

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MANUFACTURING OF ETHYL ACETATE FACILITY OF CAPACITY 65 METRIC TON PER DAY BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S PRO GRO BIO PVT LTD, GAT NO 158, SHIV PATTI, NEAR PIYUSH SUGAR FACTORY, AT POST – TANDALI WADGOAN, TALUKA & DISTRICT - AHILYANAGAR, MAHARASHGTRA

The Environment Public Hearing for proposed manufacturing of Ethyl Acetate Facility of Capacity 65 MT/Day Proponent M/s. Pro Gro Bio Pvt Ltd, Gat No.158, Shiv Patti, Near Piyush Sugar Factory, At Post – Tandali Wadgaon, Tal. & Dist. Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra was conducted on Wednesday, the 30th April, 2025 at 11.00 noon at project site.

Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahilyanagar and Member, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Residential Deputy Collector, Ahilyanagar and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, 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 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s. Pro Gro Bio Pvt Ltd, Gat No 158, Shiv Patti, Near Piyush Sugar Factory, At Post – Tandali Wadgaon, Tal. & Dist. Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing for proposed manufacturing Ethyl Acetate Facility of Capacity of 65 MT/Day at post- Tandali Wadgaon, Tal. & Dist. Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public hearing 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.

After sanction from District Collector, Ahilyanagar to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Wednesday, the 30th April, 2025 at 11.00 noon, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 31 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 250421- FTS- 0112 dated 21-04-2025 :-

1. Collector Ahilyanagar
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate.

Chairman

2. Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer - Nashik.

Member

3. Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Ahilyanagar.

Convener

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahilyanagar in the Local Newspaper in Daily Sakal in Marathi and in National Newspaper Times of India in English on 31-03-2025. 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) District Collector, Ahilyanagar.
- 2) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ahilyanagar.
- 3) District Industries Center, Ahilyanagar.
- 4) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 032.
- 5) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022, Mumbai.
- 6) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, Nashik.
- 7) Sub Divisional Office, Nagar-Newasa, Ahilyanagar.
- 8) Tasildar, Tahsil Office, Ahilyanagar.
- 9) Web site of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
- 10) Gram Panchayat Office – Walki, Ralegaon, Sarola Kasar, Tandali Wadgaon, Khadki, Sakat, Chikhali, Tal. & Dist. Ahilyanagar.

Convener informed that not a single Objections/suggestions letters regarding the proposed unit received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Ahilyanagar.

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project on an environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in writing also.

With the permission of the Honorable Chairman, the Project Environmental Consultant made a presentation about the project and the Environmental Management Plan.

After the presentation, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed to participants to register any environmental objections/suggestions they may have regarding the proposed project unit.

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. Abhilash Raosaheb Ghige, R/o Tandali Wadgaon, Taluka & District Ahilyanagar-

He expressed his gratitude for the information provided by the organizer and environmental consultant regarding this project. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Sanjay Ambole Patil, sir, for the fact that the project will generate some employment in the village. It was suggested and expected that the CSR fund that will be received through this company should be spent more and more on the social work of this village.

2) Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Chairman, Dharitri Paryavarn Parikshan Sanstha, District Nalgonda, Telangana State -

Namaskar, me Sunanda Reddy, the Environmentalist. My best wishes to management for this new project. I am the first environmentalist to support this. In my opinion unemployment is the major pollution at this stage in India. All the state government & central government provide approximately 5 to 6 lacs jobs every year. Approximately 1 crore people come to market for employment, the remaining 95 lac people depending on the industrial sector for their jobs. In this context I am requesting MPCB to give their unconditional permission to this industry. In this environmental fact is tree plantation. Whatever plantation 33% is government norms. But the project proponent has promised 35% plantation. It is congratulating to management. In this small suggestion instead of normal plants plant fruit bearing plants medicinal plants. It is very good & useful for the environment & also rainwater harvesting is important. Approximately 2 to 4 mm of rainwater received in every year please use this rainwater harvesting is precaution as its very useful for developing ground water level. Use CSR funds for this expenditure. Also I am congratulating the management for employment your investment is 12 crore you are giving direct employment to 25 indirect employment approximately 100 distant indirect employment to 150 to 200 it's a very incredible to management, here I am telling you just recently I have attended public hearing of NTPC whereas for every 33 crores of investment providing one job. And also is there any possibility that government give the skill training to workers who utilizes it in any other works. Finally congratulating your consultancy for details work has done. Finally requesting MPCB to give unconditional permissions to this industry. Thanking you for this opportunity.

3) Shri Vyankatesh, Environmentalist on NGO -

Respected sir everybody is good morning. My name is Vyankatesh one of the Environmentalist. Actually I appreciate project proponent why I appreciate is given employment to 25 members & to give priority to local people & education wise difficult category employment criteria administration & technical. Plantation don't take Cono carpus plant necessary to take dust control plants Pong Amia. Use local transport from local people

vehicle helps in financially. ones again congratulate project proponent. Wishing Environmental Clearance.

Hon. Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee instructed the Environmental Advisor to provide clarification on the objections raised in the meeting.

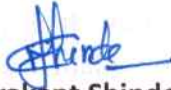
The environmental consultant replied that the public present at the environmental public hearing was assured that the CSR fund available to the project beneficiaries would be allocated according to their needs in consultation with the local gram panchayat, and that trees would be planted on both sides of the road adjacent to the company premises, which would help reduce noise pollution from vehicles.

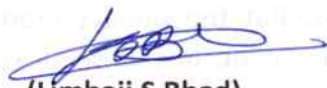
At that time, the Chairman said that the suggestions and objections raised in the meeting have been recorded by the Environmental Public Hearing Committee and it will be recorded in the minutes. Also, photos and video recordings of the said public hearing will be submitted to the government for further action.


Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked local people, project officers and government officials for attending the meeting and registered their suggestions and objections and announced that the public hearing is completed on behalf of the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee .

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Written 01 suggestions, objections are enclosed herewith.


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Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
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Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Ahilyanagar


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