

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION IN PRODUCTION OF TMT BARS FROM 5,000 MTM TO 30,000 MTM AND NEW MS BILLETS MANUFACTURING UNIT OF PROPOSED CAPACITY 30,000 MTM PROJECT LOCATED AT. GAT NO. 86, VILLAGE KHADGAON, TAL. BADNAPUR, DIST. JALNA MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. VASUDHA ALLOYS PVT. LTD.

The Environment Public Hearing for the Proposed Expansion in Production of TMT Bars from 5,000 MTM to 30,000 MTM and New MS Billets Manufacturing Unit of Proposed Capacity 30,000 MTM project located at Gat No. 86, Village Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna by project proponent M/s. Vasudha Alloys Pvt. Ltd. was conducted on 21-09-2023 at 11.00 am at the project site.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 60 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 230822- FTS- 0224 dated 22-08-2023. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. Following Panel members were present during the public hearing:

1. **Shri. Keshav Netake,**
Additional District Magistrate, Jalna
Dist: Jalna. : Chairman.
2. **Shri. Sujit Dholam,**
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. : Member
3. **Shri. S.M. Kurmude,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Jalna. : Convener.

Shri. Ravindra Jadhav, Field Officer, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public present for the hearing and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment.

Shri. Ravindra Jadhav, informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit comes under the purview of this Notification. The Project Proponent has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 13-07-2023. The public hearing was scheduled on 21-09-2023 time 11.00 a.m. with approval of Hon'ble District Collector Jalna. Accordingly, notice was published 30 days before in Daily Times of India (English) & Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 17-08-2023. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report on the project (in English and Marathi) was made available

for study to the interested public in the respective Gram Panchayat offices and government offices. Accordingly, today's public hearing is being held. A copy of EIA report and executive summary was made available at various Govt. offices as under-

- 1) District Collector, Jalna.
- 2) Zilha Parishad, Jalna.
- 3) District Industries Centre, Jalna.
- 4) Municipal Corporation, Jalna,
- 5) Grampanchayat Office, Khadgaon, Dawalwadi, Tq. & Dist. Jalna.
- 6) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalna.
- 7) Regional Officer, Maharashtra MPCB, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalhana Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
- 8) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd,3rd & 4th Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 9) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- 10) Regional Office, Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ),Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Further he clarified that, Board had given 30 days period for submission of any suggestions/Objections/views etc about the project as per the notifications and Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Jalna has received Objection/Suggestion are below-

1. Shri. Parmeshwar Garbade, Shivbhim Army Maharashtra, Jalna has submitted his written objection on 08-09-2023.
2. Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Telangana has submitted his written suggestion on 10-09-2023.
3. Shrimati. Vatsalabai Jadhav, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat office Dawalwadi, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna submitted written objection on 18-09-2023. After that, vide letter dated 20-09-2023 supported the project by withdrawing the objection regarding the said project.
4. Shri. Shivaji Gangaram Sable and others, Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna has submitted his written objection on 18-09-2023.
5. Shrimati. Saraswati Pawar and others, Nagewadi, Tal. Dist. Jalna has submitted his written support on 20-09-2023 regarding the said project.
6. Shri. Vikas Kadam and others Dawalwadi, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna has submitted his written support on 20-09-2023 regarding the said project.
7. Shri. Yuvraj Naikwade and others, Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna has submitted his written support on 20-09-2023 regarding the said project.
8. Shri. Arjun Naikwade and others, , Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna has submitted his written support on 20-09-2023 regarding the said project.
9. Shri. Rangarao Kothakonda, Save earth, Telangana, has submitted his written suggestion on 21-09-2023.

Also he informed to the public that, participants can raise their objections, comments etc. in oral or written during the Public Hearing.

After that Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Jalna and Convener of Environment Public hearing first welcomed all the public present in the surrounding villages on behalf of MPC Board. He once again read all the suggestion/objections individually received to the office in writing, in brief. He also requested the present public, if they still have

any objections/criticisms/comments, they shall ask orally or submit in writing during the Public Hearing, after the presentation of the project. He then requested the project proponent to make a presentation about the proposed project.

