

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MANUFACTURING OF 105 KLPD RS / ENA / ETHANOL FROM MOLASSES (B & C) / SUGARCANE SYRUP / GRAINS IN THE 105 KLPD GRAIN DISTILLERY SET UP APPROVED UNDER B2 CATEGORY WITH 3 MW POWER GENERATION BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S SURESHWARAM BIO-FUEL PRIVATE LIMITED (SBPL) AT GUT NO.207, 223 & 224, DARFAL (GAVADI), TALUKA – NORTH SOLAPUR, DISTRICT- SOLAPUR, MAHARASHTRA

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of PROPOSED manufacturing of 105 klpd rs./ ena / ethanol from molasses (b & c) / sugarcane syrup / grains in the 105 klpd grain distillery set up approved under b2 category with 3 mw power generation proposed by Project Proponent M/s Sureshwaram Bio-Fuel Private Limited (SBPL) at Gat No.207, 223 & 224, Darfal (Gavadi), Taluka-Uttar Solapur, District – Solapur, Maharashtra was held on Wednesday, the 19th July, 2023 at 12.30 noon at the Proposed project site. industry on

Shri Nikhil More, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shama Pawar, Additional District Magistrate, Solapur and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Shankar Waghmare, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune and Member 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

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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 Sureshwaram Bio-Fuel Private Limited (SBPL) to conduct Environmental Public Hearing for their of proposed manufacturing of 105 klpd rs / ena / ethanol from molasses (b & c) / sugarcane syrup / grains in the 105 klpd grain distillery set up approved under b2 category with 3 mw power generation at Gat No.207, 223 & 224, Darfal (Gavadi), Taluka- North Solapur, District – Solapur, Maharashtra.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of proposed project falls under B2 category Category A schedule 5 (g) and 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 along with pre-feasibility report on 21-02-2023 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, Solapur to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Wednesday, the 19th July, 2023 at 12.30 noon, 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 Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office

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Order No. E- 43 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 230626- FTS-0070 dated 26/06/2023 as under:-

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

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Pudhari for Marathi and daily Divya Marathi for English on 18th June, 2023. Also corrigendum for advertise in Marathi was published in Daily Pudhari on 20/06/2023. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery 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, Solapur;
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Center, Solapur;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Solapur; *Jmy*
- 5) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office - North Solapur, Taluka – North Solapur, District – Solapur;

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- 6) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti- North Solapur, District – Solapur;
- 7) Gram Panchayat Offices related to – Mouje – Wangi, Padsali, Wadala, Darfal (Gavadi), Kalman, Nannj villages , Taluka – North Solapur, District – Solapur and Gram Panchayat offices related to Mouje Shelgaon (R), Taluka- Barshi, Dist-Solapur and Gram Panchayat offices related to Kemwadi, Savargaon, Kati villages, Taluka – Tuljapur, District – Osmanabad;
Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New
- 8) Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai – 400 032;
Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point,
- 9) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 10) Sub Regional Officer, Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur;
- 11) Web site of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Mumbai;

Convener informed that 05 suggestion / objection has been received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Solapur regarding the proposed project

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.

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 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 informed that the total investment for the proposed project is Rupees 175.0 crores and this project is ZLD – Zero Liquid Discharge Project. The capital cost for Environment Management will be Rupees 1,675.0 lakh and Recurring cost will be Rupees 185.0 lakh

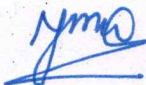
Environmental Consultant informed that the said project will provide direct employment opportunity to around 150 persons. Preference will be given to local people. Similarly, due to the said project, there will be a huge increase in the indirect business in the area.

After the Presentation, 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. Popat Laxman Landge, At Post – Darfal (Gavadi) Village, Taluka – North Solapur, District – Solapur:-**

We are not against the project. But will there be any ill-effects on the crops which are on our land here?



Environmental Consultant said that, as a farmer your question seems very valid. As mentioned in the Presentation, this is an "Agro based project". The project does not generate any polluted component that will adversely affect the crops. No waste water from the project will go out of the project.


The bagasse will be used as fuel for boilers in the project. No chemicals are used in the production activities of the project. So, we are going to use maize, sorghum, millet, rice as raw material. Therefore, the crops of farmers here will get market price. The project does not produce any hazardous substances. Similarly, the employees and officers of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board do visit and inspect the factory from time to time. Online monitoring system will be installed in the project.

Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to raise any suggestions, objections orally or in writing. There was no response from the participants.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that all the suggestions, objections raised in the meeting have been recorded. It will be included in the minutes of the meeting and it will be submitted along with the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, written suggestions / objections with the approval of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.

An Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly. Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all participants, government officials and on behalf of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee declared that the public hearing committee is completed.

The details of written 06 suggestions/objections/comments received regarding project expansion are mentioned below and are enclosed herewith:-



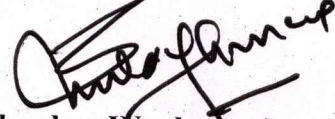
- 1) Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Wangi, Tal- North Solapur, Dist- Solapur
- 2) Right Way Global Organization, Telangana
- 3) Metro Urban & Rural Development Society, Hydrabad
- 4) Rural Environment Education And Health Awareness, Society
- 5) Save Earth, Metro Urban and Rural Development Society, Telangana
- 6) Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Dharithri Paryavarana Parirakshana. Samstha, Telangana State.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



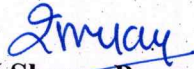
(Nikhil More)

Convener,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board,
Solapur



(Shankar Waghmare)

Member,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution
Control Board,
Pune



(Shama Pawar)

Chairperson,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And

Additional District Magistrate, Solapur
District – Solapur

Date	Particulars	Amount
20/11/2019	To Balance b/d	1000
21/11/2019	By Cash	500
22/11/2019	By Cash	500
23/11/2019	By Cash	500
24/11/2019	By Cash	500
25/11/2019	By Cash	500
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