

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF  
M/S REGENCY TMT PRIVATE LIMITED LOCATED AT  
GUT NO. 13/2, 13/4, 15/2, 15/3 AT VILLAGE-KHUPARI,  
TALUKA-WADA, DISTRICT-PALGHAR, MAHARASHTRA  
FOR PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF INDUCTION  
FURNACE & ROLLING MILL FOR PRODUCTION FOR  
3,00,000 TPA OF M.S. BILLETS AND 2,00,000 TPA OF TMT  
BARS / M.S. CHANNEL / ANGELS / BEAM / STRUCTURE /  
ROD / WIRE ROD.**

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The Environmental Public Hearing of M/s Regency TMT Private Limited for proposed installation of Induction Furnace & Rolling Mill for the production of 3,00,000 TPA OF M.S. BILLETS AND 2,00,000 TPA OF TMT Bars / M.S. Channel / Angels / Beam / Structure / Rod / Wire Rod was conducted on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 11.00 a.m at project site Gut No.13/2, 13/4, 15/2, 15/3, At Village-Khupari, Taluka-Wada, District – Palghar, Maharashtra.

Shri Kishor Kerlikar, Sub Regional Officer-Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri

Govind Bodke, District Magistrate, Palghar 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; Dr. Bhawanji Aage Patil Sub Divisional Magistrate Wada, 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 hearing to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Convener, informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Regency TMT Private Limited for their proposed installation of Induction Furnace & Rolling Mill for production for 3,00,000.0 TPA OF M.S. BILLETS AND 2,00,000.0 TPA OF TMT

Bars/M.S. Channel/Angels/Beam/Structure/Rod/Wire Rod at Gut No.13/2, 13/4, 15/2, 15/3, Village-Khupari, Taluka-Wada, District – Palghar, Maharashtra State.

The Convener further informed that, 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 consultation is mandatory.

Convener 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.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai on 06 June, 2022 and it has been considered and given online approval on 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

After sanction from District Collector, Palghar to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 11.00 a.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- 68 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 220920FTS0229 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, Khupari, 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 objections received by the MPCB office 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 Rs. 95.0 Crores and there will requirement of direct manpower of 300 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 project 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 Kishor Kerlikar, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee :-**

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



		<b>Hearing Committee as per discussion</b>
1)	The presentation shows that STP will be constructed to treat domestic effluent. In the production process, 30.0 M <sup>3</sup> /day industrial effluent will be generated. The presentation showed that industrial effluent will be recycled in the project. But it is not mentioned which process/facility will be adopted to recycle the treated industrial waste water in the project.	The environmental consultant replied that the industrial effluent generated in the project will be stored in settling tanks. Then after blower, the treated industrial effluent will be recycled in the production process.
2)	It is not mentioned which fuel will be used in the project.	No fuel will be used in this project. Only electricity will be used. No separate fuel shall be used for Rolling Mills. The billets melted in the moving furnace will be kept directly into the rolling mill.
3)	Electricity will be used for such a big project. Then, why D.G. back up is required? I don't think it will be needed This should be clarified.	It is planned to operate DG sets if required in future. It will be used for backup only.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to raise any suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

**2) Shri Govind Bodke, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The topic of energy for the project was raised in the discussion. You are going to use electricity as fuel in your project. So, are there any plans to use solar energy in the project in future? Similarly, will it be feasible to use solar energy in the project?	The environmental consultant replied that the project could not use solar energy for its manufacturing process. However, solar energy will be used for the administrative building of the project, lights on internal roads, lights in the green belt of the project. Similarly, wherever possible, solar energy will be used.
2)	After the start of the project, the traffic volume on the roads in the area increases and the biggest impact is on the roads in the area. So, is	The Environmental Consultant replied that the company would definitely consider using part of the project's CER funds to repair village

<p>there any plan to maintain the roads for repair and traffic?</p>	<p>roads. The company will decide the road development policy only after considering the suggestions and comments made by the villagers.</p>
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**3) Shri Sadashiv Bagul, Kharivali, Tal- Wada,**  
**Dist – Palghar:-**

<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)	<p>How much amount will be spent for the village from the CSR fund? What are you going to do? What percentage will be spent by your company per year?</p> <p>At this time, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that there is a difference between CSR and CER.</p>	<p>The Environmental Consultant replied that there is definitely a difference between CSR funds and CER funds. When a company is first established, only the CER fund has to be spent for the first three years. However, CSR funds have to be spent only after three years of establishment of the company &amp; when the company starts making profits. CSR fund will be utilize as per demands local people &amp; accrodingly.</p>

		Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed here that some amount of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility Fund) has to be spent when the company is in profit. But some amount from CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility Fund) has to be spent for environmental projects in the area, whether the company is in profit or not.
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**4) Shri Govind Vishnu Patil, Residence-Kharivali, Tal-Wada, Dist – Palghar :-**

<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)	We welcome the project of Rs. 95.0 Crore. But the company should take responsibility and run the pollution control system efficiently to avoid any pollution in the area due to the said project. Local people should be given job opportunities. When the	Suggestions have been noted.

