

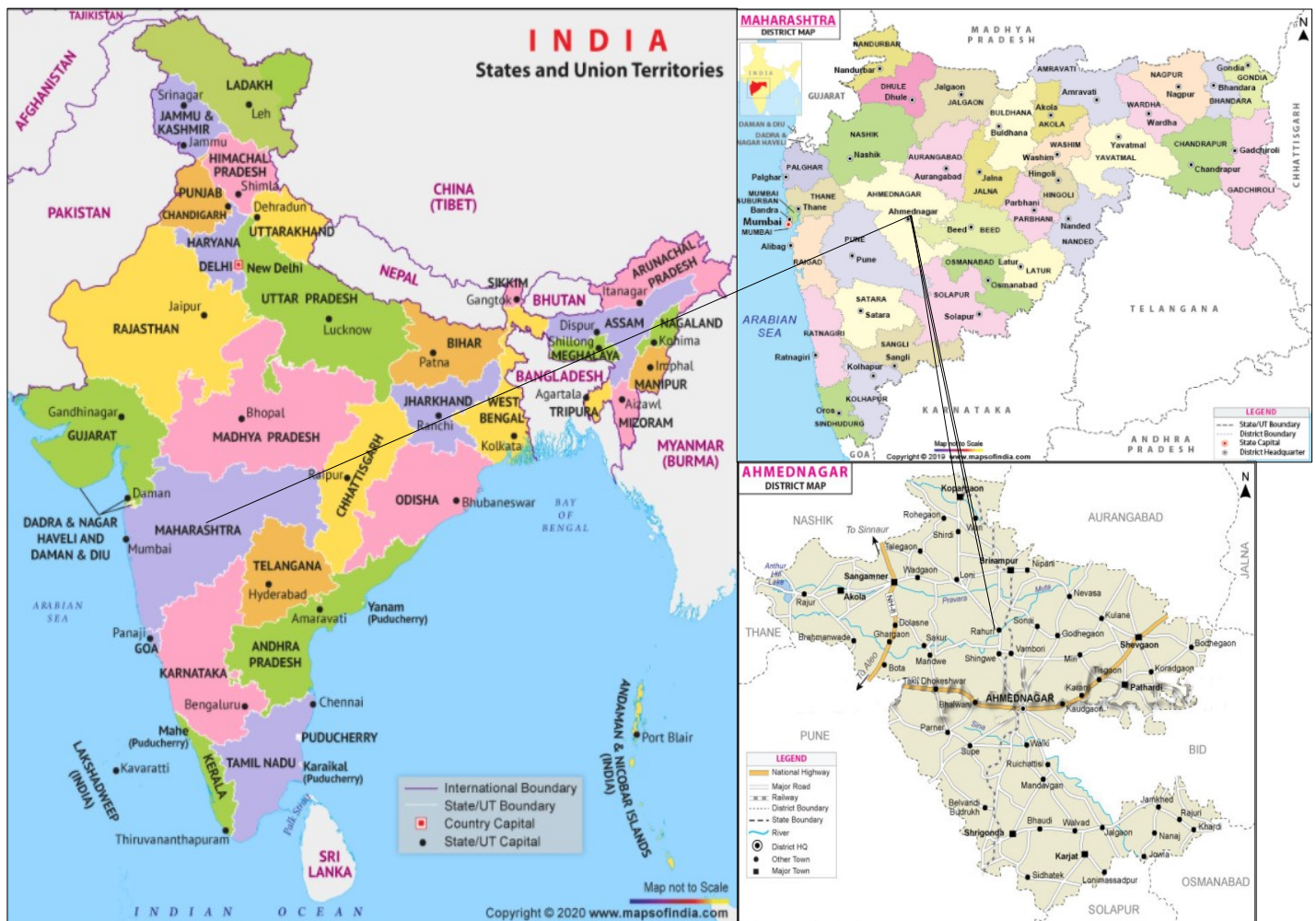
Public Hearing for Eighteen District Level Sand Spots, Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Introduction

- ❖ Environmental Clearance is sought for 18 Sand Spots located in Shrirampur, Koparagaon, Rahuri Talukas in Ahmednagar District.
- ❖ As Per Government of Maharashtra **Letter No: Sankirn- 2019/P.K.01/Ta.K.3** dated Dec 3, 2019, Public Hearing must be conducted for mines less than 5 Hectares.
- ❖ M/s. Integrated Precision Systems & Services Pvt. Ltd. was awarded work to obtain Environmental Clearances for Sand Spots of Ahmednagar by Collector Office, Ahmednagar. with **WO. No. क्र.गौख/कार्या 4 अ/३३९/2020** dated **07/04/2020**.
- ❖ Mining plans for the Sand Spots have been approved by DGM, Aurangabad.
- ❖ Application in Form-1M, PFR, EMP, RA, DSR along with the Approved Mining Plans for Sand Spots will be submitted along with Public Hearing Proceedings for Environmental Clearance.

