

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EXISTING PRODUCTS ALONG WITH ADDITION OF NEW EXPLOSIVE PRODUCTS OF M/S.KELTECH ENERGIES LIMITED, VILL.GARAMSUR, PO. DUDHALA, TAH-KATOL, DIST-NAGPUR DTD. 17/05/2025.

M/s. Keltech Energies Limited, Vill.Garamsur, Po.Dudhala, Tah-Katol, Dist-Nagpur has applied for Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed expansion of existing products along with addition of new explosive products as per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 and amended notification dated 1.12.2009. The Public Hearing was held at Project Site M/s. Keltech Energies Limited, Vill.Garamsur, Po.Dudhala, Tah-Katol, Dist-Nagpur under the Chairmanship of Shri. Anup Khande, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur attended the hearing as a member of the public hearing panel, and Smt. Dhanashree Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-I as a Member Convener. The Public Hearing commenced at 12.00 noon with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the citizens present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

BACKGROUND:

M/s. Keltech Energies Limited (KEL), Vill. Garamsur, Po.Dudhala, Tah-Katol, Dist-Nagpur has obtained the Environmental Clearance for the existing products from MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.No. IA-J-11011/360/2018-1A II (I) on dtd. 14/07/2020. M/s. KEL has now planned to undertake proposed project expansion along with the addition of new explosive products. In this respect they had submitted the proposal to MPC Board for conducting the public hearing and accordingly the public hearing was scheduled on 17/05/2025.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

Public Hearing procedure was initiated with the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing panel. The Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-I welcomed the Chairman and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens and others.

The Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, the Public Hearing is conducted for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project, and the same will be communicated as it is to the Ministry. Chairman also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision regarding accordance of approval to the project and appealed the participants to express their views and suggestions orally or in writing.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-I explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing and informed that as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 amended on 14th September 2006 notices for the public hearing were published in local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Navrashtra' (Marathi) on 15/04/2025. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

2) Shri. Bandu Rathod, Mahurkhora, Tal.Katol, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	The company's pollution is causing crop damage and spread of diseases, and the groundwater level has decreased. Also, local people should be provided with employment.	The said point was noted. About this, the project proponent explained that they currently have a rainwater harvesting capacity of 24,000 KLD. There are 3 ponds in the existing industry for this. The water from these ponds will seep into the ground and assist in increasing the groundwater level. They will also increase the rainwater harvesting capacity. Locals will be given priority during recruitment process in the proposed project.

3) Shri. Yashwant Pawar, Garamsur, Tal.Katol, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	The explosions cause a lot of noise and reduce the crop production of farmers in the area.	New and advanced technologies/ equipment will be used for blasting in order to reduce noise levels.

4) Shri. Ramrao Chavan, Member of G.P. Mahurkhora, Tal.Katol, Dist-Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	The company's explosives cause vibrations in the nearby villages. compensation should be given in case of damages caused. The water levels in wells and bore wells in the nearby area have gone down. The crop production has also reduced remarkably.	New and advanced technologies / equipment will be used for blasting, so that the intensity of vibrations will be kept to a minimal level and they will not be experienced by the nearby villages. The project proponent explained that they currently have a rainwater harvesting capacity of 24,000 KLD. There are 3 ponds in the existing industry for this. The water from these ponds will seep into the ground and assist in increasing the groundwater level.

5) Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	He has unconditional support for the project as the proposed project will generate employment. The PP shall take effective steps towards increase in rainwater harvesting.	The project proponent explained that they currently have a rainwater harvesting capacity of 24,000 KLD. There are 3 ponds in the existing industry for this. They will also increase the rainwater harvesting capacity.

Smt. Hema Deshpande, Member of Environment public hearing panel and Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur instructed the project proponent to take appropriate measures regarding pollution. Also, the air pollution control system should be operated efficiently, and the prescribed air pollution standards should be strictly adhered, so that, it will not cause inconvenience to the locals in the nearby villages. People should be informed about the social and environmental impact. The people should be made aware regarding the off site emergency plan of the project proponent in case of any mishap in the nearby village due to explosion. This committee will submit the minutes of the said Public Hearing to the Ministry after taking into account the suggestions of the people present.

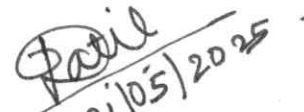
Shri. Anup Khande, Chairman of Environment public hearing panel and Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur reviewed the questions of the local people present for the said public hearing regarding the project and the answers of the project proponents. He informed that, the proceedings of the public hearing will be sent as it is to the Ministry.

He instructed that, the project proponent shall inform the local people regarding the social changes and environmental impacts that this project will have in the area. He suggested that, a suitable non-governmental organization (NGO) should be engaged for water conservation, which will solve the problem of water scarcity. He also suggested that, the project proponent shall provide emergency management plan and appoint a public relations officer for the local gram panchayat. The amount spent through Corporate Social Responsibility appears to be on lower side, which can be increased.

Also, he reiterated that, if anyone has any written suggestions or representations, they can submit the same to the committee or submit them to the M.P.C. Board, Office, Nagpur or the District Collector's Office, Nagpur by 19/05/2025. After that, he declared that the Public Hearing is over by thanking all the people present for the public hearing.



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Member of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur



(Dhanashree Patil)
Convener of the Public Hearing Panel
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Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur-I.



(Anup Khande)
Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel
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Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur