

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S GUARDIAN CASTING PRIVATE LIMITED LOCATED AT GUT Nos 57 (PT), 108 (PT), 115, 116, 117, 120, 135 (PT), AND NO. 92/1, VILLAGE -ABITGHAR, TALUKA -WADA, DISTRICT-PALGHAR FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION IN EXISTING UNIT OF M.S. BILLETS FROM 20,000 TPM (2,40,000 TPA) TO 60,000 TPM ( 7,20,000 TPA) ALSO TMT BARS / M.S. CHANNEL / ANGELS/ BEAM/ STRUCTURE/ ROD/WIRE ROD FROM 20,000 TPM (2,40,000 TPA) TO 60,000 TPM (7,20,000 TPA).**

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The Environment Public Hearing of M/s Guardian Casting Private Limited for proposed expansion in it's existing unit for M.S. Billets from 20,000 TPM (2,40,000 TPA) TO 60,000 TPM (7,20,000 TPA) And TMT Bars / M. S. Channel / Angels / Beam / Structure / Rod / Wire Rod from 20,000 TPM (2,40,000 TPA) TO 60,000 TPM (7,20,000 TPA) at Gut no. Nos 57 (PT), 108 (PT), 115, 116, 117, 120, 135 (PT), & NO.92/1, was conducted on Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 3.00 p.m at project site.

Shri Kishor Kerlikar, Sub Regional Officer-Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan and Convener of



the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Dr. Bhawanji Aage Patil, Sub Divisional Magistrate Wada, and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Babasaheb Kukade, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, Gol) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Guardian Casting Private Limited to conduct Environment Public Hearing for it's proposed expansion in existing unit for M.S. Billets from 20,000 TPM (2,40,000 TPA) TO 60,000 TPM

(7,20,000 TPA), Also TMT Bars / M.S.Channel / Angels / Beam / Structure / Rod / Wire Rod from 20,000 TPM (2,40,000 TPA) TO 60,000 TPM (7,20,000 TPA) at Gut no. Nos 57 (PT), 108 (PT), 115, 116, 117, 120, 135 (PT), & No. 92/1, Village - Abitghar, Taluka - Wada, District - Palghar, Maharashtra.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category B-1 schedule 3 (a) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai for which prior Environmental Public Hearing is mandatory.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior 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.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and it has been considered and given online approval on 15-03-2022.

After sanction of District Collector, Palghar to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>



October, 2022 at 3.00 p.m. and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 65 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-220920FTS0222 dated 20.09.2022 :-

- 1) District Magistrate-Palghar **Chairman**  
or his representative not below  
the rank of an Additional District  
Magistrate
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra **Member**  
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -  
Regional Officer – Kalyan,  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,  
Kalyan
- 3) Sub Regional Officer-Kalyan-3, **Convener**  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan

As per said Notification, 30 days' in advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan in the Local Marathi Newspaper

in Daily Sakal and in National English Newspaper daily Free Press Journal on 09<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices –

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001;
- 2) District Collector, Palghar;
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Centre Office, Palghar;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Palghar;
- 5) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Mumbai;
- 6) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai;
- 7) Sub Divisional Officer-Wada, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar;



- 8) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office - Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 9) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Wada, Tal-Wada, District – Palghar;
- 10) Sarpanch, Group Gram Panchayat, Abitghar, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 11) Regional Officer, Regional Office-Kalyan, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Shree Siddhi Vinayak Sankul, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road, Kalyan (West) – 421 301, Dist – Thane;
- 12) Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-3, Sub Regional Office-Kalyan, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Shree Siddhi Vinayak Sankul, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road, Kalyan (West) – 421 301, Dist – Thane;
- 13) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board;

The public in general were appealed to send any suggestions or objections regarding proposed the project.

Convener informed that not a single objection received at MPCB office regarding the proposed project.

The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project.

Convener informed that, participants can raise their views, suggestions/objections for the proposed project in environmental angle only orally as well as in writing also.

Convener informed that, this Committee is constituted to know the views, opinions, suggestions or objections of the local people and it does not take any decision of sanction, recommendation or rejection of the project. The suggestions/objections raised during the meeting will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The video shooting of the meeting as it is along with minutes of the meeting and Final EIA report will be submitted with the approval of Chairman of the Committee through Head Office MPCB to Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for further decision. An Expert Committee at Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra will take further decision.

Member, Convener requested Chairman to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Environment Consultant of the Project Proponent made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He informed about the geographical location of the



proposed project, possible impact on the environment due to the proposed project, and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared for it, details regarding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund and Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Fund. It is informed that this project has an investment of total Rs. 147.5 Crores and there will requirement of direct man power of 370 personnel's. There will be huge increase in the indirect business of the area.

After the Presentation, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed the participants to raise views, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed plant in environmental angle only. While raising the suggestions or objections, full name and name of the village should be informed.

**FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND ANSWERS GIVEN BY PROJECT CONSULTANT/PROJECT PROPONENT/ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE:-**

**1) Shri Bharat Govind Jadhav, Residence - Abitghar, Tal-Wada, Dist- Palghar :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public



		<b>Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	<p>Now we have gathered here for environmental public hearing organized by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for expansion of the company. The topic of tree plantation was raised in the discussions. At that time, the Project Proponent said that they would spend about Rs. 2.0 lakhs per year for tree plantation. Where the plantation will be done? What will be provision made by project proponent? Tree plantation shall be carried out on 33% of open land. Whether this much land is available in this project?</p>	<p>Project Proponent replied that there is a plot adjacent to it's project. Presently it is open land. Plantation and green belt will be developed on it. As per mandatory requirement, green belt will be developed, it will be completed.</p>
2)	<p>Presently 484 workers are working in the project. What is the percentage of local workers? After the expansion, the work load will be almost double &amp; increase the man power. So my request is that local people should be given priority in skilled, semi-</p>	<p>Suggestions accepted &amp; noted.</p>



	skilled, unskilled cadres in the expansion project.	
3)	Developing projects is a part of rural development. Thus, the village develops after commissioning of the projects. As a local person, I would like to say that solid waste and sewage are not scientifically treated and disposed of in the project. If the village and the company take up the issue of well equipped GANTA GADI (Bell Ringing Vehicle) in co-ordination, then the village will be definitely benefitted.	Project Proponent said that we are three companies and together we will provide one Ghanta Gadi to the Gram Panchayat.
4)	Small and big incidents happen in the project. In case of an accident at night, it is necessary to get immediate medical help. If an equipped ambulance is made available for this, the villagers will get benefit of the same. So these things should be done by taking care of moral responsibility for the village.	Project Proponent said that, in the proposal for providing ambulance to local villagers is accepted and ready to provide one ambulance for the villagers.



**2) Shri Ganeshbhau Bhoir, Residence - Abitghar, Tal - Wada, Dist - Palghar:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>If we consider industrialization, it can be seen that along with the development of the company, the local people have also developed. Where the companies are established, the standard of living of the people always rises. It is a simple expectation of the local people that the company should undertake social commitment activities in the village such as educational, medical and provide job opportunities to the people of the village. If that is done, the local people will not be against any industrialization. Similarly, as per the issue raised in the meeting, if Ghanta Gadi is provided, it will definitely</p>	<p>Suggestions are noted.</p>

benefit the company and the village.
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**3) Shri Kishor Kerlikar, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee :-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Information / Question</b>	<b>Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	After the detailed observations of the presentation, it is noticed that, project proponent are installing two more induction furnaces. Whether two more stacks will be installed?	Environmental Consultant replied that the Project Proponent proposed to install two induction furnaces and two stacks. It is proposed to install a combined air pollution control system i.e. bag filter on both stacks.
2)	CEMS (Continuous Emissions Monitoring System) will be installed in the project. Which parameters will be analysed?	Environmental Consultant said that parameters such as PM, Sulfur-Dioxide, Nitrogen-Dioxide etc. will be analyzed.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to raise suggestion, objections



regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. If anybody desires to submit in writing, it can be submitted.

4) **Shri Babasaheb Kukade, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee :-**

5)

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	On Page No. 22 of the presentation, the slag generation in the operational project is 800.0 tonnes per annum and after expansion it will increase to 1600.0 tonnes per annum and the total will be 2400.0 tonnes. So, how it will be disposed of? It is mentioned here that slag will be used for the internal road development and also will be made available to brick manufacturers.	The slag will be used in leveling to concretize internal roads in the project. Similarly, contracts will be made with local brick manufacturers and remaining slag will be supplied to them.
2)	Steel companies have only two issues, one is air pollution and another is slag disposal. If there is any new technology in this regard, it should be adopted.	Environmental Consultant said that the new technology will be studied and adopted in the project. Now new technology has come and slag is converted into sand. The slag



			will be disposed of accordingly after studying it.
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Representative of Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan appealed to the participants to raise objections, suggestions, if any. There was no response from the participants. On behalf of all, he requested Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee to give further guidance.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee welcomed Project Proponent, all the officers and employees of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Government officials, journalists, environmental organizations, channel representatives and local people present in large numbers in the public hearing meeting and said that Government has made it mandatory to organize public hearings on environmental issues at the time of commissioning of the project, as the citizens residing around the project area should be informed about the production activities of the proposed project and the information about the Environmental Management Plans (EMP) which are mandatory, to check whether the plans are as per the Government standards, to inform the villagers about the benefits of the said project. Until there is no co-ordination



between the villagers and the industry, there will not be an industry-friendly atmosphere in that area.

Chairman said that, the Project Proponent have given a positive response to the social demands made by the villagers. Congratulations to the villagers and company administration for that. The expansion of this industry will raise the standard of living of the local people. Because along with the employment in the project, there will be a huge increase in the indirect business in the area.

Environment Consultant has answered satisfactorily to the technical questions raised by the Member and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee.

Chairman said that, in any industry, technology adopted / exists today, becomes outdated after few years. Hence, Environmental consultants should guide the Project Proponent for minimize the potential impact of the project on the environment. As, the project will provide job opportunities in skilled and semi-skilled cadre, for that, it is necessary for the local young boys and girls to acquire skills accordingly. Everyone needs to make themselves employable.

Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the companies to come together and form a group



or association and implement the training scheme which needs in the project to the young boys and girls. Company Administration should involve the local people in various activities in the future by providing job opportunities to them. The project should follow the standards passed regarding pollution. However, the co-operative atmosphere should be maintained. He wished all the success to the project.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that, as informed by Hon'ble Chairman, all suggestions, objections have been noted. It will be included in the minutes of meeting and will be submitted to the Government. The Technical Committee there will consider all the suggestions raised by the locals. The Committee will take further decision accordingly.

Convener thanks all for attending the meeting and raising the suggestions, objections and with permission of Hon'ble Chairman declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed written suggestions/objections : 2 nos. received.




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