

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED  
EXPANSION OF M/S. MOREX INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED, PLOT  
NO.18, SR. NO.123, WADA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION HAMRAPUR, TALUKA WADA, DISTRICT PALGHAR.**

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As per the provisions of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, dated 14/09/2006 an application of M/s. Morex Industries Private Limited, Plot No.18, Sr.No.123, Wada Industrial Development Corporation Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar to organize the public hearing on proposed project to increase the capacity of Unsaturated Polyester Resin from 42 M.T./month to 1200 M.T./month by revamping and retrofitting the existing plant and machinery has been received to Sub Regional Office, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III on 21.02.2024. Accordingly Sub-Regional Office, Kalyan-III has submitted proposal to JD (WPC) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Sion, Mumbai to organize a public hearing. As per vide Office Order No. E-143/2023, Letter No.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-240711-FTS-0023, dated 11.07.2024 Joint Director(W.P.C.) M.P.C.Board has been directed to Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Kalyan-III to conduct environmental public hearing and following officials were appointed as the panel members.

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| 1) | <b>District Magistrate, Palghar Distict</b><br>Or his representative not below the rank of<br>an <b>Additional District Magistrate</b> | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) | <b>Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board</b><br><b>Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan</b>                               | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) | <b>Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III</b>   | <b>Convenor</b> |

In this regard as per the prior permission of Hon'ble Chairman and Collector, Palghar District, public hearing was organized on 24.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M. at premises of M/s. Morex Industries Private Limited, Plot No.18, Sr.No.123, Wada Industrial Development Corporation Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar. As per the EIA Notification, one month advance public notice has been published in the local newspaper on 20.06.2024 in Marathi newspaper 'Sakal' and in English newspaper 'The Free Press Journal'. Copies of EIA report and Executive Summary in English and Marathi were made available at offices of :

1. Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administration Building, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032.
2. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sion (E.), Mumbai.
3. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
4. District Collector, Palghar, District Palghar.
5. Chief Executive Officer(CEO), Zilla Parishad, District Palghar.
6. Sub Divisional Officer, Tal. Wada, District Palghar.
7. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan.

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8. Tahsildar, Wada Tashasil Office Tal.- Wada, District Palghar.
9. Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Wada, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar
10. General Manager, District Industries Center, Palghar, District Palghar.
11. Sarpanch, Group Grampanchayat Hamrapur, Tal. Wada, District Palghar.

Through the public notice, the basic purpose of environmental hearing is to give information to public in the project area about the said project, to know impacts of the

project and opinions of general public, to inform the general public about the pollution control systems required for the project, considering the suggestions given by them and the public in general were appealed by notice to submit their suggestions/objections regarding the above project in oral/writing or by E-mail. Accordingly 01 suggestion regarding the said project has been received (Copy enclosed) via E-mail at the Sub Regional Office, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III.

The said public hearing started on 24.07.2024 at 11.28 A.M. Total 28 representatives including public representatives, industry representative, representative of local bodies, environmental experts, representatives of social organizations, newspaper and news channel representatives and general citizens were present for the said public hearing, list of the same is enclosed herewith. The following officers were also present in the public hearing.

1. Hon'ble Shri. Govind M. Bodke, Chairman and Collector Palghar District
2. Dr. Rajendra A. Rajput, Member and Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan
3. Dr. Seema Uday Dalavi, Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Kalyan-III
4. Shri. Sanjeev Redasni, Field Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kalyan
5. Shri. Jayprakash Bhusara, Field Officer, Sub Regional Office, M.P.C.B., Kalyan-III

The Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-III as the convener with permission of Hon'ble Chairman and Collector, Palghar District has briefed about the public hearing and requested to project proponent to present environmental technical things of the said proposed project.

As per this, the project proponent has presented the detailed information of proposed project of M/s. Morex Industries Private Limited via Powerpoint Presentation. After presentation the convener has requested to all public to raise questions/suggestions/ objections etc., as well as requested to submit suggestions if any in writing to the representative of M.P.C. Board.

Subsequently following suggestions/questions/objections have been raised.

- 1) **Shri. Nilesh Padwale, Res. Karalgaon, Wada, District Palghar-** Will this company cause air Pollution?.

The project proponent said that, at present the company has proposed to use LPG as a fuel therefore there will be no air pollution due to the use of mentioned green fuel. Additionally, 30 meters high chimney will be arranged to prevent air pollution, so there will be no air pollution.

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- 2) **Mr. Anil Sambare, Res. Karlgaon, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar-** Will this company cause pollution to land and ground water?

The project proponent said that, in the expansion of this company's project, the concept of Zero Liquid Discharge has been adopted, the contaminated water/substance will not be released anywhere on the ground or in the river. So there will be no pollution in land or water.

- 3) **Shri. Sameer Sanjay Jadhav, Res. Guhir, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar-** How many trees are planted in the vicinity of the company?

The project proponent said that, 50 trees have been planted in the vicinity of this company and some trees have also been conserved. Also, after project operation, under CER more trees will be planted. This will help to reduce and avoid pollution in the area.

**Mr. Samir Sanjay Jadhav, Res. Guhir, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar-** How many trees will be planted after project operation?

The project proponent said that, 100 trees will be planted every year after project operation.

- 4) **Mr. Vishal Sambare, Res. Karlgaon, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar-** Will this company affect the health of the people in company and other?

The project proponent said that, care will be taken to ensure that the air pollution in the company does not affect the health of the people. Also from time to time the health of the people will be checked through health facility center or health camp. So the company will not affect the health of any people.

