

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPANSION OF PRODUCTS OF SILICONE FLUID FROM 150.0 MT/M TO 750.0 MT/M IN EXISTING PROJECT LOCATED AT SURVEY NO. 34/1/2/3/4 B-2, 35/1-2, 35/2, 34/5/A-2 & B-2, 36/2-B-2, KHOPOLI-PEN ROAD, PALI PHATA,VILLAGE-DAHIVALI, TALUKA-KHALAPUR, DISTRICT - RAIGAD (410 203), MAHARASHTRA.**

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The Environment Public Hearing in respect of expansion of products of Silicone Fluid from 150.0 MT/M to 750.0 MT/M in existing project located at Survey No. 34/1/2/3/4 B-2, 35/1-2, 35/2, 34/5/A-2 & B-2, 36/2-B-2, Khopoli-Pen Road, Pali Phata, Village-Dahivali, Taluka-Khalapur, District - Raigad (410 203) was held on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 03.00 noon at Rishivan Resort, Jha & Associates, Survey No.8/1, Khopoli Pen Road, Adoshi, Shilphata-Khopoli, Taluka-Khalapur, District - Raigad (410 203), Maharashtra.

Shri Prashant Bhosale, Sub Regional Officer, Raigad -I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614 and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Sandesh Shirke, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Sanjay Bhosale, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representatives 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

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.

He informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application dated 02-07-2024 which is received on 04-07-2024 from Project Proponent M/s SILICONE INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTS, Survey No.34/1/2/3/4 B-2, 35/1-2, 35/2, 34/5/A-2 & B-2, 36/2-B-2, Khopoli-Pen Road, Pali Phata, Village-Dahivali, Taluka-Khalapur, District - Raigad (410 203), Maharashtra for expansion of products of Silicone Fluid from 150.0 MT/M to 750.0 MT/M in their existing project located at Survey No. 34/1/2/3/4 B-2, 35/1-2, 35/2, 34/5/A-2 & B-2, 36/2-B-2, Khopoli-Pen Road, Pali Phata, Village-Dahivali, Taluka-Khalapur, District -Raigad (410 203).

Convener further informed that as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A schedule 5 (f) - Synthetic Organic Chemicals Industry - which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application on 13-12-2023 along with pre-feasibility report to obtain ToR (Terms of Reference) to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi and it has been considered and given online approval on 28-12-2023. Accordingly, Project Proponent through their Environment Consultant has carried detailed Environmental Survey in the radius of 10.0 k.m. of the project site to study the proposed impact on environment due to the expansion of the project and prepared draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and submitted it.

Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter dated 25-07-2024 directed Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai to carry the process of conducting environmental public hearing regarding the said project.

Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai vide letter dated 29-08-2024 requested Hon. District Collector, Raigad, Alibag to conduct Environment Public Hearing of the respective industry.

District Collector, Raigad, Alibag vide letter dated 13-09-2024 directed to conduct Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 03.00 noon, and after getting sanction from District Collector, Raigad, Alibag, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai as per the Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14-09-2006 and as per Amended Notification S.O. 3067 (E) Dated 01-12-2009 as issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, Gol), New Delhi has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E- 166 of 2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-241023- FTS- 0082 dated 23-10-2024 as under:-

- 1) District Magistrate-Raigad, Alibag  
or his representative not below  
the rank of an Additional District  
Magistrate **Chairman**
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra  
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -  
Regional Officer - Raigad,  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,  
Raigad Bhavan,6<sup>th</sup> Floor, CBD Belapur,  
Navi Mumbai - 400 614 **Member**
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, **Convener**  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,  
Raigad Bhavan,6<sup>th</sup> Floor, CBD Belapur,  
Navi Mumbai - 400 614

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, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614 in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat and Krushival for Marathi and in National Newspaper Indian Express for English on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

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

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, Western- Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001;
- 2) District Collector, Raigad, Alibag,
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Center, Raigad Alibag;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Raigad, Alibag;
- 5) Sub Divisional Officer, Khalapur, Taluka - Khalapur, District-Raigad;

- 6) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad;
- 7) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad;
- 8) Group Grampanchayat Office- Mouje - Devnhave; Mouje - Dahivali; Mouje - Savroli; Mouje - Sarsan; Mouje - Vadval, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad;
- 9) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 032;
- 10) Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, 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 - 400 614;
- 12) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad - 1, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sector - 11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614;
- 13) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai;

Convener informed that 02 suggestions / objections have been received by Sub Regional Office, Raigad-I, MPCB, Navi Mumbai regarding the proposed project.

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, views, suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only and the Committee 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 Assessment Report of the Project Proponent, written suggestions/objections and minutes of the meeting in Marathi and English after approval of Chairman,

Environment Public Hearing Committee will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi after taking note of the video recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting. 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, Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He informed that the said project is producing Silicone Liquid and Project Management has planned to expand the production according to the market demand. The total cost of the project is Rs.10.00 crore and the proposed cost of the expansion project is Rs.11.70 crore. The total cost of the project after expansion will be Rs.21.70 crores.

