

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF 2 DRI KILNS OF 700 TPD CAPACITY EACH FOR SPONGE IRON PRODUCTION OF 420000 TPA STEEL MELTING SHOP FOR PRODUCTION OF 264000 TPA ETC., PLOT B-4, MIDC MUL GROWTH CENTER, TAL. MUL, DIST. CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. G.R. KRISHNA FERRO ALLOYS PVT. LTD., PLOT NO. B-4, MIDC MUL GROWTH CENTER, TAL. MUL, DIST. CHANDRAPUR.**

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Date : 15/03/2024  
Time : 11:30 A.M,  
Place : At Project Site, Plot No. B-4, MIDC Mul Growth Center, Mul, Dist. Chandrapur

**Preamble:-**

Project Proponent M/s. G. R. Krishna Ferro Alloys Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. B-4, MIDC Mul Growth Center, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (MOEF&CC) Govt. of India, (GOI), New Delhi for permission of carrying out the study in the radius of 10 k.m. of project and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for obtaining Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Project of Establishment of 2 DRI Kilns of 700 TPD Capacity each for Sponge Iron Production of 420000 TPA Steel Melting Shop for Production Of 264000 TPA, Plot B-4, MIDC Mul Growth Center, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.

The MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi approved Terms of Reference (TOR) was sanctioned on 18/05/2023. As per Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the environment study should be carried in the radius of 10 km from the project site before environmental public hearing and to include in the final environmental impact assessment report. As the proposed project falls under Category A-1, it is mandatory to the Project Proponent to obtain prior Environment Clearance (EC) from MOEF&CC, GOI, New Delhi.

Project Proponent M/s. G. R. Krishna Ferro Alloys Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. B-4, MIDC Mul Growth Center, Vill. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra has applied to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 04/10/2023 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing. District Collector, Chandrapur, Maharashtra State, in co-ordination with MPCB Chandrapur Office, approved to hold a public hearing on 15/03/2024. It is directed to conduct the online public hearing. The meeting number and password was made available.

As per EIA Notification, 2006, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Chandrapur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat in Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India in English on 14/02/2024. An appeal is made to residents of the area, environmental organizations, residents to be displaced by the project or residents to be affected by the project in any other way to submit their views, comments, suggestions or objections about the proposed project

in writing or by email to the local MPCB Chandrapur office till the date of public hearing.

Also copy of draft EIA report and executive summary in Marathi and English were made available at various notified offices of Government for the observation, study and comments of the local people as under:-

1. Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.
2. Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Kalptaru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
3. Regional Office, New Secretariat Building, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. Opposite VCA Stadium, Civil Lines Nagpur-1.
4. Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Near Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
5. District Collector Office, Chandrapur.
6. Zilla Parishad, Chandrapur.
7. District Industries Centre, Chandrapur
8. Sub-Divisional Office, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
9. Tahsil Office, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
10. Nagar Panchayat Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
11. Nagar Parishad, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
12. Gat-Grampanchayat Chikhali(Chikhali-1, Chikhali-2, Kanhalgaon Chak, Belghat-1, Belghat-2), Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
13. Gat-Grampanchayat Morwahi Mul(Morwahi Mul & Morwahi Chak), Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
14. Gat-Grampanchayat Tekadi(Tekadi & Sadagad), Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
15. Gram Panchayat Kosambi, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
16. Gram Panchayat Maregaon, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
17. Gram Panchayat Rajgad, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
18. Gram Panchayat Chimda Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
19. Gram Panchayat Aakapur, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur.
20. Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: [www.mpcb.gov.in](http://www.mpcb.gov.in)

The above authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 20 above, were also requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the affected persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at project site, Plot B-4, MIDC Mul Growth Center, Mul, Dist. Chandrapur. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

As per the EIA Notification as issued by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi dated 14th September, 2006, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has constituted Environment Public Hearing

Committee vide no. E-123/2024 under letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-240226-FTS-0008, dated 26/02/2024 as under:-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Chandrapur<br>or his representative not below<br>the rank of an Additional District<br>Magistrate                  | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra<br>Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -<br>Regional Officer – Chandrapur,<br>MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer-Chandrapur<br>MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Chandrapur  | <b>Convener</b> |

This office is in receipt 84 notices, complaints, statements, objections regarding the above project.

The attendance sheets of the participants during the public hearing as well as the Order of the Environment Public Hearing Committee constituted by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board are attached herewith as **Annexure-I & II.**

**Minutes of the Environment Public Hearing:-**

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri. Umashankar Bhadule, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Sanjay Pawar, Additional District Magistrate, Chandrapur and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri. Tanaji Yadav, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Project officials, Journalists, NGOs working in the field of environment and local people who were present in large number and informed all the procedure of the public hearing. He appealed all the participants to raise views, doubts, ideas, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. He said that the public hearing is organized for all the people and project affected persons, so that the environmental issues and doubts would be resolved.

Convener of the meeting further informed that this meeting is arranged to know the suggestions or objections of the local people for the proposed project in environmental angle only and this Committee has no right to sanction, reject or recommend the proposed project. The suggestions or objections received during the meeting will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English and it will be submitted alongwith Final EIA report, the written suggestions/objections with the approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through

MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video is being shot and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

With the permission of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Convener asked Environment Consultant to give presentation of Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

Project Consultant informed regarding expansion of the project and Environment Management Plan in local language Marathi. Following points were explained in the meeting:-

**Detailed Information of the Project -**

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Submerged Area, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use, Earthquake Stability;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, development of farmers due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, biodiversity due to planned project
- Information on environmental management after project implementation
- Information on other environmental management

Convener appealed to the participants to raise their environmental suggestions or objections about the proposed project. While raising questions, inform the full name, village. He also informed Project Environment Consultant and Project Proponent to give appropriate answers.

**FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE**

**1) Shri. Sandip Karamwar, Akapur, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	We welcome the project. How	Environment Consultant informed

	<p>much difference will be in temperature &amp; pollution. How people will get affected due to the proposed project? Also, information shall be given about how much employment will be provided to our unemployed people.</p>	<p>that, there will be negligible increase in pollution levels. Company will provide all the necessary pollution control equipments &amp; utmost care will be taken to avoid pollution.</p> <p>Project Proponent informed that, local people will be given priority while providing employment.</p>
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**2) Shri. Mangesh Ashok Potwar, Taluka President, Nationalist Congress Party, Tekadi, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>We welcome every project coming in this MIDC, but we have some expectations from the company. Company shall fulfil the expectations. Company shall give priority to local people in employment. While providing employment, not only men but women shall also be considered. Also, company shall install &amp; commission all the necessary pollution control equipments due to which local people will not get affected. Training to local unskilled labour shall be provided through Skill Development Program &amp; employment shall be given.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, a minimum of 80% employment will be given to local people. Necessary steps will be taken for inclusion of women while providing employment. Skill development program will be undertaken to provide skill to the unskilled.</p>

**3) Shri. Vyankatesh Pullakwar, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	<p>There will be increase in pollution after commissioning of the project. Preventive measures shall be taken to avoid any health impacts on local people. Also 80% employment shall be given to unemployed people of Mul Taluka only.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, 80% employment will be given to local people.</p>

**4) Shri. Ambadas Vitthal Mandade, Tekadi, Tal Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	We had suffered crop loss due to pollution of industries in MIDC & same has been ignored by District Administration. A project is erected to provide employment to local people but till date employment is not been provided to local people as expected. Therefore, I request Hon'ble Chairman that employment shall be given & crop loss shall be avoided.	Project Proponent informed that, I guarantee you that priority will be given to local people while providing employment.

