

Minutes of Meeting of Public Hearing Conducted at Project Site, Vinchur Winepark, Vinchur Nashik Vellay, Tal. Niphad, Dist. Nashik on 31/10/2025 At 11.00 AM for Proposed 20 KLPD Spirit production Plant at Plot No. CU19/1, Vinchur Winepark, Vinchur-Nashik Valley, Tal: Niphad, Dist: Nashik, Maharashtra of M/s. Nashik Aroma Pvt. Ltd. (NAPL).

Environment Public Hearing was conducted on 31/10/2025 at 11.00 am at M/s. Nashik Aroma Pvt. Ltd. Vinchur winepark, Vinchur-Nashik Valley, Tal: Niphad, Dist: Nashik for Proposed 20 KLPD Spirit production plant at Plot No. CU19/1, Vinchur winepark, Vinchur-Nashik Valley, Tal: Niphad, Dist: Nashik, Maharashtra.

As per the Head office order No. E-05/2024, letter No. B.O./J.D.(WPC)/PH/B-251016-FTS-0273 dated 16/10/2025 from the Hon. Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai, an Environmental Public Hearing Committee was formed and the following members of the committee were present at the hearing.

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| 1 | Mr. Devdatta Kekan
Additional District Magistrate, Malegaon. | Chairman |
| 2 | Mr. L.S. Bhad
Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Nashik. | Member |
| 3 | Mr. Prashnat Gaikwad
Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Nashik | Convener |

Mr. Prashnat Gaikwad, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik, first welcomed the attendees and, with the permission of the Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee, initiated the proceedings of the public hearing. Convener, mentioned that today we have gathered for the environmental public hearing of the proposed 20 KLPD spirit production plant by M/s. Nashik Aroma Pvt. Ltd. (NAPL), Plot No. CU19/1, Vinchur winepark, Vinchur-Nashik Valley, Tal: Niphad, Dist: Nashik. This project is being discussed for the environmental public hearing as per the notification under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Government of India, dated 14th September 2006, and it falls under Category 'B'. This category requires environmental clearance from the Government of India, New Delhi,

and as part of this process, a public hearing is mandatory. M/s. Nashik Aroma Pvt. Ltd. (NAPL) submitted their application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for conducting the environmental public hearing on 10/09/2025. Following this, with the permission of the Hon. District Magistrate, Nashik, today's hearing was scheduled for 31/10/2025 at 11:00 AM. In accordance with the rules, a public notice regarding the environmental public hearing was published 30 days in advance on 26/09/2025 in the daily newspapers *Sakal* and *Times of India*. Additionally, relevant government offices in the district and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's website made the project's information booklet available to the citizens for study and observation.

The list of these locations is as follows:

1. District Collector Office, Nashik.
2. Zilla Parishad Office, Nashik.
3. Zila Udyog Kendra, Nashik
4. Tehsildar Niphad, Dist Nashik
5. Gram Panchayat Office, Sonewadi Bu., Tal. Niphad, Dist. Nashik.
6. Gram Panchayat Office, Dongargaon, Tal. Niphad,, Dist. Nashik.
7. Gram Panchayat Office, Vishnu Nagar, Tal. Niphad,, Dist. Nashik.
8. Gram Panchayat Office, Bokaddare, Tal. Niphad Dist. Nashik.
9. Gram Panchayat Office, Subhashnagar, Tal. Niphad,, Dist. Nashik
10. Gram Panchayat Office, Babhalwadi Tal. Niphad,, Dist. Nashik
11. Gram Panchayat Office, Vinchur Tal. Niphad,, Dist. Nashik
12. Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Trimbak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik - 422007
13. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Trimbak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik - 422007
14. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Headquarters, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
15. Environmental Department, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Marg, Secretariat, Mumbai-32.

Furthermore, Convener mentioned that a 30-day period had been provided for submitting any suggestions or objections related to the project. No written suggestions were received though email or hard copy to the Sub Regional Office of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik. These have been duly recorded and are being attached herewith. The citizens present were informed that if anyone wished to submit any written or oral objections, comments, or queries, they could do so after the presentation of the proposed project.

