

**PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING ON M/s.KALYANI STEELS LTD.,
HELD ON 28-03-2015 @ PROJECT SITE, GINIGERA-VILLAGE, KOPPAL TQ & DIST.**

Presided by : Sri R.R. JANNU, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Koppal - Dist.

Officers Present : 1. Sri.Gopal Krishna Sannathangi, SEO(I/c), Divisional Office, KSPCB, Bellary.
2. Sri. B.Rudresh, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Koppal.
3. Sri.H.Hanumanthappa, AEO, Regional Office, Koppal

Industry Representative & Public present: Enclosed Vide **Annexure - I & II.**

PREAMBLE:

M/s. Kalyani Steels Limited, Ginigera – Village limits of Koppal- Taluk & Dist has proposed to expand its existing facility of 0.7 MTPA Hot Metal & 0.3 MTPA Rolled Product to Intergrated Iron & Steel plant of capacity 1.4 MTPA Crude Steel.

The proposed product details after expansion shown below:

Sl.No	Product	Annual Production (MTPA)
1	Crude Steel *	1.4 MTPA
1.1	Long Products (Blooms, Billets, Rounds)	1.3 MTPA
1.2	Cast Ingots (As cast and rolled)	0.10 MTPA

*Note: 1.4 MTPA Crude Steel will be sold either in 'As Rolled' condition (after Rolling) or in "As Cast" condition.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, the above said project is required to obtain Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, New Delhi. In order to obtain EC from Ministry, conducting Public Hearing is mandatory as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

The Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, New Delhi before considering the issue of Environmental Clearance has issued Terms of Reference (TOR) to the project proponent and also to go through procedure of public hearing. The project proponent approached the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board vide letter dated 11.02.2015 requesting to conduct public hearing.

The Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Koppal after consulting with the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal scheduled the said public hearing on **28.03.2015**. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board as per the procedure laid down in the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, issued the public Notice 30 days in advance in the National News Papers.

Which was published in **Samyukta Karnataka**, Kannada daily on **27-02-2015** and in **Deccan Herald**, English daily on **27-02-2015** and also in the local daily **Nagarika** dated **05-03-2015** inviting suggestions, views, comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project within 30 days from the date of publication of the said notification. In addition to this, Board has also uploaded the details of the project in its web site <http://kspcb.gov.in>. Copies of News Paper Advertisements are enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

As published in the public notification, the Executive Summary of the project both in Kannada and English, Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment (REIA) Report are kept in the following Office premises for the reference of the general public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal
2. Office of The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Koppal
3. Office of the Joint Director, Dept of Industries and Commerce, Koppal
4. Office of the Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Koppal
5. Office of the Village Panchayath, Halavarthi Village, Koppal
6. Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Koppal.
7. Regional Office, South Zone, MoEF, Bangalore.
8. Help Desk, KSPCB, Bangalore.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING :

At an outset Sri. B.Rudresh, the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Koppal, welcomed the Presiding Officer cum Deputy Commissioner, Koppal-District, Officers, Industry representatives and public who attended the meeting and also briefed about the purpose of conducting Environmental public hearing. Further, he also briefed the activities proposed by M/s. Kalyani Steels Ltd., Ginigera-village, Koppal - Tq & Dist and requested the Presiding Officer cum Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District to conduct the hearing.

The Deputy Commissioner consented the project proponent to brief the proposed activities.

Accordingly Sri. Pandurangi - Engineer from M/s MN Dastur & Company (P) Ltd., Consulting Engineers, Kolkata briefed the following points about the project in local Kannada language:

- About the process involved in the production of Crude Steel & Cast Ingots.
- Details of base line data collected.
- Impact on Water, Air, and Soil and to the surrounding Flora and Fauna due to the proposed project.
- Environmental Management Plan proposed by the company.
- Corporate Social Responsibilities of the company.

The Deputy Commissioner, while addressing the Public gathered sought the suggestions, views, comments and objections if any, against or for on the proposed project activities.

The Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Koppal has appealed the gathering, only affected persons of the area need to give their opinion, suggestions or objections on this project without any hesitation, since it is open public consultation, the persons who are interested to submit their opinions in writing is also accepted. It was also informed to give their name, place, address before opinion in order to record in the minutes of the meeting.

Views/ Comments / Suggestions / Objections raised by the public :

1) Sri. Goolappa s/o Dyamappa Haligeri, Grama Panchayath-Member, Ginigera-village, Koppal:

- The up-coming expansion project proposed by M/s Kalyani Steels Ltd, in the Ginigera-village limits will boost up the various employment opportunities for the local un-employed educated youths.
- The company shall have to take care of the local public needs by providing drinking water, road and other community facilities.
- The company shall have to consider local villagers grievances and same shall be fulfilled.
- The proposed expansion project activities will not cause any adverse impact on the villagers.
- The proposed expansion project is likely to come up with Rs:5,500/- crores, which will boost up the entire villagers needs and welcomed the project whole heartedly.

2) Sri. Kariyappa Meti, Ginigera-village, Koppal.

- The existing M/s Kalyani Steels Ltd in their village limits has created bench mark in the sector of Koppal-tq, especially to their villagers, since its inception has given lot of employment opportunities to un-employed educated youths their village.
- The company also catered various kinds of contract works for the local persons, as they were depending only on agricultural activities before establishment of the plant.
- It was requested to consider catering of drinking water facilities from TB River to all near by village with the help of state government.
- It was requested to consider catering through the forum to cater water feeding facilities to the lake besides to Ginigera-village from drawing pipe line from TB River with the help of Government, which will help for feeding cattle's, & other domestic animals human activities as well as for agricultural usage during summer season.
- The company is already rendering its best services under social supportive help in distributing books, bags and other educational materials for needy school children's in and around villages, same shall be continued.
- He requested the company to come forward to take supportive actions for their villagers.
- He has whole heartedly welcomed the Company's proposed expansion activities.

3) Sri. Nagaraj Challolli, Taluk Panchayath-Member, Ginigera,Koppal.

- He expressed that, the entire picture of the Ginigera-village was substantially modified after establishment and commissioning of plant since 18 years, the economical conditions of the villagers before start of the plant was very critical.
- The villagers were suffering from great difficulties due to back ward area, where there were no facilities; they were depending only on agricultural activities for their livelihood.
- The entire scenario of the villagers and their lifestyle was changed out in unbelievable manner; almost One person from every farmer family of the village is being given with job opportunity.
- The company is responding to all the grievances Communicated to them and also applauded the KSPCB Officer's for taking Corrective actions against the company, whenever it was required.
- The company has supported most of the local villagers by providing job opportunity for the meritorious candidates as well as by giving contractual works to lead their family quite happily.
- He requested that, the same kind of helping attitude needs to be continued in ensuing days and also supported the proposed expansion activities.
- The company shall also take up all dust preventive measures and to protect the surrounding villagers and environment from the pollution point of view.

4) Sri.Nagesh Shanthappa,Allanagar, Koppal.

- There are many steel and sponge iron plants are established in their Allanagar-village vicinity, in fact it has benefitted their village people, since these plants have helped many needy village families by giving various kinds of jobs as per their merits.
- The proposed expansion activities are in the very close proximity of their village Allanagar, but due to its operations their village should not affect the residing villager's health.
- The company shall have to take all preventive measures to control the dust and other nuisances if any, and their peaceful living life should not be affected at any point of time.

5) Sri. Marutheppa Halageri, Grama Panchayath-Member, HosaKanakapur -village, Koppal:

- The company is operating in this sector since 18 years and it has helped many villagers by providing various jobs according to their merits and requirements.
- The company has given timely supply for living for all around 20 village's families of the Koppal-tq, since its operation.
- The farmers of this area before setting up this project were moving to various places of the Koppal-taluk for their livelihood, in such a situation it has come for rescue of the villagers.
- As the plant grown up, the lifestyle of the villagers was also bettered; many of the families in this zone are depending upon the plant, since it is fetching good life and livelihood.
- The company was requested not to encourage outside state people in the job opportunities as well as in contract works, which will hamper the life of local dependents.
- The expansion activity proposed by the company was whole heartedly supported and ensured the necessary kind of help in ensuing days too.

