

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF EXPANSION IN EXISTING PROJECT OF SYNTHETIC RESINS FROM 5.0 MT/M TO 1000.0 MT/M (EXPANSION BY 995.0 MT/M), EXPANSION IN MANUFACTURING OF PAINTS & ALLIED PRODUCTS 52 MT/M TO 1456 MT/M (1404 MT/M EXPANSION). AT PLOT NO.95/1 TO 95/7 (FORMER 43), VILLAGE-KUMBHIVALI, SAVROLI-KHARPADA ROAD, TALUKA-KHALAPUR, DISTRICT-RAIGAD (410 202), MAHARASHTRA STATE BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S PALADIN PAINTS & CHEMICALS PVT.LTD.,

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of expansion in existing project of Synthetic Resins from 5.0 MT/M to 1000.0 MT/M (EXPANSION BY 995.0 MT/M), EXPANSION IN MANUFACTURING OF PAINTS & ALLIED PRODUCTS 52 MT/M TO 1456 MT/M (1404 MT/M EXPANSION) at Plot No.95/1 to 95/7 (Former 43), Village-Kumbhivali, Savroli-Kharpada Road, Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad (410 202), Maharashtra State by Project Proponent M/s Paladin Paints & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., was conducted on Friday, the 24th January, 2025 at 04.00 pm at Seminar Hall, Vishwaniketan College of Engineering, Survey No.52, 54, 55, 56, 57, Village-Kumbhivali, Savroli-Kharpada Road, Taluka-Khalapur, District - Raigad (410 202), Maharashtra.

Shri Prashant Bhosle, Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-1, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614 and Member, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee apologized to all participants and informed that due to some unavoidable reasons, meeting started late and welcomed Shri Sandesh Shirke, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad, Alibag and Chairman 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 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 14th September, 2006 as amended time to time 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.

Convener further informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application dated 19.06.2024 from Project Proponent M/s Paladin Paints & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., to conduct Environment Public Hearing in respect of expansion in existing project of Synthetic Resins from 5 MT/M to 1000.0 MT/M (EXPANSION BY 995.0 MT/M), EXPANSION IN MANUFACTURING OF PAINTS & ALLIED PRODUCTS 52 MT/M TO 1456 MT/M (1404 MT/M EXPANSION) at Plot No.95/1 to 95/7 (Former 43), Village-Kumbhivali, Savroli-Kharpada Road, Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad (410 202), Maharashtra State.

Convener further informed that as per EIA Notification No.1533 (E), Dated 14-09-2006 and Amended Notification, the proposed activities fall under Category A - 5 (f), which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application for EC required products as well as products for which EC is not required on 19-06-2024 along with pre-feasibility report to obtain ToR (Terms of Reference) to Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi, and it has been considered by Government of India and granted online approval vide no. IA-J-11011/276/2024-IA-II (I), Dated 24-06-2024.

Accordingly, Project Proponent has appointed NABET approved Environment Consultant and through their Environment Consultant had carried detailed Environmental Survey in the radius of 10.0 km. of the project site to study the proposed impact on environment due to the expansion in existing project and prepared a draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and submitted it.

Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter dated 12.09.2024 directed Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 6th Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai to carry the process of conducting environmental public hearing regarding the said project.

Afterwards, Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai vide letter dated 22.11.2024 requested Hon. District Collector, Raigad, Alibag to conduct Environment Public Hearing for the proposed activities.

District Collector, Raigad, Alibag vide letter dated 20.12.2024 directed to conduct Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 24th January 2025 at 04.00 p.m., 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, GoI), New Delhi has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E-11 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 250109-FTS- 0029, dated 09-01-2025 as under: -

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| 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 th Floor, Sector-11,
C.B.D. Belapur,
Navi Mumbai - 400 614 | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad Bhavan, 6 th Floor, Sector-11,
C.B.D. Belapur,
Navi Mumbai - 400 614 | Convener |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614 in the local newspaper Daily Krushival and Daily Lokmat for local language Marathi and in national newspaper daily Indian Express for English on 25-12-2024. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summary 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, Collector Office, Raigad, Alibag;
- 3) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Raigad, Alibag;
- 4) General Manager, District Industries Center, Raigad, Alibag;
- 5) Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Division Office-Khalapur, Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad;
- 6) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad;
- 7) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad;
- 8) Nagar Panchayat Office, Khalapur, District-Raigad;
- 9) Gram Panchayat Offices - Group Gram Panchayat -Kumbhivali, Savroli, Madap, Kalote, Majgaon, Sangade;
- 10) Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 032;
- 11) Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022;
- 12) Regional Officer - Raigad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614.
- 13) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614
- 14) Website of MPCB - Both executive in Marathi and English are made available

Convener informed that no suggestions / objections have been received by Sub Regional Officer, 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 Impact Assessment Report of the Project, 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, Govt. 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.

Project Environment Consultant welcomed all the participants and with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee made a presentation about the project and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the project.

He said that the expansion of the said project is being done keeping in mind the increasing demand. The proposed expansion of the project will be carried within the area of existing project which is in operation. Hence, there is no question of acquiring additional land and thereby displacing people.

Project Environment Consultant informed that the total plot area of the project is 45,105.394 square meters and the green belt will be developed in the project to the extent of 33.38%. Total expenditure for the proposed project is expected to be Rs.17.0 crores including existing operational and proposed expansion. 10 people will get job opportunity in the construction phase and 14 people in the operational project. Local people will be given priority in job opportunities. Due to the said expansion, there will be a huge increase in indirect business in the area.

