

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 150 KLPD MOLASSES (B & C HEAVY)/SUGARCANE JUICE BASED DISTILLERY UNIT WITH 3 MW POWER GENERATION PLANT BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. GANGAMAULI SUGARS & ALLIED INDUSTRIES PVT. LTD., GAT NO. 115 & 116, A/P. ASHOK NAGAR, UMARI, TAL. KAIJ, DIST. BEED, MAHARASHTRA.

The Environment Public Hearing for the proposed establishment of 150 KLPD Molasses (B & C Heavy)/Sugarcane Juice-based Distillery unit with 3 MW Power Generation plant by project proponent M/s. Gangamauli Sugars & Allied Industries Pvt. Ltd., Gat No. 115 & 116, A/p. Ashok Nagar, Umari, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed was conducted on 08-07-2025 at 12.00 pm at the project site.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 50 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 250630-FTS-0277 dated 30-06-2025. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. The following Panel members were present during the public hearing:

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1. **Shri. Shivkumar Swami,**
Additional District Magistrate, Beed,
Dist: Beed. : Chairman.
2. **Shri. Manish Holkar,**
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Chh. Sambhajinagar. : Member
3. **Shri. Deepak Bansod,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Jalna. : Convener.

Shri. Deepak Bansod, Convener of Environment Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and local public present for the Hearing and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about Public Hearing.

Shri. Deepak Bansod, informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit comes under the purview of this Notification. The Project Proponent has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 08-05-2025. The public hearing was scheduled on 08-07-



2025 time 12.00 p.m. with approval of Hon'ble District Collector Beed. Accordingly, notice was published 30 days before in Daily Times of India (English) & Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 01-06-2025. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report on the project (in English and Marathi) was made available for study to the interested public in the respective Gram Panchayat offices and other government offices. Accordingly, today's public hearing is being held. A copy of EIA report and executive summary was made available at various Govt. offices as under-

- 1) The District Collector, District Collector Office, Beed.
- 2) The Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad Office, Beed.
- 3) Manager, District Industries Centre, Beed.
- 4) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office Kaij, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 5) Grampanchayat Office Koregaon, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 6) Grampanchayat Office Kanadi Mali, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 7) Grampanchayat Office Koti, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 8) Grampanchayat Office Umari, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 9) Grampanchayat Office Massajog, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 10) Grampanchayat Office Takali, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 11) Grampanchayat Office Jadhavjvala, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 12) Grampanchayat Office Shirpura, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 13) Grampanchayat Office Dongaon, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed.
- 14) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. P-3/1 & P-3/2, Additional MIDC Phase-II, Jalna.
- 15) Regional Officer, MPCB, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
- 16) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd,3rd & 4th Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 17) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- 18) Regional Office, Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Further he clarified that, Board had given 30 days period for submission of any suggestions/Objections/views etc. about the project as per the notifications and Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Jalna has received the following 3 nos. of suggestions through email.

1. Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Telangana State, received suggestions by email dated 03/07/2025.
2. Shri. Rangarao Kotakonda, Save earth, Metro Urban and Rural Development Society, Telangana State, received suggestions by email dated 08/07/2025.
3. Shri. Palle Naveen Kumar, United Social Services Society, Telangana State, received suggestions by email dated 08/07/2025.

Also, he informed to the public that, if they still have any objections/criticisms/comments, they should ask after the presentation of the project. He then requested the project proponent to make a presentation about the proposed project.

The environment consultant of M/s. Equinox Environments Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur gave information in brief along with a presentation on various environmental aspects i.e.-

- Introduction.
- Purpose of Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Hearing.
- Project location, Google map of the project, project details, project plan, project study area, current photographs of the project site.
- Key features of the proposed project, basic requirements of the proposed project.
- Environmental status study, local environment details and information about the area.
- Study site information, air quality inspection in the study area, air quality conclusion.
- Noise intensity inspection in the study area, sound quality conclusion.
- Water quality inspection in the study area, surface water quality conclusion, groundwater water quality conclusion.
- Soil quality inspection in the study area, soil quality conclusion.
- Bio-environment, land classification in the study area.
- Socio-economic environment, expected impacts on the surrounding environment, socio-economic environment, environmental management plan.
- Online Monitoring System (OCEMS) Water and wastewater management.
- Solid waste management.
- Green belt development and its photographs, professional monitoring program details.
- Environmental Management Unit information, social commitment, socio-economic environment.
- Expected impacts on the surrounding environment, environmental management plan.
- Remedial plans for various environmental impacts, socio-economic welfare initiatives under the environmental responsibility plan, provision of environmental management costs, project benefits, etc.

The information on the above is recorded in the CD and taken notes in brief in the minutes of the public hearing.

After concluding the power point presentation of said project by the Project Consultant, Shri. Shivkumar Swami, Chairman of Environment Public hearing and Additional District Magistrate Beed requested to present public to give their suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. regarding the said project, they should ask them by mentioning their name and village name.

