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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPANSION OF CEMENT PLANT FROM EXISTING 0.066 MTPA TO 1.00 MTPA, AND CAPTIVE LIME STONE MINING FROM EXISTING 0.12 MTPA TO 1.45 MTPA IN THE EXISTING CEMENT PLANT AND MINE AREA AT VARIOUS SURVEY NUMBERS IN MALKHED VILLAGE, SEDAM TALUK, GULBARGA DISTRICT OF M/S SOUTH INDIA CEMENTS LIMITED.

DATE: 09.06.2014

TIME: 11.00 AM

VENUE: At Project Site, Sy.No. 367, Malkhed Village, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Gulbarga

M/S South India Cements Limited, Malkhed Village, Sedam Taluk, Gulbarga District, has proposed for the expansion of Cement Plant from 0.066 MTPA to 1.00 MTPA, and Captive Lime Stone Mining from existing 0.12 MTPA to 1.45 MTPA in an area of 64.73 Hectares.

Details of the Project Location:

ML No. 1684, Sy. No. 367, Malkhed Village, Sedam Taluk, Gulbarga District.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF, Government of India, 14-09-2006 and subsequent amendment dated 01-12-2009.

Public Hearing Panel:

Public Hearing Panel		
1	Dr. N.V. Prasad, I.A.S. Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga District	Chairperson

Officers of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

1. Shri. Gopal Krishna Sanatangi, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Bellary.
2. Shri. Diwakar. D, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Gulbarga.

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REPRESENTATIVE OF M/S. SOUTH INDIA CEMENTS LIMITED, GULBARGA

1	Shri V.V.S.R. Anjanayalu	Managing Director
2	Shri N. Umashankar	Director
3	Shri P. Sitaramayya	General Manager
4	Shri Sri Hari	Technical Director
5	Shri. Yagnayya	Sr. Manager HRD
6	Shri Laxmi Narayana	PRO
7	Shri Rama Rao	Store Manager

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is a prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the chairmanship of an officer not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Terms of Reference letter dated 05-11-2011 and 12-11-2013 and the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter 23-01-2014, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 09-06-2014 at the Project Site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "Samyukta Karnataka" and English daily news paper "Times of India" on 09th May, 2014 and local daily "Praja Vani" on 10th May, 2014. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited. Affected people could send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc., either orally or written or through e-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman,

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Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification.

The copy of the EIA draft report and executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English have been placed at the following places for the references to the General Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga.
2. Office of the Chief Executive officer, Zilla Panchayath, Gulbarga.
3. District Industries Centre, Gulbarga.
4. Town Municipal Council, Sedam, Gulbarga District.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Malkhed Village.
6. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga.
7. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India Bangalore.
8. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church street, Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel, Gulbarga verified the Notifications issued in the newspapers and ascertained whether the sufficient publicity had been made as required under the statute.

On 09th June, 2014, Shri. Diwakar. D, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga, all the publics, the officials of different departments, elected representatives, members and the staff of the Company and media who were present on the occasion. He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification. He 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 Hearing. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing, and requested the public to interact and to discuss about the project and

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to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of both written record and entire proceedings is Videographed.

He requested Dr. N.V. Prasad, Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga District to start the proceedings.

Dr. N.V. Prasad, Deputy Commissioner, briefed the audience about the Public Hearing and explained the procedure of conducting the Public Hearing. He also informed the gathering to express their views/comments/objections pertaining to the environmental aspect on the proposed expansion of Cement Plant and Limestone mining project. If there is any environmental impact, those affected should express their objection/suggestions either verbally or by representation in writing without any hesitation. The Chairperson asked the Industry representative to provide a brief technical presentation on the proposed project.

Dr. Shanth Thimmayya, Project Consultant gave a presentation in Kannada language and explained in detail regarding the project and suitable measures to be taken up on the proposed expansion of mining project and to measures to mitigate environmental pollution problems as per the REIA and Environment Management Plan. He explained the existing scenario of the Company, scope of the proposed expansion of Cement and Limestone mining project, its impact on Air, Water, Noise, Soil Environment, Socio Economic Status of the area, technical details such as production, consumption of water and waste water generation, availability of land and sources of pollution and measures proposed to mitigate the impact. He informed that suitable precautionary measures would be taken during commissioning of the proposed expansion of Cement and Limestone mining project, based on the Environment Management Plan. He also explained the Company's vision towards its Corporate Social Responsibilities. Copy of the presentation is enclosed as Annexure-1.

Thereafter, Sri Diwakar.D, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Gulbarga informed the public to place their

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Views/Comments/Objections as related to environmental issues on the proposed expansion of Cement and Limestone mining project.

The following persons expressed their submissions/views/suggestions/comments:

1) Sri. Turabul Haq, Retd. Govt. Servant, Malkhed Village

He expressed that he is a retired Govt. Servant from Andhra Pradesh and resident of Malkhed Village, and that he only pose 2 questions to the management regarding the presentation.

In the presentation it is reported that 100 numbers employment would be given to the locals, whereas you have informed that only 50 people would be employed.

The other point in the report , it is reported that 100 lakh rupees would be used for village development whereas during presentation that only 50 lakhs rupees would be spend. Breakup of money to be used under village development activities shall be let known.

The project consultant replied that 50 people would be employed for mining activity and other 50 people would be employed in the cement plant.

2) Sri. Syed Ashraq Ahmed, Malkhed Village

He expressed that the difficulties in getting employment in neighboring cement industry and also expressed that industry management while establishing new industry would provide plantation and stop pollution. However the road leading to cement plant has got very few plantation and how this would stop pollution. He also expressed that he had attended interview and till now is not employed any where. The management expresses that employment would be given to only local people, whereas most of the time outsiders are employed and if employment is given to every house hold 90% of the unemployment would be solved.