**5) Shri. Prashant Gattuwar, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	All the people present during the public hearing have only expectation of employment. Company tries to provide employment to local people for some time. But this does not last long. Company provides employment on daily wage basis to local people & they are forced to work for 12 hours. Companies shall come but the companies shall also take care of the villagers. CSR fund is not utilized for villages. Health camps are not taken looking at the pollution levels. Respiratory diseases such as Asthma & kidney disorders are increasing. This issue shall be taken seriously. MIDC shall construct roads. Presently, roads in MIDC are in dilapidated condition. Water sprinkling shall be done on roads. Accidents are occurred due to dilapidated condition of roads & suffered person loses his life due to unavailability of advanced equipments at Rural Hospital. A well-equipped hospital shall be	Project Proponent informed that, all the workers work for 8 hrs. only. Facilities will be provided to the villages as per their requirement under CSR. Local people will be given priority in jobs.

commissioned in MIDC area. Also, monthly health camps shall be held.	
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**6) Shri. Rajesh Bele, Founder President, Sanjivani Paryavaran Samajik Sanstha, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	<p>The EIA Report &amp; Executive Summary submitted by the Project Proponent are false. The monitoring reports of air, water &amp; noise mentioned in the report are false. The PM<sub>10</sub> &amp; PM<sub>2.5</sub> readings are higher. No any representative of village was present during the monitoring. Presently, M/s. G.R. Krishna is causing dangerous air pollution. M. P. C. Board has issued Show Cause Notice to the industry in the month of August-2023. It is told that no pollution will be caused but pollution is caused. A lot of expenditure is incurred towards operation &amp; maintenance of pollution control systems. The pollution control equipments are shut down during night. I request the villagers to not give permission to the proposed project as the proposed project is polluting. Company provides employment on contract basis. Company does not provide direct employment. Company shall provide direct employment. Company shall take environmental measures &amp; commission the project and shall provide direct employment to local people. M/s. Sanjivani Paryavaran Samajik Sanstha opposes the said project. M/s. G.R. Krishna has no pollution control system. Do not give permission. Give jobs according to law.</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that, air, water, soil &amp; noise monitoring is conducted by NABL accredited labs. The points raised by you are noted &amp; appropriate action will be taken in this regard.</p>

**7) Shri. Prashant Samarth, Former Bandhkam Sabhapati, Municipal Council Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	I congratulate M/s. G. R. Krishna Ferro Alloy Company. I support the points raised by Shri. Karamwa, Potwar, Pullakwar & Gattuwar. Nearby villages & talukas shall be taken into consideration while providing employment. Health of villagers shall be taken care of by organizing health camps in the villages. Health camps shall be taken once in every 3 to 6 months under CSR. Nowadays, if we oppose industrialization then it will result into increase in unemployment. If employment is given to local people then it will solve the livelihood issues of local people. I request to the company to take villages into confidence while running a project. Chimur-Umred highway has been four-lined which has drastically resulted in decrease in number of accidents. Similarly, it is necessary to four-line Chandrapur-Mul highway to decrease number of accidents.	Project proponent informed that, local people & women will be given priority in employment. Health camps will be organized once in 3 to 6 months.

**8) Shri. Gaurav Gopichand Shamkule, President, Shodh Vichar Vedh Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	Pollution of Chandrapur City is much more than Mul City. But still some people outside Mul Taluka are opposing the coming projects. This should be stopped. The local people shall decide whether the project shall commission in a certain area or not, because local people need	Project Proponent informed that, 33% to 40% area from the total plot area will be developed as green belt area. The pollution control systems will be operated regularly.



	<p>employment. It is told here that trees will be planted under CSR. But how many trees has M/s. G.R.Krishna planted in their existing project shall be taken into consideration because no tree plantation has been done. ESP shall be operated 24x7 but company does not operate the same. Pollution due to ash handling shall be avoided. Company shall seriously control pollution &amp; shall also reserve a hospital in the area.</p>	
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**9) Shri. Manish Rakshamwar, Chief Editor, Khabar Maharashtra News Channel, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Industries shall come in this area and only local people shall get employment. Employment to outsiders shall be avoided.	The points raised has been noted. Locals will be given priority in jobs.

