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## PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS & RESPONSES

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 10.02.2017 AT 12:30 PM IN CONNECTION WITH THE "M/S. HUTTI GOLD MINES CO. LTD. PROPOSED TO PRODUCE COPPER ORE OF CAPACITY 172 TPD (NORTH BLOCK) IN AN AREA OF 157.83 HECTARES BY UNDERGROUND MINING METHOD AT KUNCHIGANAHAL VILLAGE, CHITRADURGA TALUK AND DISTRICT .**

1	Place of Environmental Public Hearing	Premises of Grama Panchayath Office, Ingaldal Grama Panchayath Chitradurga Tq and Dist.
2	Presiding Officer	M.K. Srirangaiah I.A.S. Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga Dist. and Presiding Officer of Environmental Public Hearing.
3	Officers Present	As Annexure-1
4	Representatives of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Ltd	As Annexure-2
5	List of Public participated	As Annexure-3
6	Copy of power point presentation	As Annexure -4

### **PREAMBLE :**

M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., has proposed to produce copper ore of Capacity 172 TPD (North Block) in an area of 157.83 Hectares by underground mining method at Kunchiganahal village, Chitradurga Taluk and District. The project authority has to obtain Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF), Government of India as per EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009) and required to go through Environmental Public Hearing as per Terms Of Reference (TOR) vide letter No. J-11015/445/2012-I.A. II (M), dated 13.04.2016. The project proponent has requested the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board dated 28.09.2016 to conduct Environmental Public Consultation / Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification, 2006.



As per the guidelines stipulated in the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has initiated action. The Board has issued the paper Notification on 10.01.2017 in leading News papers "The Hindu (English), "Prajavani" (Kannada) and "Suddi Giduga" in the local Kannada daily on 11.01.2017. For wide publicity, handouts were circulated to the residents of Kuchhiganahal Village, the Project Development Officer of Ingaldal Grama Panchayath Office was apprised about Public Hearing and informed them to publicize the Hearing to facilitate local residents, Environmentalist and the public who are directly and indirectly affected by the project to submit their objections through E-Mail/ in writing to the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Chitradurga / Presiding Officer of Environmental Public Hearing (Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District ) or orally during the time of Public Hearing.


#### **PROCEEDINGS:**

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, the Public Hearing was conducted at Premises of Grama Panchayath Office, Ingaldal Grama Panchayath Chitradurga Tq and Dist. (near Project site) on 10.02.2017 at 12:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Sri M.K. Srirangaiah, Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga Dist. and Presiding Officer was assisted to conduct Public Hearing by Sri M.K. Prabhudev, Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Divisional Office, Chitradurga.

Sri. B.S. Murulidhara, Environmental Officer, Chitradurga welcomed Deputy Commissioner, Officials, representatives of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., Public, Media Persons and all other representatives from different organization and general Public and informed the purpose of the Public Hearing. He informed the gathered public to express their views/ opinions either in writing or orally about the proposed project with respect to Environmental angle. It is brought to the notice of presiding Officer that, The Regional Office, Chitradurga has not received any submissions till 10.02.2017.

Further he requested the Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to conduct Public Hearing.



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The Presiding Officer informed the representative of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., to make power point presentation on the projects including Environmental issues (impact on Environment). On behalf of M/s. Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., Sri Raghav, Consultant of the Bhagavathi Ana labs Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad 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 and CSR activities. Further he has informed that, the method of mining is underground Mining method with manual / semi mechanized method. The hard copy of the presentations made in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-04**.

After the completion of presentation, the Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga requested the public to submit their suggestions, views, comments and objections through oral or written to the Pressing Officer. Accordingly the members and the Publics namely Sri Dore Swamy, Sri S. Lakshman Murthy and Sri Shantha Kumar have submitted written submission to the Presiding Officer **Annexure-05**.

Further, following publics have expressed their views as follows:

1. Sri. Thippeswamy S/o Penne Thimmaiah resident of Ingaladal Village, Chitradurga Taluk and Dist.


He has expressed that, vehicle movement will generate the dust all along the mine road causes damage to the road edges and also impact over the health of children of the village.

