

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI PURPOSE JETTY AT PANVEL CREEK, PLOT NO.581, VILLAGE-TARGHAR, TALUKA-PANVEL, DISTRICT-RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S SHREE SAIBABA SAND DREDGING COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED, RANTA-SUNIT, GROUND FLOOR, KOPAR ROAD, DOMBIVALI (WEST), DISTRICT - THANE - 421 201, MAHARASHTRA -**

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The Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed construction of Multi-Purpose Jetty at Panvel Creek, Plot No. 581, Village - Targhar, Taluka - Panvel, District - Raigad, Maharashtra proposed by Project Proponent M/s. Shree Saibaba Sand Dredging Company Private Limited, Ratna-Sunit, Ground Floor, Kopar Road, Dombivali (West), District - Thane - 421 201, Maharashtra was conducted on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 02.00 noon Upper Deck Banquet Hall, T-25-30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Centurion Mall, Sector - 19A, Seawoods, Nerul Road, Navi Mumbai - 400 706, Maharashtra.

Shri Prashant Bhosale, Raigad - I, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 410 201, Member, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Sandesh Shirke, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairman 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 Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings of the meeting.

Member, 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009 and 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category B, Schedule No.7 (E), which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Environment & Climate Change Ministry, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Member, 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 to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Environment & Climate Change Mantralaya, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai on 23-08-2021 and it has been considered and given online approval on 06-12-2021. Accordingly, Project Environmental Consultant has carried detailed environmental survey in the radius of 10.0 km of the project site to prepare draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report.

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee further informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application on 06-08-2023 from Project Proponent M/s Shree Saibaba Sand Dredging Company Private Limited, Ratn-Sunit, Ground Floor, Kopar Road, Dombivli (West), Thane - 421 201, Maharashtra to conduct Environmental Public Hearing for their proposed project of construction of Multi Purposes Jetty at Panvel Creek, Plot No. 581, Village - Targhar, Taluka - Panvel, District - Raigad, Maharashtra.

Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter dated 01-09-2023 has directed this office to take further action of conducting Environment Public Hearing. This project has been approved by Maharashtra Coastal Zone Authority On 04-06-2024.

After sanction of District Collector, Raigad on 16-08-2024 to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 02.00 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 Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E-151 of 2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 240905-FTS-0159, dated 05-09-2024:-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Raigad<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 - Raigad,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Raigad Bhavan, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor,<br>Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur,<br>Navi Mumbai - 410 201 | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Raigad Bhavan, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor,<br>Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur,<br>Navi Mumbai - 410 201   | <b>Convener</b> |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer-Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 410 201 in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat and Daily Krushival for Marathi and in National Newspaper Daily Indian Express for English on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices as -

- 1) Zonal Office, Western-Central Zone, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department, New Secretarial Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur - 440 0001;
- 2) Hon. District Collector, Collector Office, Raigad, Alibag;
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Center, Raigad, Alibag;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Raigad, Alibag;
- 5) Sub Divisional Officer, Panvel, District - Raigad;
- 6) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Taluka-Panvel, District-Raigad
- 7) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Taluka-Panvel,

- 8) Sarpanch/Gram Sevak, Village-Moha, Targhar, Kombadbhuje, Ganeshpuri, Wahal, Ulwe;
- 9) Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032;
- 10) Member Secretary – Head Office – Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 11) Regional Officer-Raigad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 410 201
- 12) Sub Regional Officer-Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 410 201
- 13) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai;

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that 01 suggestion is received against the 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.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, suggestions, objections and 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 Impact Assessment Report of the Project Proponent should have to be submitted to SEIAA, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government Mumbai along with minutes of meeting in Marathi and English and after taking note of the video recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting after approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same He requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project.

Environmental Consultant of the project said that despite the fact that Maharashtra has a coastline of 720.0 km, Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Vadhavan), only two ports are located. Although seven ports have been identified by the Maharashtra Maritime Board under the Green Zone Port Policy, only two ports viz Dighi and Jaigad have been operationalized.

