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MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. The present report is being filed to bring on record the progress in completion of rejuvenation works of Bellanduru Lake, situated in Bengaluru. It is however submitted that the instant Original Application is not filed seeking execution of the said works. Instead the Applicant herein has alleged that the answering Respondent is carrying out construction activities on the lake. The answering Respondent has already stated the fact that it is not carrying on any 'construction' activities, but is merely implementing the orders passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal in OA No. 125/2017 (PB), which reflects the falsity of the Applicant's averments.


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2. Hence, without prejudice to the above, and in compliance of this Hon'ble Tribunal's order dated 04.04.2024, the progress in desilting works are provided as follows:
3. **Re: Diversion Channels:** It is submitted that silt removal has been carried out in the diversion channel from 11.05.2024 to 13.05.2024 and further from 11.06.2024 to 26.06.2024, to prevent spillage of the contaminated water into the lake. True copy of photographs pertaining to removal of silt from the diversion channel is annexed herewith as **Annexure R-1**.
4. **Re: Silt Removal:** It is submitted that as on 01.09.2024, 22.69 lakh cubic meters of silt have been removed from the lake bed, out of 32.33 cubic meters of silt, which accounts for 70% of the total estimated silt to be removed. It is submitted that due to early onset of monsoon this year, starting from May 6th, rain water got stored in the working zone, thus impeding the desilting work. Hence, due to wet and slushy conditions of the soil inside the lake, work couldn't be resumed.
5. **Re: Wetland Formation:** It is submitted that wetland formation work has been undertaken in the said lake as per the design and advice of Prof. Mr. T.V. Ramachandra from IISC, Bangalore, former


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member of the lake monitoring committee constituted by this Hon'ble Tribunal in OA No. 125/2017. As of now, 30% of wetland formation works at main inlet of Koramangala and Agara valley is achieved. At present the work is stopped owing to monsoons. True Copy of photographs pertaining to wetland formation works is annexed herewith as **Annexure R-2**.

6. It is hence submitted at the cost of repetition that the works being carried out by the answering Respondent are lake rejuvenation works in compliance of this Hon'ble Tribunal's orders itself, as opposed to any construction projects as alleged by the Applicant. In light of the above, it is prayed that the instant Application be dismissed with costs.


