MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED NEW ESTABLISHMENT OF GRAIN BASED DISTILLERY OF 190.0 KILO LITRE PER DAY CAPACITY AT EXISTING SITE SURVEY NO.165, 168 & 169, VILLAGE-KOLARI, TALUKA -CHIMUR, DIST - CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S MANAS AGRO INDUSTRIES & INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED, UNIT-2

Date

17-06-2022

Time

01:00 PM

Place

At Project Site, M/s Manas Agro Industries & Infrastructure

Limited, Unit-2, Survey No.165, 168 & 169, Village Kolari,

Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra

Preamble:-

M/s Manas Agro Industries & Infrastructure Limited, Unit-2, Survey No.165,168 & 169, Village — Kolari, Tal — Chimur, District — Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to State Environment Appraisal Committee (SEAC-I), Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the Proposed New Establishment of Grain Based Distillery of 190.0 KLPD capacity at their existing site at survey nos 165, 166 and 169, Village — Kolari, Tal-Chimur, District-Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The proposed Grained Based Distillery Project has been approved by the State Expert Appraisal Committee – I in its 192nd meeting held on 21-12-2020 and by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in its 214th meeting held on 28-01-2021 and Terms of Reference (ToR) was sanctioned. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report the environmental issues raised by the project affected people about the proposed project. As the proposed project falls under Category B 5 (g), it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior

Environment Clearance (EC) from Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra.

M/s Manas Agro Industries & Infrastructure Limited, Unit-2, Survey No.165, 168 & 169, Village Kolari, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra, . has applied Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 25/03/2022 for conducting Environment Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on June 17, 2022.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India for English on 14-05-2022. An appeal is made to residents of the area, environmental organizations, residents to be displaced by the project or residents to be affected by the project in any other way to submit their views, comments, suggestions or objections about the proposed project in writing or by email to the local MPCB Chandrapur office till the date of public hearing.

Also copy of draft EIA report and executive summery in Marathi and English were made available at various notified offices of Government for the observation, study and comments of the local people as under:-

- Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur;
- Environment & Climate Change Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Maharashtra Government, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032
- 3) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai 400 022

- Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan,
 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 6) District Collector, Collector Office, Chandrapur
- 7) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur
- 8) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Chandrapur;
- Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office Chimur, Tal. Chimur, Dist.
 Chandrapur;
- 10) Chief Officer, Municipal Council Chimur, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur;
- 11) Panchayat Samiti Office, Chimur, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur;
- 12) Gram Panchayat Office, Kolari, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur
- 13) Gram Panchayat Office, Sathagaon, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur.
- 14) Gram Panchayat Office, Chitala (Ku.), Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur.
- 15) Gram Panchayat Office, Mendhegaon (Khapari), Tal. Powani, Dist. Bhandara.
- 16) Gram Panchayat Office, Katepar (Tha.), Tal. Powani, Dist. Bhandara.
- 17) Gram Panchayat Office, Bhuyar, Tal. Powani, Dist. Bhandara

It is also informed to the notified government departments (Sr.no.6 to 17 as above) about giving wide publicity at their level regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The public hearing was thus widely publicized following the due procedure as per the Notification, so that it would be convenient for the project affected or concerned persons to register their views, comments, suggestions or objections with the concerned department. As per the directives, the public consultation is arranged on the project site.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide no.E-

37/2022 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-220530-FTS-0248, dated 30/05/2022 as under:-

 District Magistrate-Chandrapur or his representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate

Chairman

 Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -Regional Officer – Chandrapur, MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur

Member

3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur

Convener

This office is in receipt of 04 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project and the persons / concerned institutions have been informed to attend the public hearing and submit their views, opinion, suggestions or objections if any.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as Annexure-I & II.

Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri Atul Satfale, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Vishalkumar Meshram, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas,

suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized only for the local people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the feelings, suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Environment & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

Project Consultant informed regarding expansion of the project and Environment Management Plan in local language Marathi. Following points were explained in the meeting:-

Detailed Information of the Project -

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Submerged Area, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use, Earthquake Stability;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, development of farmers due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, and project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, biodiversity due to planned project
- Information on environmental management after project implementation
- Information on other environmental management

After the presentation, Convener appealed to the participants to raise their environmental suggestions or objections about the proposed project. While raising questions, inform the full name, village. He also informed Project Environment Consultant and Project Proponent to give appropriate answers.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent:-

1) Shri Raju Pundalik Arore, Sarpanch, Kolari Gram Panchayat, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I hear from the beginning that local people will be given priority for job opportunities in the project, but it is a tragedy. Because local people are never given priority in the project.	Project Proponent informed that in Manas Agro, Unit no. 2, there are 86 employees. Out of these, 72 employees are from Bhivapur, Bhuyar, Kolari and Shankarpur villages which are surrounding the project site. It means that 80% of the employment in the project is provided to the local people only.
2)	We have repeatedly reported local pollution to the local Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office. Farmers in the area have been	

	affected. Their crop is not getting desired price.	
3)	At the commencement of the project, the promises were given by the Project Proponent that various facilities will be provided to the local people under CSR fund. But in reality, the local people do not get any facility. We have been demanding for many years to build a compound wall around the project to prevent pollution. But the wall is not even built till to-date. As a result, many local people do suffer eye irritations several times.	distributed during the Covid period. We will do all these after inception of the new project also. Similarly the health camps will be organized from time to time in the surrounding villages. Programs like eye checking, distribution of spectacles will be undertaken. Water will be provided to the villages in the area where there is no water supply to the toilet blocks. Where there is no water
4)	Our village has never received any CSR fund. Educational facilities, social facilities, health facilities have never been received from this project. Hence, the problems of the local people should be solved with priority. There will be many local people like me, I will bring them to solve their problems.	He further said that whatever investment of CSR fund was made, the investment is made of Total Group (group of six units). But we are going to invest about 140 lakhs in the new project. Plans will be prepared after discussions in advance with the Gram Panchayats in the area

2) <u>Shri Sagar Gavande, At Post - Kolari Gaon, Tal - Chimur, Dist - Chandrapur</u>

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The river water is polluted. It contains chemicals. So, we don't use that water for agriculture. Fish are found dead in the river water.	The Project Proponent said that the

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise suggestions, questions, and objections regarding the proposed project. Then the answers will be given collectively.

3) <u>Shri Sharad Devade, Residence - Bhuyar, Tal - Powani, Dist - Bhandara :-</u>

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The establishment of grain based 190.0 KLPD distillery project is a good thing in this area. As there are no industries here, local youth have to go to Pune-Mumbai, Marathwada regions. Most people can't go there because of the situation. This project is a boon to the local people.	Suggestion is noted.
2)	However, the Project Management has promised to operate the pollution control system alongwith the construction of the project and has promised to take care not to degrade the environment. Hence, the project management should implement the Environment Management Plan (EMP) efficiently, so that public health is not compromised. Villagers from Mendhegaon, Kakepar, Bhuyar, Tekri villages in the area will get employment opportunities and will help the family. I support the project.	The Project Officer said the suggestions have been noted. This project is ZLD, which means Zero Liquid Discharge project. The ESP (i.e. Electro – Static - Precipitator), most advance device will be installed in the 80.0 meter chimney for air pollution control. Though, MPCB has prescribed an air pollution standard of 100 ppm, not more than 50 ppm smoke is emitted from our project. So, there is no air pollution from this project. Local people will be given priority for job opportunities in the proposed plant.

4) <u>Shri. Chinteshwar Chaudhary, Vill. Kolari, Tal. Chimur, Dist.</u> . <u>Chandrapur :-</u>

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	which is also in the possession of	Project Proponent informed that several local people made suggestions about the working road at the meeting. We respect the sentiments of the local people; they are 100% true. The traffic from Mendhegaon will be reduced as

not have the capacity to bear a load of more than 10 tons. So, every year the road breaks. Both the highways are coming here, except for Selukar and Highway No. 9, apart from which no roads have been developed here. However, detailed information should be given on how the road will be developed. The request is for a double road with a load of 40 tons.

to Mendhegaon village. Proceedings have been initiated in this regard and we hope that the road will be completed within two years of the completion of the proposed distillery project. Therefore, the problem faced by the villagers due to transportation will not remain.

