

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR UNIT FROM 2500 TCD TO 7500 TCD AND NEW 110 KLPD SUGARCANE SYRUP/MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY UNIT BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. SAMRUDHI SUGARS LIMITED., GAT NO. 111, 119, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 146, 173, VILLAGE DEVI DAHEGAON, TAL. GHANSAWANGI, DIST. JALNA, MAHARASHTRA.

The Environment Public Hearing for the proposed expansion of sugar unit from 2500 TCD to 7500 TCD and New 110 KLPD Sugarcane Syrup/Molasses based Distillery unit by project proponent M/s. Samrudhi Sugars Limited, Gat No. 111, 119, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 146, 173, Village Devi Dahegaon, Tal. Ghansawangi, Dist. Jalna was conducted on 04-01-2024 at 12.00 pm at the project site.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 85 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 231207- FTS- 0300 dated 07-12-2023. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. Following Panel members were present during the public hearing:

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1. **Shri. Keshav Netke,**
Additional District Magistrate, Jalna,
Dist: Jalna. : Chairman.

2. **Shri. S.M. Kurmude,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Jalna. : Convener.

Srimati Seema Mangulkar, 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 she gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment.

Srimati Seema Mangulkar, 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 14-08-2023. The public hearing was scheduled on 04-01-2024 time 12.00 p.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 02-12-2023. 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. 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) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Ghansawangi.
- 5) Grampanchayat Office, Kothala Budruk, Ghanegaon, Sindkhed, Devidahegaon, Paduli Kh., Machindranath Chincholi, Bhendala, Tal. Ghansawangi, Dist. Jalna.
- 6) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalna.
- 7) Regional Officer, MPCB, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana, 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 she 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 one suggestion by Email. Also she informed to the public that, participants can raise their objections, comments etc. in oral or written after presentation the Public Hearing.

After that Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Jalna and Convener of Environment Public hearing firstly 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 should ask after the presentation of the project. He then requested the project proponent to make a presentation about the proposed project.

The Representative Dr. Hemangi Nalawade of M/s. Mitcon Consultancy & Engineering Services Ltd., Pune 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 taken notes 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 in the same matter shall be raised from the public.

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. Amol Badrinarayan Adule, Res. of Sindkhed, Tal. Ghansawangi, Dist. Jalna asked that, our village is 3 km away from the project. Will the project provide employment to the local residents of the surrounding area.	On this, the Project consultant said that, nearly 500 workers will be required in this new distillery project. Skilled workers will be needed during the construction phase as well as after the project starts. In this maximum priority will be given to local citizens.
2.	Shri. Bharat Sudamrao Shinde, Res. of Sindkhed, Tal. Ghansawangi, Dist. Jalna asked that, will there be any harm or benefit from the waste products coming out of this new distillery plant.	On this, the Project consultant said that, the waste material coming out of this project in the form of water as well as in the form of solid waste, Solid waste i.e. bagasse ash, press mud and spent wash powder are all potassium rich and are used as fertilizers in the fields. Also for air pollution, advance Air Pollution Control system to the boiler such as electrostatic precipitator will be provided. Hence there will be no problem of Air pollution and the Carbon dioxide generated in the process will be treated and reused and soled to external parties as there raw material.
3.	Shri. Vithal Dadarao Mulak, Res. M. Chincholi, Tal. Ghansawangi, Dist. Jalna asked that, what measures have been taken for the wastewater coming out of the factory.	On this, the Project consultant said that, the said factory is based on Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) which means that a state-of-the-art CPU system will be installed for the industrial waste water coming out of the sugar factory from which the processed waste water will be used in the production. A state-of-the-art ETP will also be installed through which the treated effluent will be reused to the maximum extent and the remaining effluent will be used for agriculture on

		the land owned by the factory. Also the spent wash from the distillation plant will be treated in M.E.E. and there will be Zero Discharge. And there will no any waste water/effluent discharged outside the factory premises.
4.	Shri. Drushyak Chaburao Igade, Res. Of Karadgaon, Tal. Ghansawangi, Dist. Jalna asked that, is there any plan as to how the CSR funds will be utilized for social programs as mentioned in the presentation.	On this, the Project consultant said that, the CSR will be used in the radius of 10 k.m of the project for public welfare.
5.	Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB said that, how and in what stages the CSR funds will be planned/utilized should be mentioned.	On this, the Project consultant said that, Social Environmental Responsibility CSR initiatives have been formulated. These include environmental programs, tree plantation, water storage tanks, watershed development and generation of electricity using solar energy. Also this cost is meeting with the people of the village according to the needs of the weaker sections of the village. According to the guidelines of the Hon'ble District Collector, the said expenditure will be done in phases in the coming years.
6.	Shri. Somnath Jadhav, Res. Of Khadka, Tal. Ghansawangi, Dist. Jalna asked that, what will be the effect on health if soot falls on the body while working in the said factory.	On this, the Project consultant said that, soot from factory smoke is not hazardous. But workers should always use helmets, goggles i.e. safety kits so that no health problems arise.
7.	Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO MPCB, asked that, how and where is the source of water for the said proposed project and if so whether we have taken permission from CGWA for the same. Also what is the source for the existing factory.	On this, the Project consultant said that, the source of water for the proposed new project is from the lake at Dehidhegaon under Irrigation department. Also for the existing plant the source is from the same lake at Dehidhegaon.

Shri. Keshav Netke, Additional District Magistrate Jalna and Chairman of Public Hearing Committee said that, today the environmental public hearing for the proposed expansion of sugar unit from 2500 TCD to 7500 TCD and New 110 KLPD Sugarcane Syrup/Molasses based Distillery unit in this regard, is presented here. The questions/suggestions/comments raised by the citizens and answers from the project consultant have been recorded here. All these objections/criticisms have been noted and will be included in the minutes in detail. 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.


(Keshav Netke)
Chairman
And
Additional District Magistrate,
Jalna.