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M/s. Shree Tatyasaheb Kore Warna SSK Ltd. Warna Nagar, has proposed to establish 45 KLPD Rectified Spirit (RS) OR 45 KLPD Absolute Alcohol (AA), Molasses Based Distillery Project located **at Village Gunj- Sawana, Tq. Mahagaon, Dist. Yavatmal (Maharashtra).** Environmental Public Hearing for this proposed project under the Chairmanship of Shri P. S. Borgaonkar, Additional District Magistrate, Yavatmal was conducted on 21/02/2009 as per E.I.A. Notification dtd. 14/09/2006 issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Shri N. G. Nihul, Regional Officer & Shri S.S. Kotwal, Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Amravati-II assisted the Chairman during the Public Hearing as a Member & Convener of Public Hearing Panel respectively. Shri V. V. Shinde, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Chandrapur & Shri Pramod Shingalwar, Tahasildar, Mahagaon were also present during the Public Hearing.

A Public Hearing Panel was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide Office Order No. E -10 of 2009 dtd. 13/02/2009. Shri S.S. Kotwal, Convener of the Public Hearing & Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Amravati, started the proceedings of Public Hearing with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman.

He welcomed the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel and the Public present. He briefly gave information about the necessity to obtain Environment Clearance from Govt. of India for this proposed distillery project and the procedure adopted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to conduct this Public Hearing in accordance with MoEF, Govt. of India Notification dtd. 14/09/2006. He informed that a notice was published in News Papers viz. Daily "Lokmat" (Marathi), Daily "Deshonnati" (Marathi) & Daily "The Hitavada" (English) on 21/01/2009. The Executive Summary both in English & Marathi and the draft EIA report as submitted by the project proponent pertaining to this project was placed in the offices of District Collector, Yavatmal, Zill Parishad, Yavatmal, District Industries Center, Yavatmal, Tahasil Office, Mahagaon, Grampanchayat, Gunj-Sawana,

Head Office of the MPC Board at Mumbai, Regional Office, MPCB, Amravati & Chandrapur and Sub-Regional Office, Amravati-II, Regional Office, MoEF, Bhopal, Environment Department, Mantralaya, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai so as to as to have access to the concerned public for referring the details of Public Hearing documents and were requested to file their objections / suggestions / views to the Board office at Amravati. He also declared that no any objections / suggestions / views are received from the date of public notice to the date of Public Hearing. He informed that those of the participants wanted to give their suggestions or file their objection can do so during the Public Hearing after the presentation from the project proponent.

With the permission of Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing, the Convenor has requested Shri Praddumna Deshpande, Representative of Project Proponent to give power point presentation. Prior to that Shri V. S. Chavan, M.D. of Shree Tatyasaheb Kore Warna SSK Ltd. group of industries, Warna Nagar, has requested to allow him to give brief about the project, policy and objectives of their organization. Hon'ble Chairman has allowed him for the same. Shri V. S. Chavan, M. D. of Warna SSK group has stated that their organization has established and successfully running two number of sugar units, distillery units and paper units in Western Maharashtra, two sugar mills in Vidarbha Region and thereby put benchmark in the co-operative sector. He informed that their group has introduced for the first time in India the composting system based on Phillipins Technology through M/s. Alfa- Lavel Co. He stated that there are 11 nos. of sugar units in Vidarbha Region but not a single distillery has been established so far. He further stated that his organization has a plan to establish distillery and co-generation plants at time. However, in the last crushing season because of drought conditions, considering the availability of sugar cane his organization has decided to set up distillery unit in this area, in the first stage and establishing the co-generation plant will be decided at later stage. He further informed that considering the availability of sugar cane in Pusad area, the molasses required for proposed distillery project could be available from this area. The employment opportunity will be available to local people by establishing the distillery unit at Gunj village. The social and economical status of the area will be raised due to establishment of new distillery. He stated that the condition that may be imposed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for this distillery will be observed.

He informed that the distillery project is being erected by them would be beneficial to the people from this area and it would be possible for distillery management to provide additional price to those farmers supplying sugar cane.