Subsequently, with the permission of the Chairman, the project proponent was requested to present details regarding the proposed project.

The project consultant, M/s. Technogreen Solutions Limited, Pune, provided a comprehensive presentation covering various aspects of the project, including Introduction, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and the purpose of the public hearing, Location of the project, Google map of the project site, Project details, Project layout, Study area of the project, Current photographs of the project site, Key features of the proposed project, Basic requirements for the proposed project, Environmental baseline condition studies, Details of the local environmental conditions and surroundings, Information about the study area, Air quality monitoring results within the study area, Noise monitoring results in the study area, Water quality monitoring results within the study area, Groundwater and surface water quality results, Soil quality monitoring results in the study area, Soil quality conclusions, Biodiversity and environmental studies, Land classification within the study area, Socio-economic environment analysis, Expected impacts on the surrounding environment, Environmental management plan, Water, and wastewater management, Solid waste management, Greenbelt development, Environmental management cell information, Social responsibility initiatives, Environmental management costs etc. This information was recorded on a CD, and a summarized version has been documented in the minutes.

After the project consultant completed the PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Prashnat Gaikwad requested the citizens present to raise any questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns by stating their name and village.

During the public hearing, the citizens raised several questions concerning the project, and the project representatives/consultants provided responses to them, which are detailed below:

Sr. No.	Comments, Objections, Suggestions, etc. & Name of Present Person.	Assurances/Responses Given by the Industry Representative / Project Consultant
1	Shri. Santosh Batala, A/P Nifad, Tal. Niphad, Dist. Nashik, Raised Question: - How many employment opportunities will be available for the local people?	The project consultant stated that the industry will give preference to the local community. The industry requires 10 permanent staff members and 20 contractual workers, all of whom will be hired from the local area.
2	Shri. Premnath Gaikwad A/P Niphad, Tal. Nifad, Dist. Nashik Raised Question: - Will the farmers be affected by the waste generated from the said industry?	The project consultant explained that the effluent generated will be treated in ETP and treated effluent will be recycled and used for process. The proposed project will be Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) facility.
3	Shri. Santosh Shelke, A/P. Niphad, Tal. Niphad, Dist. Nashik, Raised Question: - What measures will the said industry implement for pollution control?	The project consultant explained that the industry will make use of proposed 1000KVA solar energy and also proposed 4 TPH briquette fire boiler along with dust collector as air pollution control equipment. For the effluent generated, it will be treated in ETP and treated effluent will be recycled and used for process. The proposed project will be Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) facility. The industry has also made provisions for solid waste management—Grape Pomace and STP/ETP sludge will be utilized as manure.
4	Shri Rushi Shirsat, a resident of Niphad, Taluka Niphad, District Nashik, Raised Question: - When project will be in operation?	The project consultant stated that the proposed project will be in operation within 16 th to 18 th month after receipt of all NOC's.
5	Shri Goraj Sampat Doke, Niphad Raised Question: - How many plants will be planted in project area?	The project consultant stated that the industry will plant 1040 Nos in project area.
6	Shir Sunandan Reddy, NGO representative, stated that unemployment is a major issue in India. About 95% of people are employed through the private sector. He suggested undertaking plantation of medicinal trees. He further mentioned that entrepreneurs should take necessary steps to enhance skill	In response, the project consultant stated that the suggestions given by Shri. Sunanda Reddy will be considered for implementation.