5) Shri Pramod Shambharkar, Residence-Bhuyargaon, Tal. Povani, Dist. Bhandara:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	This 190.0 KLPD distillery project is under construction, which is a good thing in this area. This will provide employment opportunities to the unemployed. Now there is discussions of pollution. The Project Proponent should keep the project operational in compliance with the standards prescribed by the MPCB.	Project Proponent informed that suggestions have been noted. Project Proponent further informed that this is ZLD project. For control of air pollution, 80

6) Shri Dilip Katole, Village Bhivapur, Tal. Bhivapur, Dist. Nagpur :-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The project should be in operation well taking care of the environment.	Project Proponent answered that the suggestion is noted and answers are already given regarding the Environment Management Plan.

7) Shri Suresh There, Vill. Mendhegaon (Khapari), Tal. Povani, Dist. Bhandara:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	This proposed project is good and beneficial for future generations. The project will provide employment opportunities to the youth of Chimur, Pawani taluka. Now when discussing the environment, the company should follow its responsibility to protect the environment. I suppot the project.	Project Officer informed that local people will be given priority for job opportunities He further said that the company is committed to environment protection and the project is ZLD. The most advanced ESP device will be installed in

8) Shri Dhanaraj Babhurde, Vill. Mendhegaon (Khapari), Tal. Povani, Dist. Bhandara:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	The factory is agriculture based and will provide employment opportunities to local graduates, diploma holders, ITI educated as well as local people from all walks of life. However, the company should adopt an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to control the pollution so that the local people do not suffer from pollution.	project would give priority to local people for employment. He said that environmental

9) <u>Shri. Avinash Barokar, Vill. Pachagaon, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur:</u>

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	There are no industries in Chimur taluka. The unemployed people in Mendhegaon, Kolari area have been getting jobs for ten years due to this Manas industry. The proposed distillery project will provide employment to 200-250 local people. While discussing the environment here, the Project Promoter promised to I install a 60-meter chimney and most advanced ESP air pollution control equipment, so that air pollution will not be a problem. However, I think this industry is needed here. The project is supported.	Suggestions have been noted.

10) Shri S. Chandra Sekhar, an Environmentalist, Hyderabad:

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	Drinking water scheme should be provided to the villages in the company area. CSR funds should be spent in the villages around the company. Project support.	Suggestions have been noted.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee again appealed the participants to raise their suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project.

11) <u>Shri Monohar Katekar, Village Kolari, Tal. Chimur, Dist.</u> <u>Chandrapur:-</u>

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	This industry will be very good if pollution is controlled. Providing employment opportunities to the local people will help in reducing unemployment. We support the project.	According to the Project Proponent, the effluent does not flow out of the working project. Because energy projects do not produce waste water. The proposed

12) Shri. Shamsundar Wagh, Vill. Mendhegaon (Khapari), Tal. Povani, Dist. Bhandara:-

Sr. No.	Question / Suggestion Objection	Answers / Assurances given by the Project Proponent / Environment Consultant / Public Hearing Committee following the discussions
1)	I have a suggestion that the road which has come from the Bhuyar to the company from Medhengaon should be bye-pass.	Project Proponent explained that several local people made suggestions about the present road conditions at the meeting. We respect the sentiments of the local people, they are 100% true. The traffic from Medhengaon will be reduced as much as possible. There is a proposal of a bypass from the Bhuyar to Mendhegaon. Procedures have been initiated in this regard and we hope that the road will be completed within two years of the completion of the proposed distillery project. Therefore, the problem faced by the citizens due to transportation will not remain.