**10) Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Yerur, Tal. & Dist. Chandrapur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I am the first environmentalist who is encouraging industrialism in the country. I am working towards the same since last 35 years. About 1 Crore people get employment every year in India. Out of which only 5 lakh people are in receipt of employment opportunity in Govt. sector. 35 Lakh people get employment in private sector. In my view, unemployment is biggest pollution in the society. I give unconditional support to the project. I have some suggestions to maintain ecological balance & environmental safety. Only 15% of the total population of India lives in industrial areas. Industry shall conduct health study & collect health data within 10 km radius.	The points raised has been noted.

	Also, industry shall collect production status & ground water quality status data. Industry shall install rainwater harvesting structure & shall collect rainwater which will increase groundwater & it can also be utilized for industrial purpose. Industry shall plant fruit bearing trees, medicinal trees along roadside. Industry shall give employment to educated people. Increase skill development. Constitute coordination committee including industry people, government official and local people. Give priority to CSR work such as village development, health camp, ecological balance and environment safety.	
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**11) Shri. Anand Ghate, Maregaon, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	Presentation is only for display. Only employment is considered. But nobody has thought about the health impacts of pollution in future. It will also affect the crops. Project shall commission in the area but necessary measures shall be taken to avoid ill effects of pollution. If any employee meets any accident then he should not suffer financial crisis.	Project Proponent informed that, all the employees are registered in ESIC. All the treatment is done through ESIC. The points raised are noted & appropriate action will be taken.

**12) Shri. Amit Raut, Reporter, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	Assurances given during Public Hearing are not fulfilled. Local people do not get employment as per their requirement. Also no invitation is given to the reporters through social media regarding Public Hearing. Company shall take local people into confidence while commissioning the project.	The points raised has been noted.

**13) Shri. H. Chandrashekar, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	Company shall develop green belt. CSR fund shall be utilised for development of nearby villages. 100% employment shall be given to local people. Skill Development Centre shall be started. Company shall provide ETP, STP & rain water harvesting system for proper management of water. Also, company shall provide Personal Protective Equipments to workers.	Project Proponent informed that, the points raised are noted & appropriate action will be taken.

**14) Shri. Sandip Karamwar, Akapur, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	Company shall undertake mass tree plantation in the area with the support of neighbouring villages. Also, company shall arrange health camps a minimum of 4 times in a year and shall diagnose every disease. Company shall provide Personal Protective Equipments to workers.	Project Proponent informed that, the points raised are noted & appropriate action will be taken.

**15) Shri. Prashant Gattuwar, Mul, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	There are no street lights on MIDC roads also the workers do not get regular salaries. I request company authorities to provide regular salaries to the workers so that they can survive. Local people do not oppose the project but oppose pollution due projects. Company shall make available hospital. Local people shall get employment.	Project Proponent informed that, the points raised are noted.

**16) Shrimati Seema Kishor Ladve, Maregaon, Tal. Mul, Dist. Chandrapur:-**


<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection/Suggestion/ Question</b>	<b>Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB</b>
1	Company has not paid any tax to the Gram Panchayat. No employment is given to women, local people. Company gives employment to outsiders. No facilities are provided to the local people. No facility of drinking water. Pollution is caused due to industries. Company shall develop villages. Company has overlooked village Maregaon.	Project Proponent informed that, the points raised are noted & appropriate action will be taken. Water supply issue will be discussed with MIDC & we will try and supply water.


The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur. There was no participant through online mode.


The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 84 written suggestions/objections as received.

  
**(Umashankar Bhadule)**  
Convener of the Public  
Hearing Committee and  
Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur

  
**(Tanaji Yadav)**  
Member of the Public  
Hearing Committee and  
Regional Officer, MPCB,  
Chandrapur

  
**(Sanjay Pawar)**  
Chairman of the Public  
Hearing Committee &  
Additional District  
Magistrate, Collector Office,  
Chandrapur.