MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF M/S ASHA RESINS PVT. LTD., GAT NO.227/2, ALANDI-MARKAL ROAD, VILLAGE-DHANORE, TAL-KHED, DIST – PUNE, MAHARASHTRA FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF LIQUID FORMULATIONS FROM 600 TPA TO 1080 TPA, POWDER FORMULATIONS FROM 600 TPA TO 700 TPA, CATION EXCHANGE RESINS FROM 300 TPA TO 3000 TPA, BIOCIDE FROM 24 TPA TO 360 TPA, DISPERSANTS FROM 24 TPA TO 360 TPA, FLOCCULATING AGENTS FROM 12 TPA TO 240 TPA AND NEWLY ADDED OIL FIELD CHEMICALS 1200 TPA (MANUFACTURING OF WATER & AMP, WASTE WATER TREATMENT RESINS & AMP, CHEMICALS)

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of M/s. Asha Resins Pvt. Ltd., Gat No.227/2, Alandi-Markal Road, Village-Dhanore, Tal. Khed, Dist. Pune, Maharashtra for proposed expansion of Liquid formulations from 600 TPA to 1080 TPA, Powder formulations from 600 TPA to 700 TPA, Cation Exchange Resins from 300 TPA to 3000 TPA, Biocide from 24 TPA to 360 TPA, Dispersants from 24 TPA to 360 TPA, Flocculating Agents from 12 TPA to 240 TPA and newly added Oil Field Chemicals 1200 TPA (manufacturing of water & amp, waste water treatment Resins & amp, chemicals) was held on Wednesday, 3rd August, 2022 at 12.00 noon at Vishwavilas Mangal Karyalaya, At Post – Solu, Alandi-Markal Road, Ta. Khed, Dist. Pune.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF &

CC, Gol), 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- 56 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 220712-FTS-0024, dated 12-07-2022:-

- District Magistrate-Pune
 or his representative not below
 the rank of an Additional District
 Magistrate
 - e Member

Chairman

- Regional Officer, M.P.C.B., Pune (Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, Pune-II, Convener

M.P.C.B., Pune

Shri. Nitin Shinde, Sub Regional Officer, Pune-II, MPCB, Pune and Member, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. Himmatrao Kharade, Additional District Magistrate, Pune and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present.

Member, Convener informed that as per the Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India,

New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, Pollution Potential projects have to obtain Environment Clearance (EC) for which conducting Public Hearing in advance is mandatory.

The Convener of the meeting informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of an application from M/s. Asha Resins Private Ltd., Gut No. 227/2, Alandi-Markal Road, Village-Dhanore, Tal-Khed, District -Pune, Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing for their proposed expansion of Liquid formulations from 600 TPA to 1080 TPA, Powder formulations from 600 TPA to 700 TPA, Cation Exchange Resins from 300 TPA to 3000 TPA, Biocide from 24 TPA to 360 TPA, Dispersants from 24 TPA to 360 TPA, Flocculating Agents from 12 TPA to 240 TPA and newly added Oil Field Chemicals 1200 TPA (manufacturing of water & amp, waste water treatment Resins & amp, chemicals).

The Convener further informed that this existing project is established outside the Industrial Zone and as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category "A"- 5 (f), for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Convener informed that the aim of the Environment Public Hearing is to aware the surrounding general public regarding the project and its consequences, and to know the views of public, to aware the common public about the pollution control systems and the consider the points raised by the public.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for Terms of Reference (ToR) for conduct of EIA studies and Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC-Industry-3), New proposal ToR in their 18th meeting held on 25th October, 2021 and vide Proposal No. IA/MH/IND3/230868/2021 dated 23rd September, 2021.

As per said Notification, 30 day's advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, Pune-II, M.P.C.B. Pune in the Local Newspaper at Daily Loksatta for Marathi and at National Newspaper daily The Indian Express for English on 28th June, 2022. In the said notice the public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections in writing regarding the proposed unit.

Also, copies of EIA Report and Executive Summery were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001; District Magistrate Office, Pune; Zilla Parishad Office, Pune; District Industries Centre Office, Pune; Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai; Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board; Regional Office,

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune; Sub Regional Office, Pune-II, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune; Sub Divisional Officer-Khed, Tal-Khed, Dist-Pune; Tahsil Office – Khed, Dist-Pune; Alandi Municipal Council, Alandi, Tal-Khed, Dist-Pune; Grampanchayat Office, Dhanore, Solu, Markal & Vadgaon Ghenand, Tal-Khed, Dist-Pune and on the website of MPCB.

The Convener informed that local MPCB office did not receive any objection regarding the proposed expansion of the project. The few letters in the support of project had been received.

The Convener appealed that the participants can raise any suggestions, objections, orally or by writing after the presentation. With the due permission of Chairman of the committee Convener asked to Project Proponent to start the Presentation.

With permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee Project Environment Consultant briefed the participant about project and Environment Management Plan through Presentation. Environment Consultant while giving information about the environment management plan, he informed about Solid Waste Management, Air Pollution Control Devices, CSR Fund and CER Fund. He further informed that Capital cost for the environment management plant will be approximately 355 Lakh and annual recurring cost will be 123.5 Lakh. He further informed that there will be no discharge of effluent outside the factory premises and entire treated effluent will be recycled in the plant to

achieve Zero Liquid Discharge. Due to said project expansion, the local people will avail employment and nearby entrepreneur will be benefited.

