for peaceful meeting and valuable suggestions and informed the public that their suggestion or objections will be forwarded to concerned for necessary action and also requested public to extend their co-operation which is essential for Public interest and also for future development of the district. He concluded the meeting with vote of thanks.

Date: 26/11/2014

Place: Hassan.


Additional Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan and
Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee,
Hassan District. 