He further informed that the distillery unit has obtained necessary reservation of 500 m³/day from Vena dam and balance water requirement will be met from source of M/s. Shri Tatyasaheb Kore Warna SSK Ltd. (unit no. 5), Gunj-Sawana, Tq. Mahagaon, Dist. Yavatmal. The distillery management has signed an agreement with sugar units regarding water supply. The land required for distillery project has been purchased by distillery management. The land available with sugar industry shall be used for composting. The liquidator has confirmed that the both sugar unit no. 5 and distillery unit have entered into an agreement regarding the use of land.

He stated that the waste water from the distillery unit will be treated to manufacture bio-compost & the same will be supplied to the farmers within karkhana jurisdiction at reasonable rate (subside rate). He appealed to all the participants to support and cooperate to their proposed distillery project as it is beneficial to Vidarbha Region. He informed that their technical consultant Shri Deshpande will further explain regarding the distillery project.

Shri Deshpande, Consultant has explained the silent features of the distillery project with the help of power point presentation. Power point presentation covers the background of project proponent, basis of obtaining clearances from Environmental angles, locational plan of the project, plan of the distillery project, major features of distillery project, raw materials & its consumption, manufacturing process flow chart, water use and its management, total generation of waste water & its recycling & reuse, block diagram of biological composting process using press mud and spent wash, basic environmental studies, wind roses diagram, baseline environmental studies, sources of air pollution & its mitigation measures environmental management plan, management of air quality, water management, solid waste management, sound/odour management, green belt development programme, social economic development etc.

After presentation, Hon'ble Chairman of Public Hearing Panel has appealed to the participants that they can give their suggestions/objections regarding the proposed distillery project.

Responding to this appeal Shri Shivajirao Rathod, Lecturer and Member, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal, resident of village Gunj, has told that there should not be any nuisance to his village due to the industrial effluent that would be generated from the distillery unit and it shall be let out through pipeline away from the village. He has also informed that the authority of the proposed distillery unit should offer job to the family members whose land is purchased by the unit for their project.

Replying to this, Shri V. S. Chavan, M. D. of the group of companies of M/s. Shri Tatyasaheb Kore Warna S.S.K. Ltd. told that they will treat the effluent arising from their distillery unit and then utilized for making bio-compost and thus there will be no nuisance to the nearby villagers. He further told that they have already provided employment to Mr. Dinesh Talwankar, Mr. Pradip D. Bokshe & Mr. Ganesh Talwankar from the families whose land is purchased for the project. This fact is confirmed by Shri Gajanan Talwankar, the then landlord, Village- Gunj.

Thereafter, Shri V.V. Shinde, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Chandrapur has told that as per Terms of Reference issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi vide their letter dtd. 26/02/2008, the project proponent should treat and dispose the spent wash that will be generated from the distillery unit by adopting bio-methanization followed by bio-composting.

Responding to this, Shri V. S. Chavan, M. D. of the group of companies of M/s. Shri Tatyasaheb Kore Warna S.S.K. Ltd., & the representative of the project proponent has told that as per rules whatever arrangement is required for the treatment & disposal of industrial effluent including spent wash will be provided.

Shri N. G. Nihul, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Amravati and the Member of Public Hearing Panel has enquired about the adequacy of land available with the unit stating that as per E.I.A. Report the unit has only 5.8 hactors of land with them and out of the above said land about 11 acres of land is required for providing composting facility.

Replying to this, Shri V.S. Chavan, the representative of project proponent has told that, if needed, additional land will be made available.

Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing, Shri P. S. Borgaonkar, Addl. District Magistrate, Yavatmal has told to the project proponent that they should provide treatment and disposal arrangement for effluents those will arise from the distillery unit as per the

guidelines of Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi/ Environment Department Govt. of Maharashtra.

After the suggestion / views from the participants of the Environmental Public Hearing, Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing has taken the review of the suggestions/ views and told to participants that their suggestions / views are recorded and it will be sent to the concerned authority for further necessary action.

Shri S.S. Kotwal, Convenor and Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Amravati-II has concluded the Public Hearing with permission of Hon'ble Chairman.

The copies of the Minutes of Public Hearing shall be sent to the concerned offices for display prominently for the knowledge of concerned people. Any suggestion/ objection on the minutes be sent directly to the Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi and to the project proponent.

(P. S. Borgaonkar)
Chairman of Public Hearing Panel
And
Additional District Magistrate
Yavatmal.