	development and provide employment opportunities to local people. It was suggested that permission for the said industry should be granted immediately and unconditionally. He also submitted a written statement on the letterhead of Bhumata Evi Society, which has been enclosed herewith	
7	Mr. R. Venkatesh, NGO representative, stated that priority should be given to providing employment to local people based on their educational qualifications. Large-scale tree plantation should be undertaken, and installation of tree guards will help in better tree protection. ESI benefits should be provided, and periodic medical check-ups of workers should be carried out. Additionally, medical examinations of villagers from the surrounding area should be conducted once every six months. He also submitted a written statement on the letterhead of Varsha Enviro and Rural Development Society, which has been enclosed herewith.	In response, the project consultant stated that the suggestions given by Mr. R. Venkatesh will be considered for implementation.
8	Mr. Palle Naveen Kumar, NGO representative, stated that the industry must comply with environmental laws for effective pollution control. He further mentioned that at least 5% of the company's funds should be utilized under CSR activities for public welfare. He also submitted a written statement on the letterhead of United Social Services Society, which has been enclosed herewith.	In response, the project consultant stated that the suggestions given by Mr. Palle Naveen Kumar will be considered for implementation.
	During the said public hearing, three NGOs submitted written appeal. The same have been enclosed herewith, and the brief points mentioned therein are as follows	

1	Mr. S. Kanchana Charya, NGO representative, submitted a written statement on the letterhead of Charya Charitable Trust. In his statement, he mentioned that the proposed industry will be beneficial to the local population. He suggested providing dust masks to workers for protection against dust exposure. He also recommended that periodic medical check-ups of nearby villagers should be conducted and that medical cards should be issued to them for the same. The written statement submitted by him has been enclosed herewith.	In response, the project consultant stated that the suggestions given by Mr. S. Kanchana Charya will be considered for implementation.
2	Mr. Mohd. Khayyum, NGO representative, submitted a written statement on the letterhead of Save Earth Enviro Society. In his statement, he mentioned that tree plantation should be carried out within the company premises, medical cards should be provided to local residents for their health check-ups, and 5% of the company's profit should be reserved for the CSR fund.	In response, the project consultant stated that the suggestions given by Mr. Mohd. Khayyum will be considered for implementation.
3	Shri A. Doti, NGO representative, submitted a written statement on the letterhead of Pragati Enva. Society. In his statement he mentioned that tree plantation should be carried out within the company premises, medical camp should be conducted once every six months.	In response, the project consultant stated that the suggestions given by Shri. A. Doti, will be considered for implementation.

The chairman of the public hearing, Mr. Devdatta Kekan, the Additional District Magistrate of Malegaon, first expressed his gratitude to all the citizens present from the surrounding areas, the company's directors, the promoters, and all officials from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB). He informed the citizens that if they still had any questions, criticisms, or comments, they were welcome to express them, as this public hearing was intended for addressing environmental concerns. After this, no further questions were raised by the citizens. He further

noted that the project manager should provide written responses to the technical questions raised by the committee. Additionally, he mentioned that the questions raised by the citizens and the technical queries from the committee had been duly recorded.

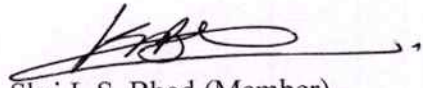
Mr. Prashnat Gaikwad, Sub Regional Officer of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik, expressed his gratitude and stated that today, we had gathered for a public hearing regarding the proposed project of M/s. Nashik Aroma Pvt. Ltd. (NAPL), Plot No. CU19/1, Vinchur winepark, Vinchur-Nashik Valley, Tal: Niphad, Dist: Nashik

The proposed project involves 20 KLPD Spirit production Plant at Plot No. CU19/1, Vinchur Winepark, Vinchur-Nashik Valley, Tal: Niphad, Dist: Nashik, Maharashtra. The project advisor had presented a detailed presentation on the project. Following the presentation, an opportunity was provided for the citizens to raise any questions, criticisms, suggestions, or objections. In response, the company's representatives/advisors addressed the questions of the citizens appropriately.

The public hearing concluded with the chairman expressing his thanks, and the hearing was officially adjourned.



Shri Prashant Gaikwad (Convener)
Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board Nashik.



Shri L.S. Bhad (Member)
Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board Nashik



Shri Devadatt Kekan (Chairman)
Additional District Magistrate,
Malegaon.

