

## **Minutes in respect of M/s.Saswad Mali Sugar Factory Ltd., Malinagar, Tal: Malshiras, Dist: Solapur of 17<sup>th</sup> CAC Meeting held on 30/09/2014.**

The Consent Appraisal Committee discussed the application for grant of renewal of consent to the sugar unit alongwith co-gen with reference to the objections raised by Shri Mayur Raskar dtd.13/08/2014, 21/08/2014 and additional objections raised vide letter dtd.19/09/2014 respectively. The following main issues arise for consideration, before considering an application for renewal of consent for co-gen & sugar units.

1. MPCB had approved grant of consent to 1<sup>st</sup> Operate for the co-gen plant in the CAC meeting held on 04/12/2013. Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, WZ, Pune by its order dtd.17/12/2013 & 30/1/2014 in the Application No.42/2013 has allowed to operate co-gen plant as per the terms & conditions given by the MPCB for a period of 6 months. Thereafter, the 1<sup>st</sup> Consent to Operate was granted 14/2/2014 for 14.8 MW electricity generation upto 16/06/2014. While granting 1<sup>st</sup> Consent to Operate, the CAC has taken into consideration the order of Hon'ble NGT dtd.17/12/2013, which is reproduced as under :

***“The Respondent No.1 has decided to install one (1) common boiler in place of three(3) existing earlier, which will be common for the sugar factory, distilleries as well as Co-Gen power plant. The Respondent No.1 further submits that three(3) common boilers were disconnected before five(5) months and from that day, the sugar factory and the distilleries are not functioning”***

Hon'ble NGT by its order dtd.30/1/2014 directed MPCB to clarify through Scientist Grade-I Officer, whether proposed 14.8 MW co-gen plant be treated as an expansion activity or new establishment. Asstt.Secretary (Tech.) by his Affidavit dtd.15/02/2014 made it clear that it is a modernization of old 3 boilers with new advance technology of single common high pressure boiler, thereby, enhancing the capacity from 79 T/Hour to 90 T/Hour with reduction in fuel quantity from 925 MT/day to 900 MT/day bagasse, thereby, augmentation of turbine capacity upto 14.8 MW/Hour. Since, there is decrease in air pollution load at source, the MPCB had issued consent for expansion. Thus while granting consent for 14.8 MW, the 1<sup>st</sup> Consent to Operate granted for 14.8 MW for total co-gen only and M/s.SMSFL was not allowed to exceed 14.8 MW capacity. **Based on that, the CAC has come to the conclusion that the objection in respect of existence of 4 MW power generation facility admitted by M/s.SMSFL to new capacity of 14.8 MW is not correct. The consent renewal will be granted strictly with the condition that in no case, 14.8 MW capacity will be exceeded. As per the record of operational capacity, it has been observed at 12.22 MW (i.e. 7 MW export and 5 MW captive consumption) and the same has been verified by SRO-Solapur. It was decided to obtain specific affidavit from the industry not to exceed 14.8 MW capacity at any rate.**

2. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> objection is in respect of not fulfilling RRZ criteria:-**CAC observed that Hon'ble NGT by order dtd.17/12/2013 has specifically taken into consideration the certificate issued by the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Deptt., Phalton , showing distance from Neera River 1.2 km. and based on that MPCB approved consent to operate. **Therefore, Hon'ble NGT allowed the industry to operate co-gen plant as per the terms & conditions given by MPCB for a period of 6 months from the date of**

**order dtd.17/12/2013. It was decided that while granting renewal, the condition will be imposed to comply with RRZ Notification as far as discharge of effluent is concerned.**

3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> objection is in respect of having built up construction area more than 20,000 sq.mtrs. After going through the Affidavit of Environment Deptt., Govt. of Maharashtra, nowhere, it has been mentioned that the construction is above 20,000 sq.mtrs., on the contrary , SEIAA not received any application for EC. As per the details submitted by SRO-Solapur, total built-up area has been shown 19,521 sq.mtrs. **It was decided that an Affidavit will be obtained about having built-up area 19,521 sq.mtrs. and not to undertake any further construction beyond 20,000 sq.mtrs. without obtaining EC.**
4. If the M/s.SMSFL (sugar & co-gen unit) fails to submit the above affidavits within one month's time, the consent approved by the Board will be treated as cancelled.

It was decided that renewal of Consent to Operate draft placed in the agenda is approved by the CAC subject to above conditions for a period upto 30/04/2015 and the said draft renewal will be submitted for perusal of Hon'ble NGT alongwith affidavit.

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