2. Location Map



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3. List of Sand Spots

| Sand Ghat selected for Sand Auction 2020 | | | | | Ahmednagar district | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| S.No. | Name of Sand Ghat | Name of Taluka | Name of River | Adjacent Land Gat No. | Total area in Hect. | Sand ghat Measurement in meter | | | Mineable Sand in brass (75%) | Upset Price Rs. |
| | | | | | | Length | Width | Depth | | |
| 1 | Wangi Khurd | Shrirampur | Pravara | 1,2 | 1.04 | 260 | 40 | 0.60 | 1654 | 6533300 |
| 2 | Naygaon -1 & 2 | Shrirampur | Godavari | 329,330 & 373 & 375 | 2.47 | 649 | 38 | 0.85 | 5555 | 21942250 |
| 3 | Matulthan 1 | Shrirampur | Godavari | 281 to 284, | 3.89 | 974 | 40 | 0.90 | 9293 | 36707350 |
| 4 | Matulthan 2 | Shrirampur | Godavari | 293 to 294 | 2.73 | 910 | 30 | 0.80 | 5788 | 22862600 |
| 5 | Matulthan 3 | Shrirampur | Godavari | 7 to 11,14,17,18 | 1.82 | 457 | 40 | 0.90 | 4360 | 17222000 |
| 6 | Kokamthan and Sanwastar | Kopargaon | Godavari | Kokamthan 434, 435, 470, 471,472 Sanwastar 193, 195,199 | 1.00 | 500 | 20 | 0.80 | 2120 | 8374000 |
| 7 | Sonari and Kolgaon thadi | Kopargaon | Godavari | Sonari - 1, 3 & 5 Kolgaon thadi - 15,21,27,28,29 & 8,244 | 2.04 | 680 | 30 | 0.75 | 4055 | 16017250 |
| 8 | Jeur kumbhari and Jeur patoda | Kopargaon | Godavari | Jeur kumbhari 141&142 Jeur patoda 3,2 & 84 & 86 | 1.05 | 300 | 35 | 0.70 | 1948 | 7694600 |
| 9 | Sangvi Bhusar | Kopargaon | Godavari | 379 & 380, | 1.00 | 250 | 40 | 0.90 | 2385 | 9420750 |
| 10 | Suregaon | Kopargaon | Godavari | 532 to 535,537,291,16 | 1.20 | 300 | 40 | 0.80 | 2544 | 10048800 |
| 11 | Godhegaon | Kopargaon | Kolnadi | 95 & 102 | 1.00 | 250 | 40 | 1.50 | 3975 | 15701250 |
| 12 | Rahuri Khurd | Rahuri | Mula | 87 & 95 | 1.28 | 320 | 40 | 0.70 | 2375 | 9381250 |
| 13 | Pipmri Valan and Chandkapur | Rahuri | Mula | Pipmri Valan 74,204,205 Chandkapur 19,20,22&18 | 1.02 | 256 | 40 | 0.85 | 2307 | 9112650 |
| 14 | Valan | Rahuri | Mula | 39, 38, 41 ,45 to 47,49 | 3.06 | 510 | 60 | 0.85 | 6893 | 27227350 |
| 15 | Rampur | Rahuri | Pravara | 372 to 373 | 1.35 | 300 | 45 | 0.70 | 2504 | 9890800 |
| 16 | Satral | Rahuri | Pravara | 70,71,75,76,78,79,80 & 94 | 2.00 | 400 | 50 | 0.70 | 3710 | 14654500 |
| 17 | Puntamba | Rahata | Godavari | 13,14,15 & 45, 48, 49, 50 | 2.10 | 700 | 30 | 0.90 | 5009 | 19785550 |
| 18 | Rastapur | Rahata | Godavari | 12 | 1.60 | 400 | 40 | 0.80 | 3392 | 13398400 |
| Total | | | | | 31.65 | | | | 69867 | 275974650 |

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4. Mining Methodology

1. Method of Mining: Opencast manual method without drilling & blasting. Only manual labor with hand tools such as spade, ghamelas will be used. Excavation of sand is done from dry riverbed only.

