

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 150 KLPD SUGAR SYRUP/MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY PROJECT LOCATED AT. SR. NO. 612, VILLAGE MATORI, TAL. SHIRUR KASAR, DIST. BEED, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. MOHATADEVI SUGAR MILLS AND AGRO LIMITED, SR. NO. 612, VILLAGE MATORI, TAL. SHIRUR KASAR, DIST. BEED, MAHARASHTRA.

The Environment Public Hearing Meeting for the proposed establishment OF 150 KLPD sugar syrup/molasses based Distillery Project located at. Sr. No. 612, Village Matori, Tal. Shirur kasar, Dist. Beed, Maharashtra by project proponent M/s. Mohatadevi Sugar Mills And Agro Limited, Sr. No. 612, Village Matori, Tal. Shirur kasar, Dist. Beed, Maharashtra was conducted on 19-09-2022 at 11.00 am at the project site.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 61 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 220907- FTS- 0072 dated 07-09-2022. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. Following Panel members were present during the public hearing:

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1. **Shri. Santosh Raut,**
Additional District Magistrate, Beed,
Dist: Beed. : Chairman.
2. **Shri. Dilip Khedkar,**
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Aurangabad. : Member
3. **Shri. S.M. Kurmude,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Jalna. : Convener.

Dr. Yogini Balankhe, Field Officer, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public present for the hearing and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee she gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment.

Dr. Yogini Balankhe, 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

hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit comes under the purview of this Notification. The Project Proponent has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 22-07-2022. The public hearing was scheduled on 19-09-2022 time 11.00 a.m. with approval of Hon'ble District Collector Beed. Accordingly notice was published in Daily Times of India (English) & Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 19-08-2022. Also the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report on the project (in English and Marathi) was made available for study to the interested public in the respective Gram Panchayat offices and other government offices. Accordingly, today's public hearing is being held. A copy of EIA report and executive summery was made available at various Govt. offices as under-

- 1) District Collector, Beed.
- 2) Zilha Parishad, Beed.
- 3) District Industries Centre, Beed.
- 4) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Shirur Kasar.
- 5) Grampanchayat Office, Matori, Malegaon, Midsangavi, Barajwadi, Dharwadi, Tintarvani, Bhalkeshwar, Shripatwadi, Tal. Shirur Kasar, Dist. Beed.
- 6) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalna.
- 7) Regional Officer, Maharashtra MPCB, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalhana Aurangabad.
- 8) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd,3rd & 4th Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 9) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- 10) Regional Office, Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ),Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Further she clarified that, Board had given 30 days period for submission of any suggestions/Objections/views etc about the project as per the notifications and Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Jalna has not received. Also she informed to the public that, participants can raise their objections, comments etc. in oral or written during the Public Hearing.

After that Shri. Dilip Khedkar, Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Aurangabad and Member of Environment Public hearing first of all welcomed all the public present in the surrounding villages on behalf of MPC Board. He also said that, Dr. Yogini Balankhe, Field Officer, brief information about the project. Also, presentation of the said proposed project will be done by the project consultant and after that, he requested the public to listen to the presentation properly and after that, if you have any objections/criticisms/comments then you shall ask questions by stating your name and village name first. After that Dr. Yogini Balankhe requested the project consultant to give presentation about the proposed project.

The Representative Dr. Hemangi Nalawade of M/s. Mitcon Consultancy & Engineering Services Ltd., Pune 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, Budgetary provisions for environmental management, Net gain from the project etc. The information on the above is recorded in the CD and taken notes in brief in the minutes of the public hearing.

After concluding the power point presentation of said project by the Project Consultant, Shri. Dilip Khedkar, Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Aurangabad and Member of Environment Public hearing, congratulated the project proponent and said that, you are doing a very good project. Because such projects are very necessary to come in rural areas, due to this, the public in the rural areas will get employment and it will be useful for the development of the public in the rural areas. Then he asked the present public, whether they have understood the power point presentation of the said project properly or if in case any point not understood, they may asked the project consultant to explain to them again. But there was no any suggestions from public to re-explain, he requested to present public to give their suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. and he instructed to the project consultant to show the slide of layout plant and also corrections shall be done in the draft EIA. He then informed that this is an environmental public hearing and the questions in the same matter shall be raised from the public.

After that, following suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc were raised and reply to the same was given by project consultant/proponent.