After completion of the expansion, the project will require an additional workforce of 50 persons. For that, priority will be given to local people only in the proposed project. Directives as issued by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board from time to time will be followed.

The total capital expenditure for Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in operational and expansion projects will be 25.85 lakhs and recurring expenditure after expansion will be 5.14 lakhs.

Also, the project has made a financial provisions of Rs.10.80 lakh for the Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Fund.

Environment Consultant further informed that since commissioning of the project, Project Proponent has implemented many social, educational and health related activities in the project area from time to time and

financial assistance has also been given in large amount. Co-operation will be extended to implement various social schemes in the project area in future also.

**After completion of Presentation -**

**1) Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked :-**

How much job opportunities will be created after the expansion project?  
It should be explained by the slide.

Environmental Consultant answered through the slide that currently 20 (Twenty) persons have been provided employment in the project and after expansion, 50 (Fifty) persons can get job opportunities in the project. That means a total of 70 (Seventy) persons will be given job opportunities in the project.

**2) Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked -**

The built-up area of the plot should be checked while constructing the expansion project while obtaining Environment Clearance (EC) for the expansion project.

Project Proponent assured for the same.

After the presentation, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. Member and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee also appealed that while asking questions, full name and residential address should be informed.

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

**1) Shri Aniket Dilip Pawar, Residence - Tambathi Gaon, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad:-**

After expansion of the project, which benefit will get to the local people?

Project Proponent replied that due to the expansion of the project, job opportunities will be available in the project. It is not possible for the company to bring the required manpower from Mumbai, Pune. In the expansion project, only local people will be given job opportunities.

**2) Shri Rakesh Ramesh Mahamunkar, Residence-Dahivali Gaon, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad :-**

Our land is adjacent to this company. This company has been operating for the last 20-25 years. The production process of the company has not caused any problem to the local people so far and we hope that the expansion will not cause any problem to us in the future. We local people have no opposition to the proposed expansion project. However, it is our earnest request that only local people should be given job opportunities in the expansion project.

Project Proponent answered that 100% the suggestion will be considered.

**3) Shri Satish Suresh Patil, Residence - Dahivali Gaon, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad :-**

I am a social worker. Till date, the company has not caused any environmental problems. Also, if the company management is approached to employ a needy local person, the company management immediately takes a positive decision if the position is vacant. But in the expansion project, local persons, youths should be given job



opportunities according to their educational qualification and company's requirement. Educational materials are provided by the company from time to time for schools in the local area. Similarly, if any social activity is required for the village, it is fulfilled if the company management is requested. From time-to-time, support has been received from the company for local villages.

Project Proponent assured that similar co-operation will be extended by the Company Management to the local people in the future.

**4) Shri Dinesh Subhash Maragaje, Residence - Vadval, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad :-**

How many trees will be planted during the project expansion?

Project Proponent replied that 302 trees have been planted in the currently operational project. It is planned to plant 2,794 trees in the expansion project.

**5) Shri Sunanda Reddy, an Environmentalist, Telangana State :-**

My best wishes to Management for planning the expansion of the project. In my opinion, unemployment is the major pollution in India. Environment Aspect is important, Development aspect is also important. In this context, industrial development is also essential as it provides 90% job opportunities in industrial sector. At the same time, Project Proponent has to take responsibility to take care and maintain ecological balance. In this context, whatever plantation you have planned, please give priority instead of normal plants, fruit bearing plants and medicinal valued plants. It will be very useful to the new generations. Whatever harvesting, it is important. Whatever rain water which is received, efforts should be made to store the rain water. Also, water harvesting system should be implemented in the project. It will help to increase ground water quantity.

With the help of the Government, please implement Skill Development Scheme to local young boys and girls to empower them for various jobs. Company management has planned to provide 70 jobs, which is highly appreciated as you have planned to invest additionally Rupees 11.70 Crores.

I am suggesting to constitute a Co-Ordination Committee for use of CSR budget with villagers, company officials, MPCB, local representatives for CSR activities. Only Demand Oriented work should be implemented. If it is implemented, great credibility will get to the company management.

I congratulate Environment Consultant who has prepared detailed total report. If any possibility, please collect the information regarding present health status of the people, crop pattern of the area and present ground water availability.

Finally, I request Panel Committee to recommend MoEF & CC to grant unconditional permission to this industry.

**6) Shri Sunny Dashrath Yadav, Residence - Devnavhe, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad :-**

Till date, Company Management has co-operated well with the local people. The expansion is planned by Project Management. Due to this, the income of Gram Panchayat will also increase. However, Company Administration is requested to provide similar co-operation from time to time in future as well. The expansion of the company is supported by the local people.

Project Proponent promised to co-operate in future also.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any suggestions, views or objections in respect of proposed project. There was no response from the participants.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all for attending this meeting and declared that Environment Public Hearing meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed herewith 02 suggestions/objections as received.



**(Prashant Bhosale)**

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And  
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