

## MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

### MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRODUCTS IN SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS PROPOSED BY M/S INNOVASSYNTH TECHNOLOGIES (I) LTD., S.NO.9-24, WASARANG, 34-36, CHINCHWALI, KHOPOLI, DIST - RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA.

An Environmental Public Hearing for proposed expansion and introduction of New Products in Synthetic Organic Chemicals proposed by M/s Innovassynth Technologies (I) Ltd., S.No.9-24, Wasarang, 34-36, Chinchwali, Khopoli. Dist- Raigad was conducted on 02<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017 on 11.00 AM at Samual Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Mumbai-Pune Highway (NH4), Khopoli, At-Khalapur, Dist- Raigad.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No.E-74 of 2017 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -4905, dated 16-11-2017 :-

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| 1) Shri D. N. Bhadakwad,<br>Additional District Magistrate - Raigad<br>(Representative of District Magistrate,<br>Raigad) | - | <b>Chairman.</b>                     |
| 2) Dr. A. N. Harshawardhan,<br>Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad<br>(Representative of MPCB, Mumbai)                         | - | <b>Member<br/>&amp;<br/>Convener</b> |

Representative from Regional Office, MPCB Raigad Shri Lomte. Field Officer welcomed all who were present in large number and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification. The office of Sub Regional Office, Raigad-I, MPCB, Navi Mumbai has received proposal from M/s Innovassynth Technologies (I) Ltd., S.No.9-24, Wasarang, 34-36, Khopoli, Dist-Raigad for their proposed expansion and introduction of New Products in Synthetic Organic Chemicals at the existing site of the industry.

Representative from Regional Office, MPCB Raigad further informed that the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware local people who can be participant

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He further informed that as per said Notification, the project falls under Category A 5 (f). The aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-2), MoEFCC, Govt. of India has recommended the proposal for ToR in its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting held during 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspaper Dainik Krishival for Marathi and in national newspaper in Indian Express for English on 28-10-2017. He said that copies of EIA report and executive summary were also made available at MoEFCC, Western Zone Office, Nagpur and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office, Raigad, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad, Sub Divisional Office, Tal-Khalapur, Dist-Raigad, Grampanchayat office at Chinchwali, Tal-Khalapur, Dist-Raigad, Zilla Parishad Office, Raigad, District Industries Centre, Raigad, Sub Regional Office, Raigad-I, Regional Office, MPCB, Raigad, and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The office of Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, MPCB, Navi Mumbai has not received any objection for the proposed expansion. He appealed Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Bhadakwad, Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details of pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He also appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any about the project after their technical presentation.

The project consultant with the help of projector briefly explained about the project to the audience. Afterwards, Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel requested the public to ask for their doubts, suggestions if any about the project.

Details of Questions & Querries raised by the public and answers given by project representatives is summarized as below :-

1) **Shri Dattatraya Shankar Masurkar**, Ex. President, Khopoli Municipal Council asked Public Hearing Committee about the procedure of the meeting and whether suggestions will be considered by the Committee. Dr. Harshavardhan, Member & Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the aim of procedure of the public hearing is to make aware local people in the vicinity of the project and Project Affected Persons (PAPs) who can give their suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project and to make them aware regarding Environment Management Plan of the project proponent. An opportunity is given to the local people to give suggestions or objections regarding the project especially in view of pollution control. Member & Convener further informed that the suggestions, objections raised during this meeting for expansion of the projects will be noted by the Public Hearing Committee. Simultaneously, audio and video recording is taken. The suggestions, objections if any will be inserted in the minutes of meeting and it will be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (MoEFCC, GoI) for their consideration.

**Shri Masurkar**, Ex. President, Khopoli Municipal Council opined that at present in the Khopoli and other nearby areas, while most of industries are facing market crises, the expansion proposed by the project proponent is definitely notable. He informed that we are not against the project. The local people desire development. Though expansion of the project will improve the socio-economic condition of the Region, the job opportunities be given to people residing in the vicinity of project especially youths. Shri Masurkar further informed that the people residing in the vicinity of the project fears that as this is Chemical Industry, untoward incidence should not happened. Industry should take all the measures accordingly in the project. Sometimes the smell generated during the process fears them. He appealed project proponent to implement Environment Management Plan wholeheartedly. The Public Hearing Committee asked company officials to give answer regarding the suggestions.

Company officials informed that there are more than 70% people working in the project are residing near the vicinity of project.