- 5) **Shri. Vishal Raghunath Dhanwa, Res. Shaltare, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar-** Will the surrounding area of this company be affected?

Project proponent said that, there would be no impact on the surrounding area. Company has been taken care of Air pollution, Zero Liquid Discharge concept has been adopted to avoid water pollution and will also be taken care of noise pollution. Therefore no impact is expected on the surrounding area of the company.

- 6) **Shri. Rohit Padwale, Res. Karlgaon, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar-** Will the increased use of trucks by the company results in increased traffic?

The project proponent said that, under the expansion of the company's project, only 2 to 3 trucks are required per day for transportation of raw materials and finish goods, so there will be no impact on traffic.

- 7) **Shri. Ajay Chaudhary, Upsarpanch, Gram Panchayat Hamrapur, Taluka. Wada, Dist. Palghar-** What kind of treatment facilities will be used for the disposal of waste water and other Hazardous material generated by company?

The project proponent said that, as mentioned in the PowerPoint presentation, the company generates two types of waste water, domestic waste water and industrial waste water. Among them, as per the guidelines of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Zero Liquid Discharge concept has been adopted to treat industrial waste water, so no contaminated water/substance will be released outside the company. Also, the company will collect the industrial waste water in the primary tank and evaporate it and after evaporation the said water will be reused. It will not affect the surface or ground water.

**Shri. Ajay Chaudhary, Upsarpanch, Gram Panchayat Hamrapur, Taluka. Wada, Dist. Palghar-** Is the storage capacity of waste water in the company sufficient?

The project proponent said that, ETP for effluent treatment system has been installed and its capacity will be as per the guidelines of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. It is also inspected by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board from time to time.

**Shri. Ajay Chaudhary, Upsarpanch, Gram Panchayat Hamrapur, Taluka. Wada, Dist. Palghar-** As per Maharashtra Pollution Control Board guidelines ETP the mechanism is put in place, but further it is important to see whether it is properly implemented or not. Also, it is requested to take care of the surrounding farmers so that they do not suffer from pollution due to sewage and other substances.

The project proponent said that, the company has to submit an environmental report every six months about whether the waste water is treated properly or not. Due to frequent visits by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, proper precautions are taken by the company.

**Mr. Ajay Chaudhary, Upsarpanch, Gram Panchayat Hamrapur, Taluka. Wada, Dist. Palghar-** If the farmers complain to the village panchayat regarding this company, what action will be taken?

The project proponent said that, if anyone has a complaint regarding this company, the complainant should first meet the project owners. If the project owners do not listen, they can file a complaint with the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and then appropriate action will be taken by the M.P.C. Board.

**Mr. Ajay Chaudhary, Upsarpanch, Gram Panchayat Hamrapur, Taluka. Wada, Dist. Palghar-** What are the solar lamps and other facilities that will be provided under the C.E.R. program?

The project proponent said that, C.S.R. and C.E.R. are two types of schemes under the socio-economic structure of the company and 2 percent of the C.S.R. fund is spent annually from the profit of the company and C.E.R. funds are spent only once from construction to operation of the project.

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- 8) **Mr. Sandeep Jairam Gowari, Former Sarpanch and Present Member, Gram Panchayat Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar-** As asked by Present Upsarpanch of Gram Panchayat Shri. Ajay Chaudhary, there are 2 to 3 chemical companies in our area and no action has been taken against them after filing pollution control complaints. Regarding this kind of complaint, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should be informed at least two days before coming to the visit, so that everyone can understand whether appropriate action has been taken on the relevant complaint or not. Also, We are of the opinion that, the companies should come in the village, because the fund under C.S.R. programme promotes the development of the village. However, it is requested that, the Gram Panchayat should be accompanied during the visit of the complaint by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

**The Convener and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C Board, Kalyan-III** requested to raise mainly environmental issues as this is Public Hearing is conducted for discussion regarding Technical things related to Environment issues.

**Hon. Chairman and Collector, Palghar District-** Instructed that, while investigating any complaint, though complainant will be grampanchayat or citizens it is necessary to summon complainant prior notice.

**Hon. Chairman and Collector, Palghar District-** How many people are employed in the existing project and how many locals are working in the company? Of these employees how many employees are skilled or unskilled ?

The project proponent submitted that, currently 30 people are employed in the company, all the people are local and 30 percent of them are skilled, 30 percent are semi-skilled and the rest are unskilled.

**Hon. Chairman and Collector, Palghar District-** How many people will be employed after commissioning of the project ?

The project proponent said that, after the commissioning of the project, 10 to 12 people will be employed and they will be trained for six months of training.

**Hon. Chairman and Collector, Palghar District-** What are the facilities regarding safety of workers, in which hospital Employees State Insurance facilities are provided?

The project proponent said that, the workers of the company are provided with Provident Fund and employees security insurance facilities. The workers of the company were assisted by local medical officers from Manor village and Employees State Insurance facilities are provided from Palghar District Hospital.

**Conclusion:** People representatives, local body officials, villagers, businessmen, Environmental experts have been participated in the Public Hearing and they expressed their suggestions/objections regarding the project. Also the Chairman and members of the Public Hearing Committee and the Project Proponent have taken note of the suggestions/objections of the peoples/ villagers regarding the environmental issues. The Convenor of Public Hearing Committee expressed vote of thanks to all those present in the public hearing and with the prior permission of Hon'ble Chairman and Collector, District-Palghar announced that, the process of public hearing has been completed.



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