Further he expressed his grievance that, due to the closing of Operation of above said mines created unemployment and requested to give compulsory job for each family.

2. Sri. P.O.Thimmaiah S/o Mooso Obaiah resident of Ingaladal Village, Chitradurga Taluk and Dist.

He has expressed that, the M/s. Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., has started its operation during 1967-68 and stopped its operation since 1994 and we become unemployed and then requested the Mining Authority to restart the mining activity.

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Further he expressed the noise generated from the wind mill which is established and operating in the Mining Area and requested the mining authority to take Control measures to mitigate the noise.

**3. Sri. Thippeswamy S/o Guraiah resident of Ingaladal Village, Chitradurga Taluk and Dist.**

He has expressed his views by remembering, many times mining authority has given assurance to restart the mining operation but not yet started till date. He requested the mining authority to restart mining operation by maintaining the roads in good conditions and by providing employment to the nearby villagers and has no objection for mining if the mining company provides the job opportunity.

**The Deputy Commissioner concluded the meeting with the following.**

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Chitradurga, greeting all the members of District Officials, Public Representatives, Project proponent, technical representatives, NGO members, Media, Publics etc for attending the Public Hearing and addressed the importance of the Environmental Public Hearing.

He addressed the importance and objective of Environment Public Hearing, as per the EIA notification, 2006 before starting the proposed mining operation, M/s. Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., need to explain the details of the proposed project at the platform of Environmental Public Hearing. The attended public will be given opportunity to express their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc orally or written. Later platform created to discuss/resolve the raised suggestions, objections, grievances, etc openly with the Project proponent.

Accordingly, as per the procedure of this Public Hearing, the Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga has explained the purpose of Environmental Public Hearing for the proposed mining operation. Consequently, the representative of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., explained the details of the proposed project, Location, Environmental Impact Studies, Management Plan, CSR activities, etc were explained and brought over as a power point presentation.

Opportunity was given to the publics to express their suggestions, objections, grievances etc. Accordingly few publics expressed their views and suggestions etc.






In continuation to the answers given to the public's views, M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., Chitradurga has obtained mining leases in the jurisdiction of Chitradurga District. Since the expiry of mining lease validity, the mining authority has to renew mining leases. Hence Environmental Public Hearing is conducted.

- By answering to the views of Sri Thippeswamy S/o Penne Thimmaiah, if mining activity starts, the nearby villagers are benefited and mining authority will consider nearby villagers during staff requirement. He assured to the villagers that, the project for construction of road which connects the Ingaldal Village to the NH-4 is under discussion and will be considered with priority.
- By answering to the views of Sri P.O. Thimmaiah S/o Mooso Obaiiah, regarding the stoppage of mining activity for the last 20 years, there was lack of demand for Copper during that time, so mining authority has stopped its mining operation.

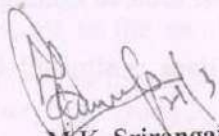
The Ingaldal Village is situated between the hills and at a distance of about 1KM from dumping yard of above said mining lease area, hence there is less probability of dust pollution.


- By answering to the views of Thippeswamy S/o Guraiah, exemployee of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., because of financial loss of the company, the mining authority have terminated the working employees under voluntary retirement scheme. If the same company restarted its mining operation, the employees of nearby villages will be given preference during requirement of the staff.

At last, Chairman strictly directed the project Proponent to abide with the declaration made in power point presentation and to hold responsible in implementing all the proposed measures without fail. Also, expressed that, if the Proponent failed to keep up the declaration, then chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee will stand on behalf of Public and will take necessary action for the betterment of public. In all the above, Chairman ended his words conveying with warm regards to all District Administrative Officials, Public Representatives, Project proponent, technical Representatives, NGO members, Media, Public, etc whoever attended the meeting, holding their patience and cooperated to execute this Environmental Public Hearing in smooth and soft way.

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At the end, the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Chitradurga has bid the vote of thanks to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District, Chitradurga, the Regional Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga, the Tahasildar, Hosadurga, and other Officials, the Management and Staff of Industry. He also extended thanks to the public, media friends and Police staff for the support during course of Environmental Public Hearing.

