

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MOLASSES / SUGAR CANE JUICE BASED DISTILLERY PROJECT OF 60 KLPD IN RESPECT OF M/S. KAPEESHWAR SUGARS AND CHEMICALS LTD., POST JAWALA BAZAR, TAL. AUNDHA, DIST. HINGOLI, MAHARASHTRA:

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The environmental public hearing for proposed molasses / sugar cane juice -based distillery project of 60 KLPD in respect of M/s. Kapeeshwar Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Post. Jawala Bazar, Tal. Aundha, Dist. Hinoli, Maharashtra, was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Additional District Magistrate, Hingoli on 08th July, 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

Following panel members were present during the environmental public hearing as per Board's Office Order No. E-51 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -210701 FTS 0152 dtd. 01st July, 2021.

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| 1) Addl. District Magistrate
Dist. Hingoli | : | Chairman |
| 2) Regional Officer,
MPCB, Aurangabad | : | Member |
| 3) Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB Parbhani. | : | Convener |

Mr. Jayant Kadam, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Parbhani and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public who were online present and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about the said proposed project of molasses / sugar cane juice based distillery of 60 KLPD in respect of M/s. Kapeeshwar Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Po. Jawala Bazar, Tal. Aundha, Dist. Hingoli, Maharashtra. He informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, Gol) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit is also comes under the purview of this Notification.

The Project Proponent has applied to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed project of molasses / sugar cane juice based distillery of 60 KLPD. As per the said Notification, accordingly one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in "Daily Sakal" for Marathi and in national newspaper "The Times of India" for English on 06th June 2021. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

The Additional District Magistrate and Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel has directed to conduct the said public hearing through CISCO webex meeting App due to current COVID-19 situation.

The Convener further informed that, the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware local people who can be participated in the hearing and they should know the activity to be carried out in the proposed project of molasses / sugar cane juice based distillery of 60 KLPD in respect of M/s. Kapeeshwar Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Po. Jawala Bazar, Tal. Aundha, Dist. Hingoli, Maharashtra.

Also, a copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available at various offices of Government i.e.

- * District Collector, Hingoli
- * District Industries Centre, Hingoli
- * CEO Zilha Parishad, Hingoli
- * Chief Officer, Nagar parishad, Hingoli.
- * Chief Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Aundha.
- * Tahasildar, Tehasil Office Aundha, Dist.Hingoli.
- Grampanchayat Office of Jawala Bazar.
- * Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Parbhani.
- * Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Aurangabad.
- * Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, (HQ), Sion, Mumbai-22.
- * Environment Deptt. Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- * Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Nagpur.

The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. if any?

The Convener further informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Parbhani had appealed to the concerned to submit any objection / suggestion accordingly Sub-Regional Office, MPCB Parbhani has received only one representation through email from Dr.V. Sunanda Reddy. Further, he informed the participants of the hearing to give their suggestions or objections in writing or orally during course of public hearing, if any? The Convener further informed that the suggestions and objections raised during the hearing will be incorporated in the minutes of the hearing.

He appealed the Chairman of the Panel to allow the Environment Consultant for giving the presentation & the Chairman directed to give the presentation in this matter.

Dr. Hemangi Nalawade, Representative of MITCON Consultancy and Engineering Services Ltd., Environment Management and Engineering Division, Agriculture College Campus, Next to DIC Office, Shivaji Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra on behalf of M/s. Kapeeshwar Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Po. Jawala Bazar, Tal. Aundha, Dist. Hingoli, Maharashtra has given information in brief along with presentation on various environmental aspects i.e. Environment Impact Assessment and intention behind arranging the Public Hearing, Details about the Project, Project Plan, Environment Status, Details of local Environment and surrounding environment information, Locations of the study area, Air quality in the study area, Noise levels in the study area, Water quality in the study area, Soil quality in the study area, Bio-diversity, Socio-Economic Environment, Expected impact on the surrounding area, Environment Management Plan, Remedial measures on the various environmental impacts, Social Economic Development Plan under Environmental Responsibility Plan, Budgetary provisions for environmental management, Net gain from the project etc.,

After completion of the presentation, the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any?so as to enable to take the note of the same in the proceedings. Further, he appealed to the participants to inform their name, address before raising any suggestions, views, comments etc., if any?

PROCEEDINGS:

Sr. No.	Name, Design. and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent / Consultant
1.	Mr. Kadam Uddhay Kailas r/o. Karanjala raised a point regarding management and disposal of solid waste.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, solid waste will be generated in the form of spent lease, ETP sludge and ash and it will be used as manure. Ash generated from the boiler will be given to the brick-klin manufacturers.
2.	Mr. Madan Karale r/o. Borisa raised a point regarding disposal of polluted water / effluent.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, bio-digester and MEE will be installed along with dryer to achieve ZLD. hence there will not be any discharge of effluent.
3.	Mr. Sayyed Farukh raised a point regarding employment opportunities to the local residents.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, as per qualification criteria 80 to 100 job opportunities will be generated and given to the local residents.
4.	Mr. Pandurang Dhobale, r/o Asola has asked about the sources of water pollution and its treatment.	The Representative of Entrepreneur has stated that spent wash & spent lease will be generated from fermentation process and it will be treated in bio-digester and MEE followed by dryer to achieve ZLD.
5.	Mr. Dnyaneshwar Ambhare r/o. Jawala raised a point regarding plantation in the factory premises.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, at present green belt is developed on the 17.2 hectors land and addl. green belt on 7.4 hectors is proposed.
6.	Mr. Shivajirao Chopade r/o. Purjal raised a point regarding control of air pollution.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, stack ht. of 42 meters will be provided along with the wet-scrubber. It will cost about Rs. 70 Lacs.
7.	Mr. Dnyaneshwar Nagare r/o. Akola raised a point regarding impact on the farming and impact on health due to smoke.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, for control of water pollution, bio-digester and MEE will be installed along with dryer to achieve ZLD. hence there will not be any discharge of effluent and there will not be any impact on the farming. Also, for control of air pollution stack ht. of 42 meters will be provided along with the wet-scrubber. The air quality and water quality will be monitored frequently as per the norms. Further on-line monitoring system will be installed as per norms.
8.	Mr. Mohad Gurud r/o. Sawangi (B), raised a point regarding water source.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, around 500 to 600 CMD water will be made available from the Purna canal. Necessary correspondence is made in this regard. Also, 50%

		water requirement will be fulfilled through recycling of water in the process.
9.	Mr. Bhagwan Pawade r/o. Takalgavhan raised a point regarding period to be required for installation of the industry.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, around 05 to 06 months will be required to install the industry after receipt of permission from concerned department.
10.	Mr. Maruti Bhende r/o. Ponatha raised a point regarding steps to be taken for minimizing the water pollution.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that, she has already given the reply on the above, in point no. 7. For control of water pollution bio-digester and MEE will be installed along with dryer to achieve ZLD, hence there will not be any discharge of effluent.
11.	Dr. V. Sunanda Reddy Environmentalist has advised to take necessary steps for tree plantation on large scale at factory site, rainwater harvesting, collect health status of the people etc., He requested to take necessary steps for the protection of environment. He expressed satisfaction for the efforts taken by the Consultant for collection of data. He gave his best wishes to the project.	The factory representative assured that; the suggestions made by Dr. Reddy have been noted and compliance will be made thereof. Shri. Kadam, Convener of the public hearing panel suggested incorporating the compliance in the final EIA.
12.	Mr. Aleti Sudarshan, volunteer suggested to utilize CSR Fund on local priorities, to give employment opportunities on priority to the local residents. He gave his best wishes to the project.	The factory representative assured that; the suggestions made by Mr. Aleti Sudarshan have been noted and compliance will be made thereof.
13.	Dr. P. M. Joshi, the Member of the Public Hearing Panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad has given certain suggestions for preservation of environment i.e. Noise level 60.3 during night hrs. he directed to find out the source and reason for the exceeding noise levels, PPE kits provided	The Representative of the Project Proponent has assured that, the suggestions given by the Member of the Public Hearing Panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB will be incorporated in final EIA.

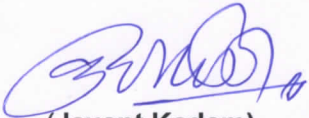
	to the security guards, wind rose direction and predominant wind directions towards village Kajala and advised for special attention, to undertake health study and monitoring etc., and to include the compliance on the above in the final EIA report.	
14.	Mr. J.A. Kadam, SRO, MPCB or Convenor of public hearing committee has informed that URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, Government of Maharashtra has published notification related to proposed LIGO India project in Hingoli district on 01.01.2028 regarding area specific regulations for development purpose. In which 3 conditions are 1) Within the distance of 5 KM to 30 KM, from boundary of the site, no reciprocating activity, requiring the use of sustained heavy equipments including mining, blasting or such other similar activities shall be allowed, requiring more than 20 HP Power. 2) Within the distance of 15 KM from boundary of the site, no Power Plant Machinery, Rock crushers, Heavy Machinery, Wind Mill should be allowed. 3) Within the distance 5 KM from boundary of site, no non reciprocating (rotating) power plant machinery and industrial machinery shall be allowed.	The Representative of Entrepreneur replied that for Point no.1 to 3 the compliance will be submitted accordingly. Further, he stated that proposed unit will be located more than 5 KM from the boundary of the site of LIGO India project.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel again appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? but nobody has raised any point. Further, he directed to comply the points raised by the Member of the public hearing panel and take the note of the same in EIA report and in the proceedings and same will be submitted to the Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai, for

further line of action. Also, the videos, photographs and copies of the complaint / representation received, attendance sheet etc., will also be submitted along with the minutes.

The Convener of the public hearing panel thanked all the participants i.e. residents, officers/employees working in various offices who have participated in the online public hearing.

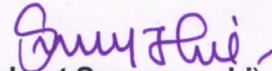
The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Jayant Kadam)
Convener
and
SRO, MPCB Parbhani



(Dr. P.M. Joshi)
Member
and
Regional Officer, MPCB A'bad



(Chandrakant Suryawanshi)
Chairman
and
Additional District Magistrate, Hingoli.