	<p>company becomes profitable, CSR funds should be spent on social activities in our Gram Panchayat area. Congrats and support for this Regency Group project.</p> <p>It is requested Hon'ble Collectorsahab to bring such good projects in our Taluka.</p>	
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Representative of Sub Regional Office, Kalyan, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board appealed to the participants to raise any environmental suggestions, objections, if any, regarding the proposed project.

**5) Shri Deepak Ankush Wada, Residence – Mouje Khupari, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar :-**

<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)	What are the benefits to the local people due to this project?	Local people will be given priority in job opportunities. Various social welfare programmes will be

		implemented. The income of Gram Panchayat will increased.
2)	If there is no water and air pollution, then there is no objection to establish the project. But if there is pollution, what measures will be taken by the company to control the pollution?	Project Proponent answered that various measures will be implemented to prevent pollution. Information about this is already given in the discussions.
3)	Which educational, social and medical facilities will be provided to the villagers?	Environmental Consultant said that plans will be implemented after discussing with the villagers to provide educational and medical facilities for the villagers.
4)	Adivasi Vikas Sevabhavi Sanstha is registered in our village Khupri and our local people were wishing that whether the company can provide an ambulance to this organization?	Here Project Proponent informed that the issue of providing ambulance is discussed in the meeting. He promised that an Ambulance will be provided to Gram Panchayat. He further assured that the students in the village will be help out with educational materials.

**6) Shri Sanjay Ganpat Jadhav, Member, Khupari Gram Panchayat, Ex-Sarpanch:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>First of all, welcome to the company. Projects must come. But regarding the environment, the 10.0 km radius of the project has been declared as Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). Hence, if there is any revised government decisions or guidelines regarding waiving of it should be made available. Gram Panchayats were asked to provide guidance regarding environment. No guidance received. If there is a GR to relax the distance, it should be made available. In this regard, the writing information be made available.</p>	<p>For Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), according to the letter received by the Range Forest Officer, Wada, Western Division Office, Tansa Sanctuary is 12 km from the project site as per GPS system. And it is not within the 10 km of the project periphery.</p>

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raise any environmental suggestions, objections, if any, regarding the proposed project.

**6) Shri Sham Ganpat Jadhav, Residence – Khupari, 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>An Environmental Public Hearing is going on here. But all the information about the project and public hearing did not reach the general public. If people would have received advance notice, then people could have raised objections about the project. I am giving my complaint in writing.</p>	<p>Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that, as per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, 30 days in advance public notice regarding public hearing was published in one local Marathi newspaper language in Sakal Paper and English newspaper Free Press Journal dated 9th September, 2022. Similarly, complete documents about the proposed project i.e. copies of Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Executive Summary Report in English and Marathi were made available for public study</p>



		at the notified Government offices i.e. local Gram Panchayat Office, Panchayat Samiti Office, Zilla Parishad, Palghar; Sub Divisional Officer-Wada, and Collector Office-Palghar. The proof of submission of the document to the concerned office is with MPCB office. It was appealed to public to submit suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project through written post or email.
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**8) Mrs. Prarabdha Prakash Tandel, Sarpanch, Khupari Gram Panchayat, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar:-**

<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)	Welcome to Khupri village for this project. The projects will provide employment to the local people, similarly various projects will	Suggestions have been noted.

<p>generate tax revenue to the Gram Panchayats. Many projects contribute to development. So, the company is requested to provide job opportunities to the local people and Adivasis in the project. Company management should take precautions to prevent pollution. We support the project.</p>	
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Representative, Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan appealed to the participants to raise any environmental suggestions, objections, if any, regarding the proposed project. There was no response.

Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee thank to Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, representatives of the Project Proponent, journalists, organizations working in the field of environment and the local people who were present and requested Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee to conclude the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that the suggestions and objections raised in the meeting have been properly answered by the Project officials and their Environment Consultant. Although this is an open public hearing on environmental issues, the company has agreed to provide an ambulance as demanded by the locals. This shows their co-operative attitude.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the project authorities have agreed to give preference to local people in employment. Here, the local young boys and girls are advised to acquire the skills needed in this project and other projects. Aspirants should be trained. Try to make yourself employable. Government is always supportive if Skill Development Programmes are undertaken.

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

Convener thanked to all the participants who have attended this meeting and raised their views, suggestions or objections and on behalf of the Chairman, declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed written suggestions/objections : 2 nos. received.



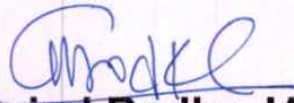
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District – Palghar