Sr. No.	Name and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent / Consultant
1.	<p>Shri. Dilip Khedkar, Regional Officer, Aurangabad raised the question as below-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the EIA draft monitoring of area within the radius of 10 Km is to be done. In which mainly the water samples of which wells are collected, name of owner & village shall be noted, also name of the villages were Ambient air quality is done shall be informed by the project consultant, also he informed that his native village is about 4 Km from the project but no monitoring is seems to be done, reason for that 	<p>Dr. Hemangi Nalawade, Project consultant replied that, as per the direction given by the Regional Officer all the correction in the draft EIA will be done and also as per the norms in the EC the land reservation for tree plantation will be demark in the layout plan.</p>

	<p>2. In the layout plan submitted with draft EIA specific location regarding tree plantation is not mentioned. As per the notification minimum 33% area of total project area is to be reserved for irrigation/plantation. But it seems not been identified, explanation for the same shall be given.</p> <p>3. As per the norms given in Environmental Clearance if tree plantation is not done MPCB will initiate necessary legal action this shall be noted. EIA report is a baseline study which in future helps in resolving any complaints. Hence it is suggested to project consultant to make necessary corrections in draft EIA at this level only.</p>	
2.	<p>Shri. Vithal Vajinath Khedkar, Res. of Gho. Pargaon, Tal. Shirur Kasar, Dist. Beed while supporting the project, he stated that, it is necessity to start this factory because there is a lot of water resources in the surrounding villages in shirur kasar taluka and the sugarcane crop is grown in large quantities but it is a very serious situation for the farmers here that, they have to go a long way for the factory. Therefore, if this project will be started, the farmers will definitely benefit here. Also employment will be created for the people of the village, the farmers will benefit and it will help in the development in the area.</p>	-----
3.	<p>Shri. Vishnu Bhausaheb Nital, Sarpanch Brahmanath Yalmb, Tal. Shirur Kasar, Dist. Beed, supported to the above project and stated that, public from this area go for sugarcane harvesting in all parts of Maharashtra. Due to this, if the</p>	-----

	<p>project started here, the migration of these public will stop and the public will benefited. Also employment problems in the area will be sort. He requested that we all farmers in the area are to support the project.</p>	
4.	<p>Shri. Atmaram Supekar, Brahmanath Yelmb, said that, Shri. Dilip Khedkar Saheb is from this area and at senior post in the MPCB and he is the opinion that such type of project started in the area. He also requested to the factory representative that they shall installed machineries with new technology and operate the factory properly so that, nearby farmers suffer by the activities of the industries. He also inform to project consultant that, they have not included the major sindhfana river in their presentation which is in the 10 km radius from the project. And also requested to Shri. Khekdar sahib to give proper guidance in the project.</p>	<p>Dr. Hemangi Nalawade, Project Consultant, replied that, the Sindhapana river would not be in 10 Km radius if it is so this will be rectified.</p> <p>After that, Shri. Dilip Khedkar, said that, the EIA draft is of raw form if that river is within 10 km that should be included in EIA and correction shall be done accordingly.</p>
5.	<p>Shri. Dnyandev Nagargoje, Sarpanch, Malegaon, said that his farm is at a distance of 500 meters from this project. As stated in this presentation, due to the factory there will be no any harm to the nearby villagers but factory representative shall explain that how the industrial effluent will be disposed, what are the possibilities of employment to the local villagers, assurance in the matter shall be given.</p>	<p>Dr. Hemangi Nalawade, Project Consultant, She briefly said that, terms and conditions are included in the Consent granted by the factory all the effluent generated will be incinerated and there will be zero discharge. If the regulations are violated govt. will give closure direction. MPCB officials will regularly visit to industry for checking compliance of consent conditions and also monitoring with different agencies will be done. The OCEMS will be provided to the chimney which will be connected to the CPCB & MPCB servers for continuous monitoring. Hence for pollution problems will not arise.</p> <p>On this, Shri. Dilip Khedkar said that, you asked a very good environmental question. Previous experience of sugar factories is that there was smell nuisance in the area also cause pollution, but due to advance in technology now the units are with zero liquid discharge i.e. all</p>