After the Presentation, the Convener appealed all participants to raise their suggestions or objections, if any. He further instructed participant to give their full name and address while asking questions.

Questions raised by participants and accordingly answers given by Project Environment Consultant/Project Proponent/ Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

1) Shri. Anil Gavade, Sarpanch, Dhanore Gram Panchayat, Tal – Khed, Dist – Pune:-

This is a chemical project. So how and where will waste water be disposed off? He further objected that the situation of our village today is a very bad. All the industrial effluents/chemicals from the factories are discharged into drains. If the stored chemical is lying on the ground and it is rainy for three months it goes into the drain with rain water. We have wells and bore wells and same are polluted. What are your measures in this regard?

Shri. Anil Gawde further objected that the solid waste of the entire companies in the area is dumped in the cattle grazing field of our village. Although the Project Proponent say that we have fully managed the industrial waste water in the project, first it should be thoroughly checked.

- Project Environmental Consultant answered that an Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) of 119.0 KLPD will be provided to treat the waste water generated in the project and out of this there will be 95.0 KLPD treated effluent available for reused. Also for the domestic effluent Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) will be provided and treated effluent will be used for landscape development on land for gardening. The effluent will not be discharged outside the factory premises. The said project is proposed to provide Zero Liquid Discharge System for industrial effluent.
- Further Environment Consultant informed that the treatment, storage and disposal of Hazardous Waste generated from the project will be carried out at the Common Hazardous Waste Treatment Storage and Disposal Facility (CHWTSDF) by transporting through authorized vehicle as per the directives of the MPCB.
- Environmental Consultant further said that our project is completely covered. So there is no question of mixing solid waste with rain water. Similarly, this project will be ZLD project i.e. Zero Liquid Discharge project, there will be no adverse impact on the water resources of the area.
- Adequate care is taken to avoid chemical spillage in the project, so there is no problem of chemical spillage/hazardous solid waste mixing with rain water.

- Convener Public Hearing promised to take immediate further action against the point raised by Shri. Gavade regarding pollution.
- Convener instructed environmental consultant to explain the participants about the measures to be planned to implement Zero Liquid Discharge scheme.
- Environmental Consultant said that there will be 159.0 KLPD water will be required and out of this 119.0 KLPD industrial effluent will be generated. For the treatment of the industrial effluent ETP will be provided. From the ETP we will get 95.0 KLPD treated effluent for reuse and same will be reuse in the project. So, there will be no discharge of effluent outside project premises. Domestic sewage will be treated in STP and treated effluent will be used for green belt development. In no any case effluent will be discharge into ground water and water bodies.

2) Shri. Sushant Dharad, Alandi, Tal-Khed, Dist-Pune:-

Shri. Dharad asked how many people will get employment in the new expansion project?

 The environmental consultant said that the proposed expansion project will avail employment opportunities to 33 persons. However 23 persons are working in the existing project. Hence, total employment will be available to 56 persons.

- 3) Shri. Mahendra Shelar, Dhanore, Tal-Khed, Dist-Pune:Shri. Shelar questioned what will be the benefit of this
 expansion project to Dhanore villagers and the village?
 - The environmental consultant said that expansion will increase the CSR activities of the project. This will help in improving the basic infrastructure of the village. Similarly, 33 local people will get direct job opportunities in the project. The expansion will give a boost to the surrounding industries.

4) Shri. Hanumant Umaji Jadhav, Alandi, Tal-Khed, Dist – Pune :-

Shri. Jadhav asked that will the expansion project have any impact on the air?

- The environmental consultant said that to avoid the impact on the air various measures will be taken. For example dust collector. The project will fully comply with the standards prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for air quality. Considering the expansion advanced Air Pollution Control Systems will be installed.
- 5) <u>Shri Dhiraj Hardule</u>, <u>Alandi</u>, <u>Tal-Khed</u>, <u>Dist -Pune</u>:-Shri. Hardule asked that how much water will be required daily for the expansion project and how will it be managed?

- The Environmental Consultant said that this project will required 159.0 KLPD of water. Out of this 95.0 KLPD treated effluent will be available for reuse in the project and remaining 64.0 KLPD water application is made for permission of the Central Ground Water Board. The water will be extracted with prior permission of the Government (GSDA).

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to raise their suggestions, objections, if any. Further no one have raised any suggestions or objections.

While concluding the meeting, the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that today we have gathered here for the Environmental Public Hearing for the expansion project of M/s. Asha Resins Pvt. Ltd. Project consultant has given complete information about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) through the presentation. Waste Water, Solid Waste Disposal as well as Air Pollution Control measures have been discussed. Minutes of this Public Hearing meeting will be prepared and submitted to the Government with the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report along with video recording of this meeting. He expressed thanks to the local peoples for participations in the Public Hearing.

The Convener informed that points, objection, suggestion, etc. raised by the participants regarding the proposed project have

been noted and will be included in the minutes of meeting, which will be prepared in English and Marathi. The said minutes with Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report along with received written objection and suggestions with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board will be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision. He expressed thanks to the participants and concluded meeting on behalf of the Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee.

The list of the participants with signature is enclosed as Annexure-"I" and written suggestions, objections have been enclosed collectively as Annexure - "II." There are one (1) letters received in support of the proposed project

(Nitin Shinde),

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Sub Regional Officer, Pune – II, MPCB, Pune (Himmat Kharade)

Chairman,

Environment Public Hearing

Committee

And

Additional District Magistrate, Pune, Dist. – Pune