The Representative Shri. Rajesh Mankar of M/s. Shri Sai Manasa Nature Tech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad has given information in brief along with presentation on various environmental aspects i.e. Environment Impact Assessment and intention behind arranging the Public Hearing, Details about the Project, Project Plan, Environment Status, Details of local Environment and surrounding environment information, Locations of the study area, Air quality in the study area, Noise levels in the study area, Water quality in the study area, Soil quality in the study area, Bio-diversity, Socio-Economic Environment, Expected impact on the surrounding area, Environment Management Plan, Remedial measures on the various environmental impacts, Social Economic Development Plan, Budgetary provisions for environmental management, Net gain from the project etc. The information on the above is recorded in the CD and noted in brief in the minutes of the public hearing.

After concluding the power point presentation of said project by the Project Consultant, Shri. S. M. Kurmude, requested to present public to give their suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. He then informed that this is an environmental public hearing and the questions shall be asked on only environmental issues.

After that, following suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. were raised and reply to the same was given by project consultant/proponent.

Sr. No.	Name and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent / Consultant
1.	Shri. Sopan Gopichand Naikwade, Sarpanch, Khadgaon, welcoming all the present officials, employees and peoples, he said that due to the new project, unemployment will decrease, and employment will be available to the local people of the village. Such project is always welcomed. But due to expansion the project nearby farmers will be affected and there will be loss to the farmers, hence industry shall explained the measures to be taken to control the smoke emissions.	On this project consultant said that, in this project they will install primary and secondary air pollution control system along with state-of-the-art air pollution control system such as bag filters and chimney, and using bag filters, the generated dust will be separated and clean air will be released into the atmosphere. Therefore, the surrounding farmers should be assured. Also this will be addressed from time to time through management plan.
2.	Shri. Dnyandev Shivaji Sable, Res. Of Khatgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna said that, we have already given a written objection application. Also our farm is at a distance of 500 meters from the project. The company has promised to plant trees in the surrounding area as the project will cause a lot of pollution, but the trees have not been planted yet	On this project consultant said that, Your suggestions have been noted here. Also green belt development work will be done as shown in the presentation regarding tree plantation. In three years green belt development will be done in which we will plant trees inside and outside the boundary wall of the project as well as on the road side after meeting with Gram Panchayat. Also, water will be sprinkled from


	and there is no guarantee that they will plant the trees. Also, full care should be taken and suitable measures should be taken so that pollution does not occur in future and farmers do not suffer due to pollution. He requested that the compensation should be given in case of any damage to the environment.	time to time by tankers to avoid dust generation due to traffic of heavy vehicles. Hence there will be no dust pollution. Also, no any waste water will be released from the project outside factory.
3.	Shri. Vikas Vasantrao Kadam , Res. Of Dawalwadi, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna said that, this project is welcomed. There are large number of industries in Jalna MIDC like Phase-1, Phase-2 and Phase-3 and there are also industries in Daregaon and Nagewadi Shivar so such projects should come in the village because of this the children of farmers will get employment opportunities here. He also asked what measures would be taken to deal with the wastewater generated from the project.	On this project consultant said that, in the said project, no wastewater will be generated during the process. Also a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) will be installed for the domestic waste water generated by the workers, employees and other staff categories of the company, in which the said waste water will be processed and used for green belt. Therefore, no wastewater from the project will go outside the project.
4.	Shri. S. M. Kurmude , Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Jalna and Convener of Environment Public hearing said that, the location of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) has been shown in the layout plan of the project presentation. Clarify given in this regard.	On this project consultant said that, the process flow for Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is shown but location not shown in the layout plan. This will be included.
5.	Shri. Vithhal Bhausaheb Padul , Res. Of Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna asked that, the said public hearing is for the surrounding farmers or other public. He further stated that, they have not received any notice and they oppose the proposed project and written objection is also being submitted, also due the steel plant nearby farmers are being affected and project proponent has not given any compensation.	On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude , Sub Regional Officer, Jalna said that, the above said public hearing is about environment, public shall raise only questions about environment here. Also, regarding the advance notice, he said that as per the notification, notice was published 30 days before public hearing in Daily Times of India (English) & Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 17-08-2023. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report on the project (in English and Marathi) was made available for study to the interested public in the respective Gram Panchayat offices and other government offices. He also mentioned that, if there are any suggestions/objections in this regard, a period of 30 days has also been given, and also during public hearing public can raise any objection, comments, suggestions in oral or writing.