After that, following suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. were raised and reply to the same was given by project consultant/proponent.

| Sr. No. | Name and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc., | Reply given by project proponent/Consultant |
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| 1. | Shri. Jaydeep Mahadev Vaybase, Res. of Takali, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that approximately how much alcohol will be produced per day from the proposed new distillery project. | On this, the Project consultant said that the production capacity of this proposed distillery unit is 150 KLPD and it will produce RS, ethanol and ENA. |





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| 2. | Shri. Shaymsundar Tukaram Divane, Res. of Sindkhed, Res. of Jadhav Javala, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that, what benefits from this new distillery project to the citizens of the surrounding villages. | On this, the Project consultant said that this proposed project will directly employment a total of 75 peoples, and the project will indirectly employment about 100 to 150 peoples. Also, a total of Rs. 2.67 crore has been provided as CSR funds for the Social and Environmental development of the surrounding villages, which will definitely benefit. |
| 3. | Shri. Bhimashankar Chandrakant Patane, Res. Dongaon Javala, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that, how much it would cost to build the proposed new distillery project. | On this, the Project consultant said that a total investment of Rs. 175 crores have been made to set up the proposed new distillery project with advanced technology and automation management. |
| 4. | Shri. Dhanraj Laxman Tandale, Res. Koregaon, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that, how much spent wash would be generated in the proposed new alcohol project and what measures have the project proponent taken to dispose of it. | On this, the Project consultant said that a raw spentawsh @ 8 KL/KL will be generated & conc. spentawsh @ 1.6 KL/KL will be produced from the proposed distillery project. The said spent wash will be concentrated in MEE and the concentrated spent wash will be dried and powdered. |
| 5. | Shri. Suraj Babasaheb Shinde, Res. Bharaj, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that, what measures have been taken to deal with the wastewater generated in the proposed project. | On this, the Project consultant said that, the project is based on Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) and the spent wash and other wastewater from the distillation plant such as cooling blowdown, boiler blowdown, lab and washing will be treated in advanced technology CPU (Condensate Polishing Unit) system and maximum reuse of the processed wastewater will be ensured, so that no wastewater will be discharged outside the factory. |
| 6. | Shri. Ganesh Jay Dagadu, Res. Pimpalgaon, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that, will this new project cause any noise pollution. | On this, the Project consultant said that, workers working inside the factory like boilers, turbines, pumps, compressors, boiler houses, truck transport may face noise pollution problems. For this, workers will provided with personal protective equipment like isolation, separation insulation, PPE, ear plugs etc. and in addition to this, other facilities/arrangements are made so that there is no noise pollution outside the factory. Due to this, the local citizens around do not face noise pollution problems. |



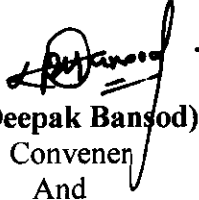

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| 7. | Shri. Ashok Kolekar, Res. Kolgaon, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed , asked what fuel would be used for the boiler in the new project and what equipment or measures would be taken to ensure that it does not cause pollution. | On this, the Project consultant said that, in the proposed new distillery project, a boiler with a capacity of 40 TPH and an ESP (Electrostatic Precipitator) as APCS and 70-meter height chimney will be installed for the boiler and bagasse will be used as fuel. Due to this, the emissions will not go out and there will be no air pollution. |
| 8. | Shri. Shivaji Vishwanath Deshmukh, Res. Javla, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that, how many days the new distillery project run. | On this, the Project consultant said that the proposed new distillery project will run for about 330 days. In this, the spent wash will be concentrated and dried, which will ensure 100 percent disposal of the spent wash. Also, 30 days are required for maintenance, so otherwise the project can run for a year. |
| 9. | Shri. Nandkishor Sahdev Tapse, Res. Chandan Savargaon, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed asked that, how many employments in the new distillery project will provide to the citizens of this place. | On this, the Project consultant said that this proposed new project will directly provide employment to a total of 75 peoples and the project will indirectly provide employment to about 100 to 150 peoples from the surrounding villages. |
| 10. | Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Telangana first congratulated and supported the project management. He mentioned that he was the first environmentalist to support industrial development. He also mentioned that he is recommending this industry to MoEF & CC for unconditional environmental clearance. He also gave some suggestions to the project proponents such as taking care of the environment, he suggested to store water in the factory for environmental protection. He also suggested creating water storage structures, planting trees in the villages and providing maximum employment opportunities for the local peoples. | On this, Mr. Deepak Bansod, Deputy Regional Officer, Jalna said that his suggestions have been noted here. |


Further, Shri. Shivkumar Swami, Additional District Magistrate Beed and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that today, on behalf of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, we have organized a Public Hearing on the environment regarding the proposed new project of M/s. Gangamauli Sugars and Allied Industries Pvt. Ltd., Gat. No. 115 and 116,





Ashok Nagar, Umri, Tal. Kaij, Dist. Beed to produce 150 KLPD molasses (B and C heavy)/sugarcane Juice based distillery unit and 3 MW Co-generation plant. M/s. Equinox Environments (E) Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur has made a presentation in brief about the said project. During the public hearing on the environment, the local citizens have raised their questions and suggestions here. Also, some environmental organizations have also raised their suggestions here and their written submissions have also been received here. The questions/suggestions/comments raised by the citizens and answers from the project consultant have been recorded here. All these questions/objections/criticisms have been noted and will be included in the minutes in detail and the proposal will be forwarded for environmental clearance. After that, he finally thanked the participants and announced that the environmental public hearing of the proposed project is concluded.

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the **Chair**.


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And
Sub-Regional Officer
MPCB, Jalna.


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