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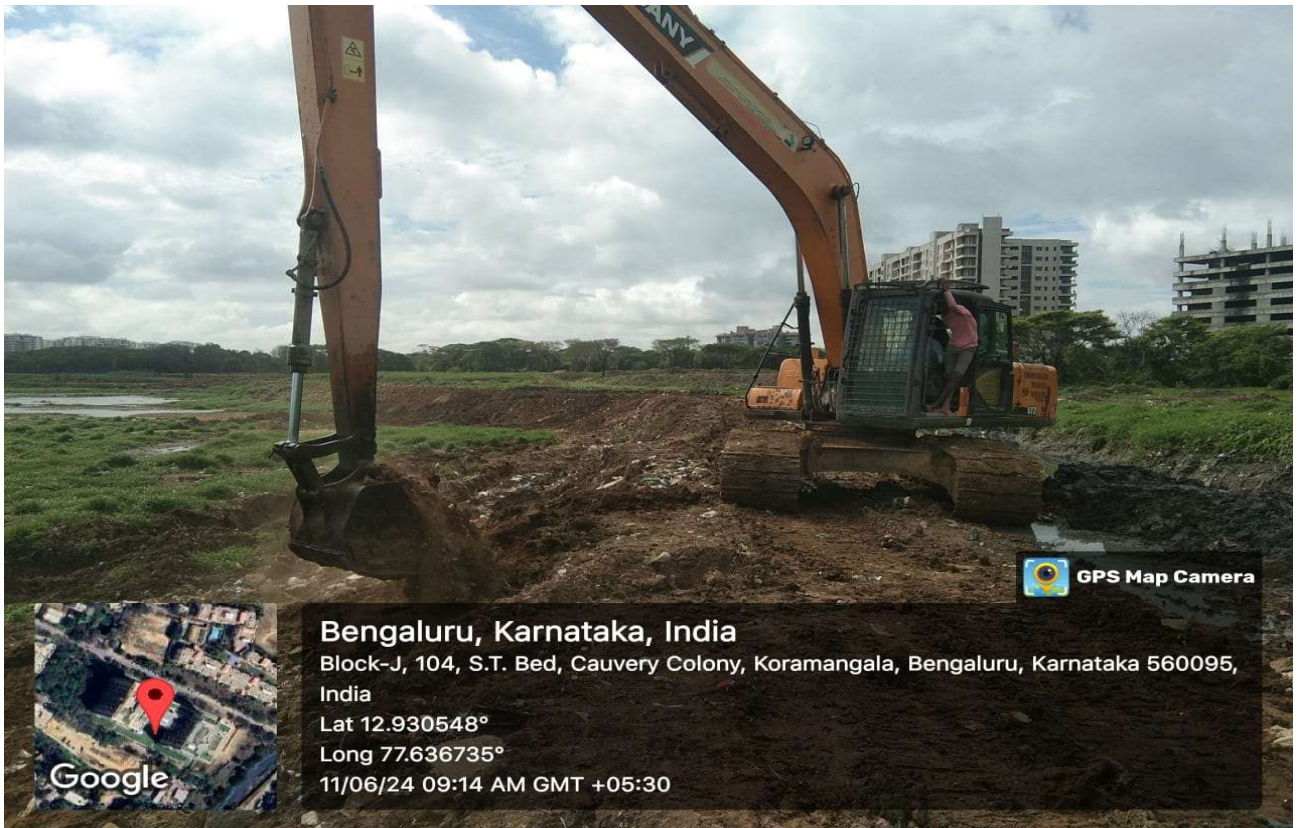
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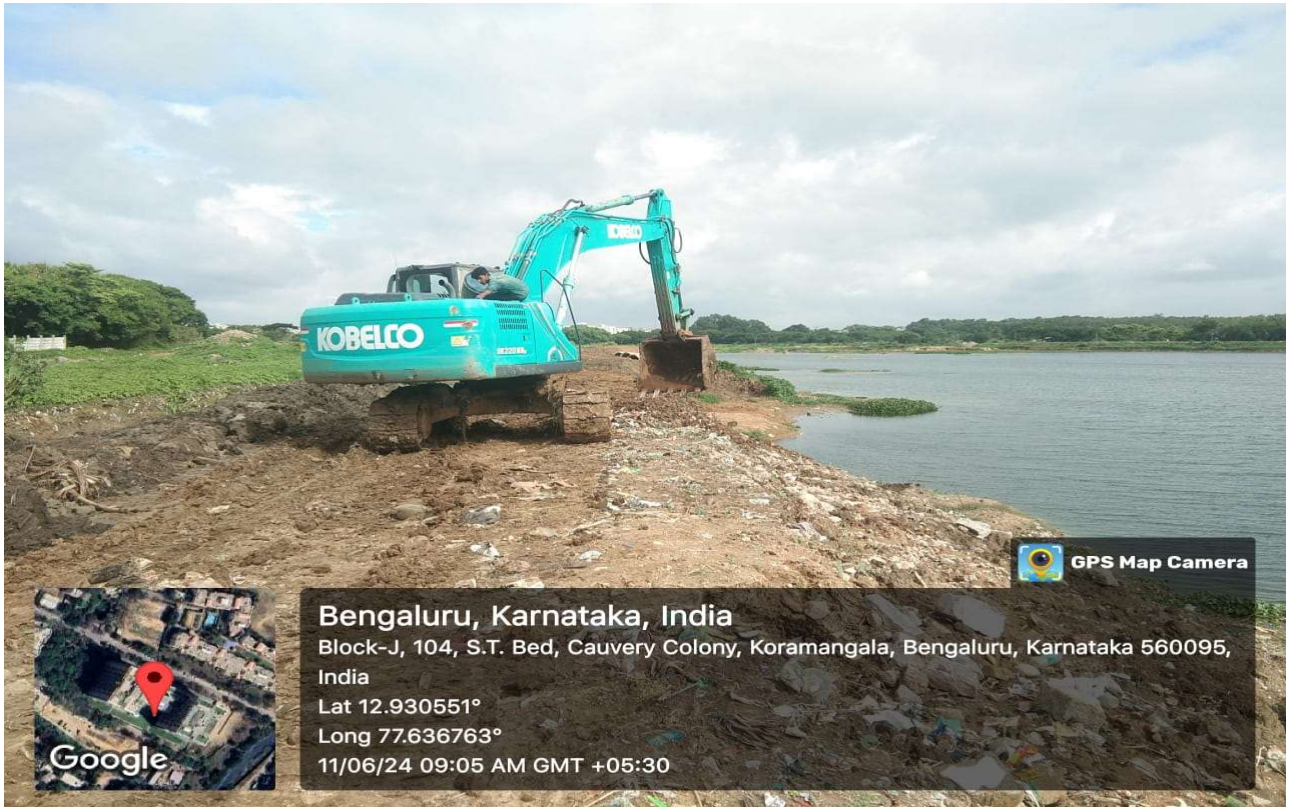