2)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Project Proponent informed that an ESP
	control the fumes produced during	device will be installed in the 80-meter
	the manufacturing process.	chimney for air pollution control. MPCB
		has given an air pollution standard of
		100 ppm and not more than 50 ppm
		smoke is emitted from our project. So,
		there is no air pollution from the project.
		We will also use the boiler operating in
		the proposed new project.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, appealed to the participants to present any suggestions or objections. There was no response from the participants. He informed Project Proponent to answer the questions and objections raised by the participants.

The Project Proponent answered various questions. He informed that 8.0 MW power project is in operation here. The energy and steam from this project will be given to the new project. He replied to the suggestions and objections raised at the meeting:-

- In Manas Agro Unit-2, there are 86 persons working. Out of these, 72 employees are from villages around Bhivapur, Bhuyar, Kolari and Shankarpur. This means that 80% of the employment in the project is being provided by the villages in the area;
- 2) Sewage is not discharged from this working project. Because energy projects do not produce wastewater.
- 3) The proposed project is ZLD project. Not a single drop of water will go out of the project;
- 4) An ESP device, will be installed in the 80-meter chimney for air pollution control. MPCB has prescribed an air pollution standard of 100 ppm and not more than 50 ppm smoke is emitted from the project. So, there is no air pollution from your project.
- We will use the boiler working in the proposed new project in the proposed project also;
- 6) During the meeting, many local people gave suggestions about the present conditions of the road. We respect the sentiments of the local people, they are 100% true. The traffic from Mendhengaon will be reduced as much as possible. There is a purpose of a bypass from the Bhuyar to Mendhegaon. Procedure have been initiated in this regard and we hope that the road will be completed within two years of the completion of the proposed distillery project. Therefore, the problem faced by the villagers due to transportation will not remain;

7) He further said that whatever investment of the CSR fund has made, it has been consolidated as a Group of six units. But we are going to invest about 140 lakhs in the new project

He said that the plans will be prepared after advance discussions with the Gram Panchayats in the area. 50 lakhs will be spent in the first year. The amount will be spent on building of classrooms in the village school and providing books.

Health facilities will be provided in another village. Health camps will be organized from different villages for a specific period of time. Programs like eye examination, distribution of spectacles will be undertaken. Water will be provided to the villages in the area where there is no water supply to the toilet blocks. Where there is no water facility, we intend to provide borewells.

8) Medicines, masks, sanitizers have been distributed during the Covid period. We will do all these purposes in connection with the new project. We are also concerned that the project will not cause any inconvenience to the surrounding villages.

As shown in the presentation, we are going to plan the air pollution and solid waste properly. If the locals make any further suggestions in this regard, they will be given priority.

9) We assure that the new project will not cause any inconvenience to the surrounding villages.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the suggestions and objections raised by the participants are answered by the Project Management. He requested Chairman to conclude the meeting.

While concluding the meeting, the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that today we have gathered here for conducting the public hearing for establishment of new grain based 190.0 KLPD distillery of M/s. Manas Agro Industries & Infrastructure Limited, Unit-2, Survey no. 165, 168 and 169, Village Kolari, Tal. Chimur, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

He said that this Committee is constituted to register environmental concerns, comments, suggestions or objections of the local people regarding the proposed project and the Committee has no authority to approve, reject or recommend the project.

Chairman said that the suggestions, objections raised by the participants in the meeting regarding the proposed project have been noted and it will be included in the minutes of meeting which will be prepared in Marathi and

English. It will be submitted to the Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai through MPCB Head Office. An Expert Committee will take further decision for the same. Copy of the minutes of the meeting will be made available to the local people on request.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all the local people, project affected people, government officials and employees, Police Department, all the management of the project and announced that the public hearing has been concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair. Enclosed 04 suggestions/objections received by the office.

(Atul Satfale)

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee & Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur (A. M. Kare)

Member,

Environment Public

Hearing Committee &

Regional Officer, MPCB,

Chandrapur

(Vishalkumar Meshram)
Chairman,
Environment Public
Hearing Committee &
Additional District

Magistrate, Chandrapur