

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED COMMISSIONING OF NEW GREENFIELD FERTILIZER MANUFACTURING UNIT OF SSP-300.0 MTPD; GSSP -200.0 MTPD & OTHER SULPHATE PRODUCTION PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S AGRO CROP SCIENCES PRIVATE LIMITED, GUT NO. 792, AT POST – TAKEWADI, TAL - MAN, DIST-SATARA, MAHARASHTRA

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As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Office Order No. E-27 of 2021 issued under letter no.BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-210309-FTS-0096, Dated 09-03-2021 as below:-

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Shri L. S. Bhad, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Satara and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee while welcoming all informed that as this Physical Public Hearing is arranged in the background of Covid-19, we all have to follow the directives of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi dated 14-09-2020 [referred at sr. no. (2)] and subsequent Order as issued by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board dated 17-09-2020 [referred at sr. no. (3)] above. Hence, 50 persons are allowed in the meeting place in a session. If the participants are more, subsequent sessions will continue until all the participants are given opportunities to attend the meeting.

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Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting welcomed Shri Sunil Thorve, Additional District Magistrate, Satara and Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Shri Nitin R. Shinde, I/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune and Member of the Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials, Government Officials, Environmentalist, Journalists and public 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 14th 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

He informed that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application of Project Proponent M/s Agro Crop Sciences Private Limited, GUT No. 792, At Post - Takewadi, Tal - Man, DIST-Satara, Maharashtra to conduct public hearing for their proposed commissioning of new unit of SSP-300.0 MTPD; GSSP - 200.0 MTPD & Other Sulphate Production. The Convener further informed that the project is in operation outside of notified industrial area and as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A 5 (b).

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation 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.

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Also a copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available to general public at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, West-East Division Office, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440 001; District Magistrate Office-Satara; Additional District Magistrate Office- Satara; Zilla Parishad Office- Satara; District Industries Centre-Office, Satara; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Dahiwadi (Man), Dist - Satara; Gram Sevak / Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Office - Takewadi, Tal - Man, Dist - Satara; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project.

He informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara has not received any objection regarding the proposed unit.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed all participants that an opportunity is given to raise suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in writing and orally. He requested Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman of the meeting, the Environment Consultant appointed by the company while giving presentation informed the detailed impact on environment due to the project and Environment Management Plan, requirement of man-power.

At this moment, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee said to Environment Consultant that you are giving good presentation, but the local people and the Committee also could not understand what is your production, its reaction and

your treatment for it. You are giving the information in statistic form. The information should be given in simple language, so that participants can understand. The Environment Consultant promised for to do it.

After the presentation, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise their suggestions, objections.

Followings have participated during the discussions and the Answers given by the Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee :-

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3) Mrs. Rohini Sharad Ghorpade, Resident – Takewadi, Tal – Man, Dist – Satara :-

Whether this project will be helpful for the educational progress in the local area?

Project Environment Consultant answered that while carrying the survey for the Environment Impact Assessment Report, it is observed that the literacy rate in this area is very less.

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Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise their suggestions or objections if any. There was no response from the local people.

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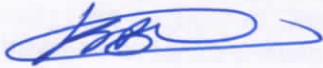
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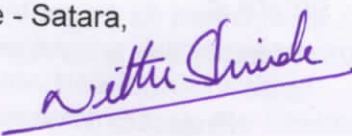
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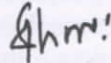
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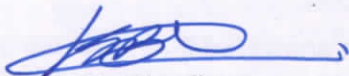
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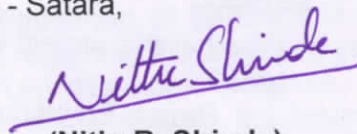
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