He informed that since the inception of the plant, the project proponent is committed to keep clean environment and Environment Management Plan is implemented wholeheartedly. The Sewage Treatment Plant of the capacity of 41 CMD will be erected to treat the domestic effluent. The treated domestic effluent will be reused. The total industrial effluent generation will be 297 CMD. Presently the effluent from high TDS stream is being treated in existing MEE-I and then condensate of MEE-I and other streams from process are being treated in conventional ETP. After expansion total effluent will be treated by MEE (Proposed) followed by convention ETP followed by MEE (Proposed followed by conventional ETP followed by RO and treated industrial effluent will be recycled in the process totally. He further informed that not a single drop of effluent will be generated outside the project. The project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). The project proponent further informed that the source of flue gas emission is from existing and additional industrial boiler and it will be released through stack having adequate stack height. The Noise levels in the manufacturing process are within the limits as specified. The project proponent has already prepared "Disaster Management Plan." Hence local people should not fear for the manufacturing process.

Chairman of the Committee Shri Bhadakwad appealed project proponent that if a qualified person is available from local people, he should be given job opportunity. The project proponent informed that if a qualified person is available from vicinity of the project for a particular job, he will be appointed in the project.

2) **Shri V. Sunanda Reddy**, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad suggested project proponent to collect Health Data of the of 10 k.m. of radius of the project,

data of crop pattern and ground water availability. It can be used as parameter. He suggested to implement rain water harvesting system, repair internal roads in the project with green drive at both the sides of road, to extend skilled development programmes to local youths, formation of co-ordination committee of local people, project proponent and State Pollution Control Board to implement very social development programme under CSR Fund, to

teach job oriented courses to local people. The Public Hearing Committee informed him to give his suggestions in writing.

Company Officials informed that they are already implementing the various social development programmes since the inception of the plant in 1960. The project proponent has carried green plantation in and around the factory and more than 15,000 number of trees are planted and planned to double the same. He informed that the activities under CSR fund are important to them. The project proponent has already appointed a Medical Officer, who will go to school to take medical checkup of students. The ambulance is always kept ready in the project premises and also made available to local people as and when required.

- 3) **Shri Raju Namdeo Hange**, resident of Mulgaon informed that the project proponent do carry the social development work in the vicinity from time to time. As there were no windows to the local small children school, the request by local people is immediately accepted by the project proponent and windows are fitted immediately. The services of ambulance are always made to needy people provided by the project officials. The project proponent has made available the Medical Practitioner round-the-clock. He further informed that the local people are happy that the project proponent has planned its expansion. He wished success for expansion.
- 4) **Shri H. Madhubabu**, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad and President of Rural Environment Education & Health Awareness Society (REEHAS) also gave his views in writing. As he was reading the suggestions, the Public Hearing Committee remarked that the issues are already raised by one V. Sunanda Reddy and hence repetition should be avoided. The Public Hearing Committee directed him to give his suggestions in writing.
- 5) **Shri Sayyed Yusuf**, resident of Mulgaon informed that he is local resident and he is also working in the unit since 1980. He said that the project proponent are implementing the Environment Management Plan and do carry social development activities from time to time.
- 6) **Shri Dilip Jadhav**, resident of Mulgaon remarked that the project proponent do help the local school and do carry the social activities regularly. He further suggested that people residing the vicinity of the project should be given job opportunities.

Member and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee Dr. Harshvardhan appealed local people to give any suggestion if any for the project.

Chairman of the Committee Shri Bhadakwad remarked that as per first Speaker Shri Masurkar, there should not be any pollution threat. Other Speakers informed that the local people residing in the vicinity of project is not suffering due to pollution of the project. Chairman of the Committee further directed project proponent to take note of the same.

Shri Bhadakwad, Chairman of the Committee further opined that due to expansion of the project, the Government will get extra revenue and local people may get job opportunities. He further appealed project proponent to keep promises and there should not any environmental degradation. He further suggested project proponent to gain confidence of local people as earlier.

The Committee Members again appealed general public to ask questions for the proposed project.

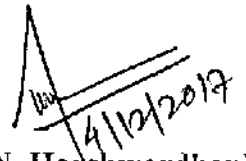
Chairman of the Committee while concluding the meeting informed that as per the presentation, the company is committed for eco-friendly environment and promises to implement the pollution control measures wholeheartedly. He thanked local people who came with detailed study and raised objections and gave suggestions.

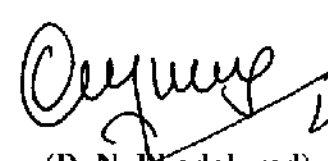
Chairman of the committee informed that the suggestions, comments made in this meeting will be incorporated in the proceedings and the report will be submitted to the MoEFCC, GoI for their consideration.

Chairman of the Committee thanked all government officials, company officials and general public who attended the public hearing/meeting and informed that the said public hearing is concluded.

The meeting ended extending vote of thanks to the Chair.

D.A. : C.D. (Compact Disc) the proceedings.

  
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Member & Convener of  
Public Hearing Committee and  
Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad

  
(D. N. Bhadakwad)  
Chairman of the Public Hearing  
Committee and Addl. District  
Magistrate, Raigad, Dist- Raigad