There is a lot of difference in the data of expected growth and actual handling of the port sector of India and Maharashtra State and development of the said port to handle the proposed cargo is the need of the hour for economic development. The proposed Multi-Purpose jetty is planned to handle bulk, break bulk, container and other cargoes with a capacity of 1.5 lakh Tonnes per annum in the first year and at least 10.0 lakh Tonnes per annum in subsequent years. The said facilities will be commissioned in a phased manner and the cost of the project for the first phase will be approximately Rs.4.8 crores. Environmental Advisor stated that as per the CRZ Notification, January, 2019 and amendments passed from time to time, the proposed project is in a coastal area and therefore required to obtain CRZ clearance. 33% green belt will be developed on the said plot as per the directives of Central and State Government.

Also, there are no mangrove trees on the proposed project plot. No mangrove trees will be cut during the development of the project.

About 50 workers are required during the construction phase of the project and for this only local people will be given priority. Also, after the project is fully operational, job opportunities will be available to skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers. As the project develops, there will be a huge increase in indirect business in the local area. This will improve the standard of living of the local people.

After the completion of Presentation, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise environmental suggestions / objections, if any, in respect of proposed project.

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

**Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Telangana State:-**

My best wishes to management of Shri Saibaba Dredging Company Private Limited. In my opinion as Environmentalist, in India unemployment is major pollution. Any pollution i.e. water, air, noise we can control, but unemployment problem cannot be resolved in one day. In this context, I unconditionally support industrial development. At the same time, project management should also take precautionary measures suggested by the Environment Consultant. Please follow the same. It will create confidence among society and government offices.

I am suggesting you, instead of planting normal plants, give priority to plant fruit bearing plants and medicinal values plants. It is very essential and useful for safety of environment and control of air pollution also.

Also, I suggest to give Skilled Development Training to surrounding youths. Whatever employment ability is with young boys and girls, please give employment. Please give Skilled Development Training with the help of Government under CSR budget. A Person uneducated, unemployed youth who gets Skilled Development Training can get opportunity of job to other place also.

So, I am suggesting to form a Co-Ordination Committee with surrounding villages to expenditure the CSR budget. Activities will give credibility to the project management. Please give priority to Demand Oriented work of the public. Also please maintain ecological balance. At the same time, co-operate with government offices for development activities.

As per my opinion, in India while transporting materials, water way transportation can save One Crores rupees. Transporting by railway or by road costs more. Here I am appreciating management and appeal MoEF & CC, Government of India to give unconditional permission to Famous Dredging Corporation.

I am also congratulating Project Environment Consultant for giving detailed EIA report.

**1) Shri Manohar Ovalekar, Residence-Targhar, Taluka - Panvel, District - Raigad:-**

I am a local resident. Our agriculture land has been acquired by the Government for Navi Mumbai Airport and various social projects here. Our means of livelihood has been taken away as all our agriculture fields have been acquired by the Government. So, we and other local people here need employment. Hence, we should be given job opportunities in the project. We support the project.

**2) Shri Shriram Patil, Residene - Morave Village, Taluka - Panvel, District - Raigad :-**


Our agriculture fields have also been acquired by CIDCO for railway project. Hence, our demand is that we should also get a small-scale business or boat repair business for livelihood.


Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to raise any environmental issues, suggestions or objections in respect of proposed project. There was response from the participants.

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee on behalf of Chairman, thanked all for attending the meeting and on behalf of Chairman declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to Chair.

Enclosed herewith ~~50~~ written suggestion as received. (Supporting letter)

  
(Prashant Bhosale),  
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Environment Public Hearing Committee  
And  
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(Sandesh Shirke)  
Chairman,  
Environment Public Hearing Committee  
And  
Additional District Magistrate, Raigad,  
District - Raigad