3) Sri. Nagaraj Diggaon, Diggaon Village

He expressed that good motorable road , Water supply and lighting should be provided to surrounding villages.

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4) **Sri. Md. Moinuddin Mansbadar, President, Karnataka Pradesh Janata Dala (S),**

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He expressed that this is a 30 year old company wherein managements have changed frequently and now new management has taken over by Andhra people for expansion. In addition to this industry 2 plants namely M/s Orient Cements & M/s Shree Cements are also coming up in vicinity and going to have impact on the Environment. He also expressed that the REIA report prepared is faulty and the name of the people who have prepared the report is not printed.

He also expressed that the industry has gone to BIFR claiming it is sick industry. He also informed the committee that tax dues to the Panchayat and other dues of GESCOM, Royalty from mines, Employees PF dues has not been remitted by the previous managements. He also expressed that if there any employed people in the company it is from Andhra Pradesh. This has to be stopped and local employment should be given as well as road maintenance under taken.

5) **Sri., Basawaraj Patil, P.C.D Bank Director, Sedam**

He expressed that the public hearing being held was not know to any body and have learned from others and attending now. He also expressed that always company take water from over villages and do mining in our soil but do not provide any thing to the villages and also provide false assurances of providing employment. No local employment is given. In this regard employment should be provided at Gram Panchayat level, Taluka level and district level.

6) **Sri. Rajashekar V. Puranik, Ex. Gram Panchayat Member, Malkhed**

He expressed that there was no intimation of the public hearing to be held and was informed by others. In the hearing that management had expressed that employment would be provided to 100 people whereas employment shall be provided to at least 50 to 60 people under chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner.

The management has also expressed that Rs. 100 lakhs had been outlayed for village development. This village development works should be taken up with prior permission from elected representatives.

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7) Smt. Shahajaha Begum, Sy.no. 366, Malkhed

She expressed that she is a widow and has two children and for livelihood depend on Sy.No. 366 and land should be returned to her.

8) Sri. Rajshekhar Katti, Social Worker, Malkhed

He expressed dissatisfaction about already established cement companies not committing to the assurances already given in the earlier hearings and hence the companies should not be trusted. Local employments to locals is not given and infrastructure facilities like Schools, good roads and clean water not provided. Hence this company should provide infrastructural facilities in surrounding villages with approval of Gram Panchayat and also 1 lakh trees/year should be planted and dues payable to Govt. Such as tax PF etc., should be remitted.

9) Sri. Ashok Kumar. N.S, Social Worker, Malkhed

He posed two questions to the industry management. 1. Whether the established company land has been acquired by KIADB and whether tax has been remitted? 2. When did the company start operations?

The Director Sri, Uma Shankar replied that the land comes under jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat and land has been acquired by KIADB and company has started operations during March-2014 and no tax has been remitted.

Sri, Ashok Kumar replied that since tax has not been paid since 30 years action should be initiated for which the Deputy Commissioner requested him to give the details in writing.

10) Sri, Ratan Kumar Rathod, Gram Panchayat Memembr, Malkhed

He expressed that Permission should be given to the company for expanding its activities and employment should be taken from local Gram Panchayats.

11) Sri. Mukram Khan, Karnataka Pradesh Janata Dal (S) Labour Committee, Sedam

He expressed that this is a small company compared to other big companies and which has to be renovated for which co-operation should be extended by the public and also to install the latest advanced pollution control equipments such as the fogging

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system. He also expressed that Pollution Control Board is conducting monitoring and the monitoring should be extended to surrounding villages so that the extent of dust pollution can be known. Health camp surveys should be carried out in the surrounding villages so as to ascertain the cause of diseases for which preventive measures can be taken. He wanted to know as in how many Kms study is done for which Environmental officer, Gulbarga replied that Rapid EIA studies are carried out in 10 Kms radius.

He also requested the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga for conducting survey based on Dr. Sarojini Mahishi report on which locals have to be taken for employment. He also wanted the company to provide Ambulance and Doctors facilities to surrounding villages. Also School/Polytechnic should be provided.

Deputy Commissioner informed the management that more thrust should be given to CSR activities and employment to local people and implementation of Dr. Sarojini Mahishi report.

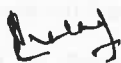
During the Environmental Public Hearing following written memorandums were received;-

1. Sri. Deepaknag Shashidhar Punyshetty, Ex President & ZP Member, ZP, Gulbarga, Post: Aiyonalli, Tq: Chincholli, Dist: Gulbarga - Annexure-3.

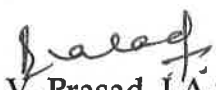
Sri. Diwakar D, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Gulbarga while thanking the participants he informed that the views/suggestions/objections raised by the participants is recorded and forwarded to Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India for their consideration.

The whole proceedings of 09-06-2014 have been videographed in accordance with EIA Notification dtd.14-9-2006.

The particulars contained in the annexure to the proceedings public hearing held on 09-06-2014 pertaining to M/s. South India Cements Limited.



1. The hard copy of the presentation is enclosed as Annexure-1.
2. The list of participants who attended the public hearing is enclosed as Annexure-2.
3. Memorandum received from Sri. Deepaknag Shashidhar Punyshetty, Ex President & ZP Member, ZP, Gulbarga, Post: Aiyonalli, Tq: Chincholli, Dist: Gulbarga - Annexure-3.



(Dr. N.V. Prasad, I.A.S)
Deputy Commissioner

And Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Gulbarga, Karnataka



