

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 220.0 KLPD DISTILLERY UNIT BASED ON SUGARCANE JUICE/SYRUP/C/B HEAVY MOLASSES GRAIN AS A RAW MATERIAL TO PRODUCE RECTIFIED SPIRIT/EXTRA NEUTRAL ALCOHOL/ETHANOL ALONGWITH SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY OF 12,000 TCD & CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT OF 40.0 M.W. UNIT AT SURVEY NO.53, 54, 57, 58,73, 75, 78 & 80, GUJARWADI AND GAT NO.980, AT POST – BICHKULE, TALUKA-KOREGAON, DISTRICT-SATARA, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S HARIPRIYA AGRO ENERGY LIMITED, TALUKA-KOREGAON, DISTRICT-SATARA, MAHARASHTRA

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Establishment of 220.0 KLPD Distillery Unit Based on Sugarcane Juice/Syrup/C/B Heavy Molasses Grain As a raw material to produce Rectified Spirit/Extra Neutral Alcohol/Ethanol Alongwith Sugar Cane Crushing Capacity of 12,000 TCD & Co-Generation Power Plant of 40.0 M.W. Unit at Survey No.53, 54, 57, 58, 73, 75, 78 & 80, Gujarwadi And Gat No. 980, At Post – Bichkule, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Haripriya Agro Energy Limited, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara, Maharashtra was conducted on Wednesday, the 26th April, 2023 at the site of the said industry at 11.30 noon.

Shri Limbaji S. Bhad, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara and Member, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Smt. Jyoti Patil, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Koregaon, Subdivision Koregaon, District – Satara and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairperson. 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, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st 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 Haripriya Agro Energy Limited, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara, Maharashtra dated 17/03/2023 to conduct Environment Public Hearing for their Proposed Establishment of 220.0 KLPD Distillery Unit Based on Sugarcane Juice/Syrup/C/B Heavy Molasses Grain As a raw material to produce Rectified Spirit/Extra Neutral Alcohol/Ethanol Alongwith Sugar Cane Crushing Capacity of 12,000 TCD & Co-Generation Power Plant of 40.0 M.W. Unit at Survey No.53, 54, 57, 58, 73, 75, 78 & 80, Gujarwadi And Gat No. 980, At Post – Bichkule, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara, Maharashtra.

Member, Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A schedule 5 (g) and 5 (j) 1 (d) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi 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 on 09-03-2023 alongwith pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

Govt. of India, New Delhi and it has been considered and given online approval on 15-03-2023.

After sanction from District Collector, Satara to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Wednesday, the 26th April, 2023 at 11.30 noon, and 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 Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E- 26 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 230425- FTS- 0142 dated 25-04-2023 :-

- 1) District Magistrate-Satara
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer – Pune,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Pune
- 3) Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Satara

Chairman

Member

Convener

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in National Newspaper Indian Express for English on 25th March, 2023. 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 as under:-

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001;
- 2) District Collector, Satara;
- 3) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Satara;
- 4) General Manager, District Industries Center, Satara;
- 5) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Koregaon, District-Satara;
- 6) Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Offices – At Post – Gujarwadi; Bichkule, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara;
- 7) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai – 400 032.
- 8) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 9) Regional Officer, Regional Office-Pune, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jog Center, 3rd Floor, Wakadewadi, Old Pune Mumbai Road, Pune – 411 003;
- 10) Sub Regional Officer, Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board-Satara, New Administrative Building, 2nd Floor, Behind S.T.Stand, Sadar Bazar, Satara;
- 11) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai;

will be undertaken for the local people and they will be empowered and given priority in employment. About 200 persons will get direct employment opportunities.

2) Shri Sanjay Vilas Pawar, Sarpanch, Gujarwadi Gram Panchayat, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara :-

What will be the benefit of our Gujarwadi due to this factory?

This factory is going to start in Gujarwadi Gram Panchayat area. Any project brings direct and indirect benefits to the local areas. The job opportunities will directly benefit the people of Gujarwadi. But the project will lead to a huge increase in indirect business in the area, i.e. essential goods, tea stalls, mobile repairing, two-wheeler repair shops etc.

Similarly, as shown in the Presentation, the various activities that will be implemented under the Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Fund in the next three years will definitely benefit the Gujarwadi Gram Panchayat area.