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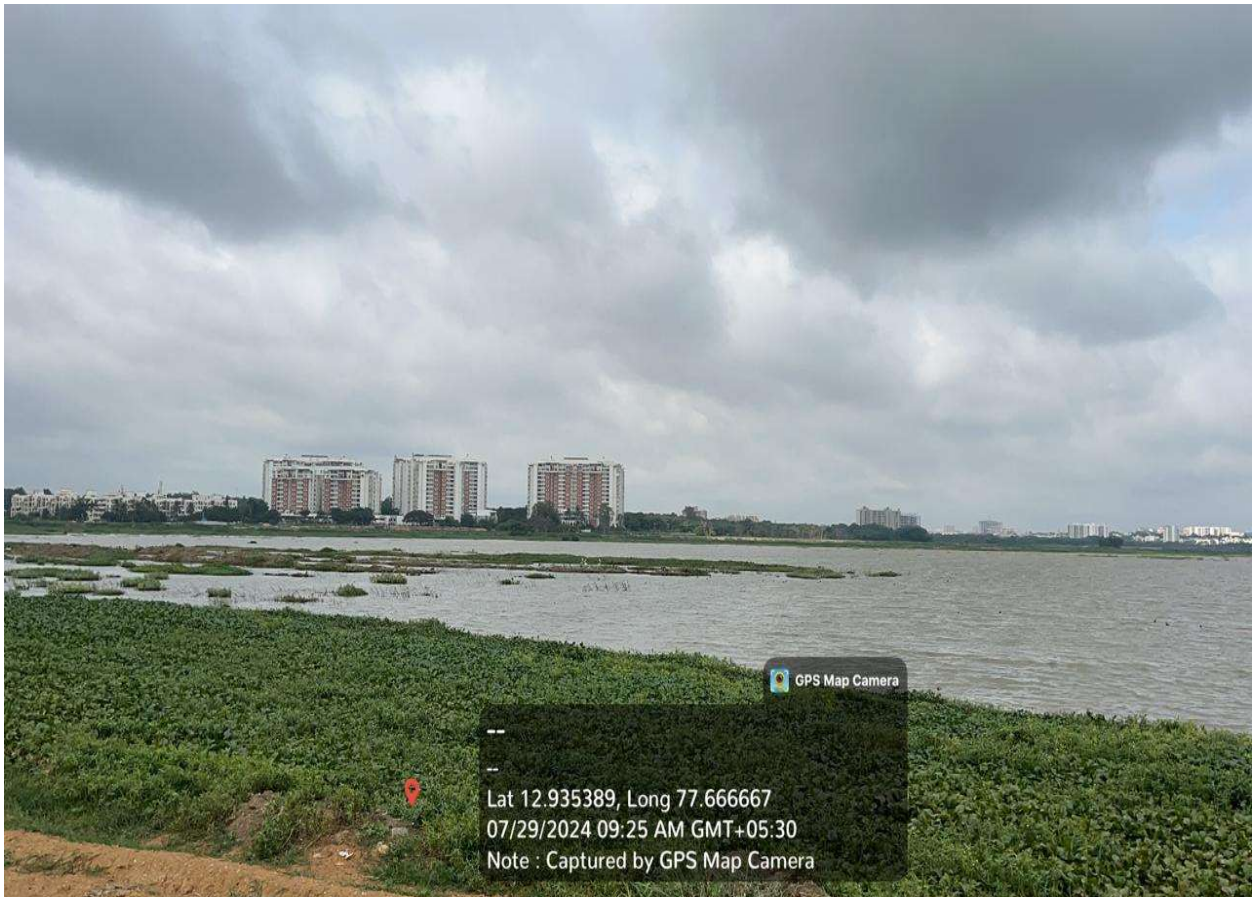
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Slushy and slippery condition of the soil, causing hindrance to vehicle movement.





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Progress of wetland works