The following process is followed for the estimation of sand in sand ghat:

- ❖ The demarcation and benchmarking of the sand ghat is done as per 10m x 10m interval.
 - ❖ Auger driller is used to find out the depth of sand in each grid.
 - ❖ Auger driller is used to create the holes in sand ghat using a 10mx10m grid pattern.
 - ❖ The depth of holes is measured by using measuring tape.
 - ❖ After taking all the readings the average depth of sand ghat of the river is calculated in meters.
2. Machinery / Equipment required: Spades, Ghamela, Tractor with trolley.
 3. Transportation: By tractor trolley from sand spot to stockyard & to consumers.
 4. Reclamation: Mined out area will be replenished automatically after the monsoon. Plantation will be carried out along the riverbank and along the transport road.

5. Environmental Management Plan

1. Air Pollution Control Measures

- ❖ Periodic water sprinkling on the kutcha road used for sand transport.
- ❖ Transport of sand by tractor trolleys, trucks covered with tarpaulin.
- ❖ Spillage of sand during transport shall be prevented by proper sealing of gaps.
- ❖ Plantation will be done along riverbanks and on free spaces near the sand spots.

2. Noise Control Measures

- ❖ Mining and sand transport will be carried out during the daytime only.
- ❖ Only noise due to sand transport is expected, periodic maintenance of sand transportation vehicles will be ensured to minimize noise.
- ❖ The speed of sand transport vehicles will be regulated.

3. Water Pollution Control Measures

- ❖ Sand mining will be carried out in dry riverbed only.
- ❖ The depth of the mine pit will be maintained above the river water level.
- ❖ River streams will not be diverted to form inactive channels.
- ❖ Washing of vehicles in the river will be prohibited.

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- ❖ No effluent will be generated from mining activities.
- ❖ Provision of mobile toilets for workers.
- ❖ Mining will be avoided during monsoon and floods which will allow the sand deposit to replenish.

4. Land Environment

- ❖ Sand mining will create temporary pits in the dry riverbed, which will be replenished during monsoon.
- ❖ Safety distance of 3 meters or 1/10th of the width of the river, whichever is more will be left from both sides of the bank of the river (as per "Sustainable sand mining guidelines").
- ❖ Waste material like polythene bags, jute bags, etc. will not be allowed to remain/spill in the riverbed.
- ❖ Mining will not exceed the allowed extraction capacity.
- ❖ Plantation will be developed along the riverbank and nearby free spaces.

5. Green Belt Development Plan

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| Location of greenbelt | On the banks of both sides of the lease boundary & Haul Road outside riverbed |
| No. of plants to be planted | 500 Plants per hectare |
| Spacing of plants | 2 m grid interval |
| Species selected | Native species |

Tree species recommended for Plantation

| Botanical name | Local name | Importance |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Azadirachta Indica | Neem | Neem oil & neem products |
| Tectona Grandis | Teak | Antibacterial, Antifungal, Antiulcer |
| Ficus Religiosa | Peepal | Medicinal use, Fruits & figs |
| Bambusa Vulgaris | Bamboo | Anthelmintic Anti-inflammatory, Astringent Properties |
| Madhuca Longifolia | Mahua | Acts as a Stimulant & cough relief |

6. Occupational Health Safety Management

- ❖ Mine operators will be provided with personal protective equipment.
- ❖ Safety helmets and footwear, in addition to ear, eye, and hand protection devices.
- ❖ Dust masks will be provided for workers.
- ❖ A potable drinking water shelter for mine workers will be provided.
- ❖ First aid kit will be provided at the mine site.

7. Conclusion

- ❖ Applied 18 Sand Spots located in Gevrai, Majalgaon, Parli Talukas in Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra having lease area of less than 5 Ha, fall under B2 category as per MoEF&CC guidelines.
- ❖ Quarries are not likely to cause a significant impact on the environment due to the small scale of mining and will prove beneficial to the nearby community.
- ❖ The proposed project would provide indirect employment opportunities to local residents.
- ❖ The proposed project will also make a positive contribution to the social infrastructure and overall development of the region.
- ❖ All environmental issues like air, water, noise, soil, solid waste management, etc. will be dealt with as per the MoEF&CC guidelines.