6.	<p>Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Telangana he supported the project management. It also mentioned that he recommend to MoEF & CC for unconditional environmental clearance of this industry.</p>	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, Jalna said that his written suggestions have been noted.</p>
7.	<p>Shri. Shri. Arjun Nansaheb Naikwade, Res. Of Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna asked that, whether tree plantation will be done every year.</p>	<p>On this project consultant said that, plantation will be completed within three years.</p>
8.	<p>Shri. Shivam Kailas Shinde, Res. Of Dawalwadi, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna asked that, how will the surrounding villages benefit from this project?</p>	<p>On this project consultant said that, the project will definitely create employment opportunities. The existing project requires a total of 100 manpower and the proposed new project will require a total of 200 additional manpower. Also, priority will be given to residents of nearby villages in employment. Also, work will be done to solve various problems in the village through social activities. Due to this, the citizens in the surrounding villages will definitely benefitted from it.</p>
9.	<p>Shri. Nitin Kadam, Res. Of Dawalwadi, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna asked that, what measures have been taken to take care of noise pollution caused by the project?</p>	<p>On this project consultant said that, there will be no noise generating devices in the said project. Also, for any small noise, an acoustic enclosure will be installed so that the noise will remain within the premises of the company and will not go outside.</p>
10.	<p>Shri. Pandharinath Jagannath Naikwade, Res. Of Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna said that, our farm is adjacent to the company and due to the air pollution of existing plant the farm is already damaged. In this regard, the company has not paid any kind of compensation. Also, due to the pollution of the said new proposed project, there will be more damage than this. The current project is causing the loss of agricultural crops due to the smoke coming from the plant instead of the chimney. In this regard, the project proponent of the project shall conform that there will be no loss of agricultural crops. Because of this, all of us farmers have a clear rejection to the said project.</p>	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, Jalna said that his suggestions have been noted.</p>


11.	<p>Shri. Sunil Shivaji Sable, Res. Of Khadgaon, Tal. Badnapur, Dist. Jalna said that, online notice was given as mentioned by him. But the farmers are not so educated or technocrats so that they can see the online notice. Gram panchayat sarpanch, members are present here and they told us about this hearing two days ago only. If the pollution had really been under control, the country's pollution statistics would not have increased. The pollution level was reduced due to the closure of the industry in Covid. There is no opposition to the said project but we will suffer losses due to the said project. It has been mentioned that the study has been carried out around 10 kms radius of the project, it is said that the survey was done, but no one came to our farm and inspected it. state whether environmental measures have been taken in the current industry.</p>	<p>On this Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, Jalna said that his suggestions have been noted. He also suggested that, only Environmental issues may be raised in the hearing.</p> <p>On this, the project proponent said that, due to the said project, there will be no damage to the agricultural crops of the surrounding farmers and he assured that, the said project will not cause any damaged to the crops of the nearby farmers.</p>
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Shri. Keshav Netke, Additional District Magistrate Jalna and Chairman of Public Hearing Committee said that, today the environmental public hearing for the expansion project of M/s. Vasudha Alloys Pvt. Ltd. was conducted for expansion production of TMT bars from 5,000 MTM to 30,000 MTM and New MS Billets 30,000 MTM. The presentation/plan in this regard, is presented here. The questions/suggestions/comments raised by the citizens during the public hearing regarding the project have been recorded here. In this, some citizens are against the project while some citizens are supporting the project. All these objections/criticisms have been noted and will be included in the minutes in detail and submitted to Environment Department. After that, he finally thanked the participants and announced that the environmental public hearing of the proposed project is concluded.

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the **Chair**.


(S.M. Kurmude)
 Convener
 And
 Sub-Regional Officer,
 MPCB, Jalna.


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