  
**M.K. Srirangaiah I.A.S.**  
**Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga Dist.**  
**And Presiding Officer of**  
**Environmental Public Hearing.**

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### Public Consultation


Project Proponent	M/s The Hutti Gold Mines Co Ltd
Project	250 TPD Copper Ore Mining
ML No	1125 – North Block
Date of Public Hearing	10.02.2017
ML Area & Location	157.83 Ha Kunchiganahal Village, Chitradurga Taluka & District, Karnataka
Location of Public Hearing	Premises of Grama Panchayath Office, Ingladal Grama Panchayath Chitradurga Tq and Dist.
PH Advertisement	10.01.2017 English – The Hindu Kannada – Prajavani 11.01.2017 Local Kannada Paper "Suddi Giduga"
Members Present	M.K. Srirangaiah I.A.S. Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga Dist.  Sri M.K. Prabhudev Regional Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga  Sri. B.S. Murulidhara Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga

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### Public Hearing Issues, Response, Action Plan and Time Frame along with Financial Budget

S. No	Issue	Proponent Response	Action Plan	Time Frame & Budget
1.	<p>Sri. Thippeswamy S/o Penne Thimmaiah resident of Ingaldal Village, Chitradurga Taluk and Dist</p> <p>He has expressed that, vehicle movement will generate the dust all along the mine road causes damage to the road edges and also impact over the health of children of the village. Further he expressed his grievance that due to the closing of operation of above said mines created unemployment and requested to give compulsory job for each family.</p>	<p>Representative of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd.,</p> <p>He assured to the villagers that, the project for construction of road which connects the Ingaldhal Village to NH-4 is under discussion and will be considered with priority.</p> <p>If mining activity starts, the nearby villagers will be benefited and mining authority will consider nearby villagers during staff requirement'.</p>	<p>Dust suppression along the mine haulage roads.</p> <p>Grading of haul roads from adit to beneficiation plant time to time</p> <p>Regular maintenance of transport roads</p> <p>Construction of Road connecting Ingaldhal village to NH-4</p>	<p><b><u>Time Frame:</u></b> Within 0 – 3 months after opening of Mine</p> <p><b><u>Budget:</u></b> Rs 10.00 Lakhs is earmarked as capital budget and Rs 6.00 Lakhs as annual recurring budget is earmarked for Environmental Pollution Control.</p> <p><b>For Road Construction</b></p> <p><b><u>Time Frame:</u></b> Already under discussion with Statutory authorities</p> <p><b><u>Budget:</u></b> Separate budget will be provided after finalizing with the statutory authorities.</p>
2	<p>Sri. P.O.Thimmaiah S/o Mooso Obaiah R/o Ingaldal Vill, Chitradurga Taluk and Dist</p> <p>He has expressed that, the Hutti Gold Mines Co Ltd., has</p>	<p>Representative of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd.,</p> <p>It was informed that due to lack of demand for</p>	<p>Dust suppression along the mine haulage roads.</p> <p>Grading of haul roads from adit to beneficiation plant time to time</p>	<p><b><u>Time Frame:</u></b> Within 0 – 3 months after opening of Mine</p> <p><b><u>Budget:</u></b> Rs 10.00 Lakhs is earmarked as capital budget and Rs 6.00 Lakhs as annual</p>



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3	<p>Sri Thippeswamy S/o Guraiah R/o Ingaldal Vil , Chitradurga Tq &amp; Dist</p> <p>He has expressed his views by remembering, many times mining authority has given assurance to restart the mining operation but not yet started till date.</p>	<p>Representative of M/s Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd.,</p> <p>It was informed that due to lack of demand for Copper the mine was closed from 1994 and is now in the process of re-opening the mine.</p>	<p>Apart from providing employment in the mines it is also proposed to undertake vocational training program for the villagers so as to enable them to undertake self-employment</p>	<p><b><u>Time Frame:</u></b> Within 0 – 3 months after opening of Mine</p> <p><b><u>Budget:</u></b> Rs 4.00 Lakhs is earmarked as capital budget and Rs 2.00 Lakhs as annual recurring budget is earmarked for economic developmental activities.</p>

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