At this moment, Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to raise their views, suggestions, and objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

3) Shri Prakash Pawar, President Tanta Mukti Committee, Gujarwadi, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara :-

What are the plans for pollution control in the proposed project?

Project Environmental Consultant informed that the factory has three units – Sugar Production Unit, Co-Generation of Power Manufacturing Plant and Distillery Unit. The spent wash generated in the distillery plant will be concentrated in the Multi Effective Evaporator (MEE) and will be used as fuel in the Incineration Boiler. Therefore, there will be no generation of wastewater outside the project.

Effluent generated from Sugar Unit and Co-Generation Power Plant will be processed in Effluent Treatment Plant and it will be recycled and reused in the production activities. Therefore, the freshwater requirement of the project will be reduced.

In order to prevent air pollution, the chimney of the boiler will be provided an ESP (Electro-Static-Precipitator) which is most advanced system. Its efficiency is 99.9%. Therefore, there will be no emission of dust and smoke from the chimney and there will be no air pollution in the surrounding areas. The boiler ash generated in the manufacturing process will be sold to the local brick kiln owners at a reasonable price.

The carbon-dioxide i.e. CO₂ produced in the project will be sent to soft drink companies. Therefore, the said project will not cause any pollution.

4) Shri Vijay Pawar, Residence – At Post – Bichkule, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Pune :-

Whether the spent wash produced in this production activities will be made available to the local farmers?

Press Mud produced in the factory will be made available to the local farmer members at a discounted rate by the Agriculture Department of the factory. It can be used as fertilizer.

Member, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to raise their views, suggestions and objections regarding the said project. There was no response from the participants.

Member, Convener informed that no any suggestions /objections have been received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara regarding the proposed project.

Member, Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in writing also.

Member, Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, views, suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only and the Committee has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. The suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Similarly, the revised Environmental Assessment Report of the Project Proponent and minutes of the meeting after approval of Chairperson will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi after taking note of the video recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same He requested Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Chairperson, the Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He gave information about the geographical location of the proposed project, potential impact on the environment due to the proposed project, Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared for it, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund and Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Fund.

Environment Consultant informed that the total cost of the project is Rupees 275/- crores. Project management has ear-marked Rupees 6,950/- lakh for Environment Management Plan and Recurring Expenses will be Rupees 390/- Lakh. Rupees 4.125 Crores have been ear-marked for the Corporate Environment Responsibility programmes. This project is ZLD i.e. Zero Liquid Discharge.

The sugarcane crop of the local farmers will be crushed in time, so the weight of the sugarcane crop of the farmers will not decrease. It will help the farmers to get a fair price. The social life of the local people will improve. . As the project has zero liquid discharge, there will be no water pollution. There will be no air pollution as the an ESP system will be implemented for air pollution control. Green belt will be developed in the project.

After the Presentation, Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. While asking questions, full name and residential address should be informed.

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

1) Shri Prashant Pawar, Sarpanch, Bichkule Gram Panchayat, Taluka – Koregaon, District – Satara :-

How many local people of the surrounding villages will get job opportunities in this project?

Project Proponent said that maximum local people residing in the surrounding villages will be given job opportunities in the project. The project can provide job opportunities in various cadres. For the post where skill is required, training programme

5) Shri Limbaji Bhad, Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

Environmental Consultant is being asked whether the Disaster Management Plan has been prepared? Does it include the Fire model? If not, then a revised Disaster Management Plan should be prepared, and all fire models should be included in it.

Environmental Consultant replied that a Disaster Management Plan has been prepared. However, as per the suggestions of Member, Convener, which is a coal fire model, all other fire activities will be included in it and a Revised Disaster Management Plan will be prepared.

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee requested Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee to say a few words to conclude the meeting.

Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that Environmental Public Hearing was held today regarding the proposed project of M/s Haripriya Agro Energy Limited. Environmental consultant gave detailed information about the project. Later, the participants were given an opportunity to raise suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle. The participants raised the questions, which have been answered by the project proponent and Environmental Consultant of the project. Here the aim and purpose of public hearing is completed. Hence, I declare that procedure of this public hearing meeting is completed.

With permission of the Chairperson, Member, Convener declared that the public hearing meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



(Limbaji S. Bhad) ,
Member, Convener,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Satara



(Smt. Jyoti Patil)
Chairperson,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Sub Divisional Magistrate, Koregaon
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District – Satara