6) Sri.Subbannachar, Vidyanagar, Ginigera-village, Koppal:

- The company has started its activities during 1994, which has come up in right time of the local villagers life, since all the villagers were great trouble to run their family, as majority of the people were under below poverty line, and they were leading the life on EARN & LIVE position.
- The company has opened doors for unemployed educated people in the locality, which has created history, since many of the educated youths were carrying out agricultural activities in the barren lands, which was not earning expected yields to run their families.
- He expressed the past incidents, when some employees of this company have threatened the works and went for strike with lot of demands, at this crucial junction with the help and support of elderly local people of the villages, who come forward , the issues were settled.
- The company will definitely continue to help in similar manner for their proposed expansion activities.

7) Sri. B.S.Suresh, former Z.P.-Member, Ginigera-village,Koppal:

- The existing company M/s Kalyani Steels has come with Rs:300 crores investment during 1994, during that period, the all the surrounding villagers have welcomed the project with lot of hopes.
- As per the expectation the company has taken care the needs of all local villagers by encouraging job opportunities, contract works and over all development of village needs.
- The farmers of the village have given their land to the company; it has fulfilled their commitments by extending job opportunities for every land owner.
- The company has become Oasis in this backward area and supported the expansion project activities wholeheartedly.

8) Sri. Mallikarjun Kanakappa Haligeri, Ginigera-village,Koppal:

- The company is taking care of needs of the local villagers and their response is good in fulfilling the commitments made to the village.
- The company shall have to come forward for more developmental activities in the rural areas, since the rural areas are very back ward in this sector.

9) Sri. Manjunath Shanmukhayya Salimath, Allanagar-village,Koppal:

- The expansion activities proposed by the company is near to their Allanagar-village, hence it has to take care the residents of the villagers by not causing any adverse effects on their health and peaceful living.
- The more job opportunities shall have to be extended to their village educated un-employed youths.

10) Sri. Shivashankar, Halekanakapur-village,Koppal:

- The overall development has been seen only after establishment of this factory.
- The un-employed youths and other people of the village have got various kinds of jobs and contract works from the company, there by the economy level of the villagers has also grown up.

11) Sri. Vidyakumar, Kanakapura thanda-village, Koppal:

- There is no doubt about overall development of the villagers after establishment of the factory, since many of the educated un-employed youths were accommodated with various kinds of jobs as per their merits.
- He pointed out to the company that, many of the local employed are resigning from their posts with a reason that, they were not given with incremental nor promotional benefits by the company even after serving more than 10 years.
- The said employees are going away from their native village in search of jobs, same needs to be verified by the Government and such lapses shall have to be rectified.
- It was also expressed that, the company after taking the local persons for the jobs are not allowing them to grow in the plant by the higher officers who have come from out of state and encouraging their persons to come here and work in the company.
- He has requested the company to stop such activities and encourage local persons to grow up in the company.

The entire public hearing process audio and video was recorded along with photos, the CD and photos are here with enclosed as **Annexure- IV**.


The some of the villagers who have attended the hearing have submitted the memorandum in written form, they are totally TEN (10) in no's and copies of the same are here with enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

It was also confirmed while closing the proceedings of the meeting about non-receipt of any written complaints/suggestions letter to the Board against the proposed activities of the project. The public gathered in the public hearing have whole heartedly supported and welcomed the expansion project and requested to give employment to local villagers and over all development of surrounding villages. After detailed discussion it is resolved that:

- The Process followed for Public hearing was adequate.
- The Company shall carry out Environment Management Plan as promised.
- The Company is allowed to approach the competent authority to obtain Environment Clearance.

The Deputy Commissioner, Koppal acknowledged the people for attending the meeting and also for giving their valuable suggestions / opinions on the project. The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Encl : Annexures – I to V.


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