Proposed project is a ZLD - Zero Liquid Discharge project and not a single drop of domestic effluent from the project will be released outside the project.

The Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) budget of the project is around ₹ 4.0 lakh, which will be spent in the project affected villages itself. Also, the proposed capital expenditure for Environmental Management of the proposed project will be ₹ 130.0 lakh and the recurring expenditure will be ₹ 37.5 lakh.

As per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), it is mandatory that 33% of the total project area is to be developed as green belt, but the project will develop more than it i.e. 33.38% green belt area.

Currently, 121 large trees have been planted in the project and a total of 5063 new trees will be planted and conserved in the expansion project.

The said project is in the interest of the local area, Maharashtra state and the country.

After the Presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise any suggestion, views, objections in respect of the proposed project in environmental angle only. While giving suggestions/objections, inform the name and name of residence/village name,

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

1) Shri Vishal Mhamunkar, Residence-Kumbhavali village, Taluka-Khalapur, District - Raigad:-

Whether the proposed expansion of project will affect the health of the people living in the vicinity of project?

Project Environmental Consultant replied that air pollution control system will be installed to prevent air pollution due to manufacturing activities in the project. Project Proponent has proposed a provision of ₹ 20 Lakhs for air pollution control and total ₹ 1.3 crore (₹ One Crore Thirty Lakh) for commissioning of pollution control system to prevent air pollution. It will not cause any air pollution, which will affect the health of the people in the area.

2) Sou. Nagi Govind Veer, Residence-Thakurwadi Village, Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad:-

How many local people will get job opportunities in the proposed expansion project?

Project Environmental Consultant replied that 96 persons have been provided jobs in the project which is in operation and majority of them are local people.

The expansion project will provide direct employment to at least 14 persons during the construction phase, while approximately 25 persons will get direct job opportunities after completion/operation of the project.

However, due to the said expansion project, there will be a huge increase in indirect business/job opportunities in the local area eg.- tea shops, mobile repairing /sales shops, bike repairing shops etc.

3) Sou. Devaki Wagh, Residence-Kumbhivali Village, Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad:-

After expansion of the project, how many trees will be planted?

Project Environmental Consultant informed that 121 large trees have been planted in the currently operational project as shown in the presentation.

Similarly, around 5063 new trees will be planted in the project. Apart from this, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund will be used to plant trees along the roads in the area from time to time.

4) Shri Akkalayya, an Environmentalist, Telangana State:-

I congratulate Project Management for planning of expansion of project. Green belt should be developed within the project and outside the project. A library should be started in the project village for local people, students. Also, health camps should be organized for the local people in every six months. Development works should be undertaken in local villages through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund of the project. I fully support project expansion. I request the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi to grant Environment Clearance to this project.

Environmental Consultant thanked Shri Akkalayya, an Environmentalist for the various suggestions made by him Project Environmental Consultant informed that under Corporate social Responsibility (CSR) fund of the project, villages around the project are given help as much as possible. Suggestions made by you will be definitely considered by Project Proponent and it will be implemented as per the plan in future.

5) Shri Ashok Rajaram Baraskar, Residence-Kharsundi Village, Taluka-Khalapur, District-Raigad:-

Project will definitely benefit the local area. However, due to the said expansion project, it is important to recruit local people. It is necessary to give job opportunities to the people who need job at the local level in the project. This question should be answered.

Project Environmental Consultant said that the demand that local people should be given job opportunities in the project is right. But for certain posts, if the educational qualification and experience is required, here local people would be given priority for job opportunities if they are qualified.

Here, Shri Ashok Rajaram Baraskar remarked that there are many young boys and girls at the local level who have the required educational qualification, there are many young boys and girls, who have passed ITI. They should be given an opportunity.

Environmental Consultant promised to take a positive decision after the expansion of this project.

6) Dr. D. R. Patil, Principal, Vishwa Niketan College of Engineering, Kumbhabali Village, Taluka-Khalapur, District - Raigad:-

I have been Principal of this college since last 15 years. Many of our college students have got internships and jobs in this companies. They are doing well there.

This Paladin project is our partner since the beginning. It is an engineering college. Project Management always supports cultural program here.

However, the college is expecting support for various activities from the CSR fund. It is expected that Project Proponent will co-operate for various activities in the future from time to time.

Project Environmental Consultant promised to co-operate for various activities under CSR funds in the future as well.

7) Shri Nivrutti Motiram Salekar, Residence-Kharsundi Village, Taluka - Khalapur, District-Raigad:-

Group Gram Panchayat consists of three villages. Kharsundi, Kumbhavli, Dhamani are available. Paladin Company has been operating here since

1985. Project management has planned project expansion Industries should grow following whatever environmental norms there are. So local people can get job opportunities. However, Project Management should strictly follow all the environmental norms while developing the industry. Good luck to the project.

Project Environmental Consultant assured to comply the directives as issued and informed that Project Proponent is committed to environment protection.

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise their suggestions, views or objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. There was no response from the participants.

Chairman, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee also appealed all to raise their suggestions, views or objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. There was no response from the participants.

While concluding the meeting, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee apologized all for starting the procedure of public hearing after the time. He informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting have been noted and it will be concluded in the minutes of meeting. Also written suggestions/objections received by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board office, Revised EIA report, minutes of the meeting in Marathi and in English after approval of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee will submitted through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee there will take further decision.

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

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



(Prashant Bhosale)

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