		the effluent generated will be incinerated and the sold waste will be sent as fertilizer to the farmers. Also ESP with stack of proper height is proposed to the industry along with OCEMS which will control air pollution problems. If the emission level goes higher Bank guarantee of the industry will be forfeited, hence it is compulsory to the industry to follow environmental rules and regulations.
6.	Shri. Abhiman Annasaheb Jarange, Sarpanch, Matori Gram Panchayat, requested the committee to provide maximum employment to the local people here in the factories.	On this, Shri. Dilip Khedkar said that, generally project proponent's give opportunities to the local employment also it is mention in the law.
7.	Shri. Baburao Jaywant Sanap, Gho. Paragaon, he said that, there is about 3-5 lack tone of sugarcane production in the area, which is given to the outside factories. Hence this unit will benefit to the farmers.	-----
8.	Shri. Jay Khedkar, Sarpanch, Tintarwani, said that, Shri. Dilip Khedkar Saheb is the senior most officer in the MPCB & he will look after all the pollution problems which would arise due to the factory and there will be no harm to the nearby farmers and the project will benefit to the villagers in the area	-----
9.	Shri. Rajendra Pandurang Khedkar, Gho. Paragaon, said that, the project was a boon for the farmers here, so requested that the project be started as earlier as possible.	-----
10.	Shri. Dnyandev Nagargoje, Sarpanch, Malegaon (Chakla), Tal. Shirur Ka., Dist. Beed have submitted written application in which following points are raised- 1. As per the notice in the news paper M/s. Mohatadevi Sugar	Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, Jalna said that, note of the written letter is been taken and requested to project proponent to submit the reply in the matter.


	<p>Mills Ltd., Matori has been granted permission on 14/09/2006 i.e. permission is being granted before 17 years.</p> <p>2. From mauje Malegon (Chakla) M/s. Suman SSK is about 12 Km and this M/s. Mohatadevi Sugar Mills Pvt. Ltd., is about 2 km i.e. the distance between this two sugar industries is about 14 km and as per the rules the distance between two sugar industries shall not be less than 25 km. if this two sugar industries are started the pollution level in the area will definitely affect human habitation, farming, animals in the area. Hence this distance shall be taken in consideration during granting of the permission.</p> <p>3. M/s. Mohatadevi Sugar Mills Ltd., Matori, has been granted IEM and as per the conditions mentioned in it, have M/s. Mohatadevi Sugar Mills Ltd., complied the conditions of Bank guarantee.</p> <p>4. As per the sugar cane (Control) order- 1966 is this sugar industry complying the distance criteria between two sugar industries, if so giving permission to this industry will violate the above said act & will affect human habitation, farming & animals in the area.</p>	
11.	<p>Shrimati. Chabubai Dnyanoba Rakh, Sarpanch, Borgaon (Chakla), Tal. Shirur Ka., Dist. Beed have submitted written application in which following points are raised-</p> <p>1. The proposed Mohatadevi Sugar Mills Ltd., is 2.5. km from my village but name of village is not</p>	<p>Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, Jalna said that, note of the written letter is been taken and requested to project proponent to submit the reply in the matter.</p>


	<p>mentioned in the draft EIA and no information is given to the village.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. If the permission is granted to this project the spent wash may be discharge in to Kina River & local nalla. 3. Due to discharge of spent wash drinking water supply of village will be affected. 4. In the kina river fishing is done and many families depended on this occupation which will be affected. 5. Also due to spent wash discharge the soil in the area will be affected 	
12.	<p>Shri. Babanrao Eknathrao Garkal, Sarpanch, Ghogus Paragaon, Tal. Shirur Ka., Dist. Beed have submitted written application in which following points are raised-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As per the notice in the news paper M/s. Mohatadevi Sugar Mills Ltd., Matori has been granted permission on 14/09/2006 i.e. permission is being granted before 17 years. 2. From mauje Malegon (Chakla) M/s. Suman SSK is bout 12 Km and this M/s. Mohatadevi Sugar Mills Pvt. Ltd., is about 2 km i.e. the distance between this two sugar industries is about 14 km and as per the rules the distance between two sugar industries shall not be less that 25 km. if this two sugar industries are started the pollution level in the area will definitely affect human habitation, farming, animals in the area. Hence this distance shall be taken in consideration during granting of the permission. 	<p>Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, Jalna said that, note of the written letter is been taken and requested to project proponent to submit the reply in the matter.</p>


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Shri. Dilip Khedkar, said to the present public that, all their suggestions, comments, views, written & Oral received during the hearing are recorded. While issuing consent to the industry strict conditions will be included. Also industry will be instructed to take at most precautions so that there will be no problems to the nearby farmers.

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the **Chair**.


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 MPCB, Jalna.


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