

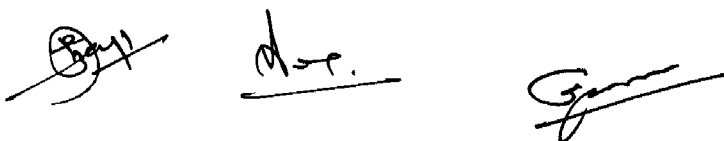
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF 15TPH X 4 NOS. OF INDUCTION FURNACE TO PRODUCE M. S. BILLETS, INGOTS-18,000 TON/M (216000 TON/A), 2 NOS. OF ROLLING MILLS TO PRODUCE HOT ROLLED LONG PRODUCT, TMT-18,000 TON/M (216000 TON/A), & 2 X 9 MVA SUBMERGED ARC FURNACE TO PRODUCE FERRO ALLOYS-6000 TON/M (72000 TON/A) AT PLOT NO.A-24, A-30, MIDC AREA, TADALI GROWTH CENTER, CHANDRAPUR, DISTRICT CHANDRAPUR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S GRACE INDUSTRIES LIMITED.

Date : 07/12/2018
Time : 03:00 PM
Venue : Project Site, Administrative Building, M/s. Grace Industries Ltd., Plot No. A-23, MIDC Tadali, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.

Preamble :-

M/s. Grace Industries Ltd., Plot No. A-23, MIDC Industrial Area, Tadali Growth Centre, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for proposed project of Installation of 15TPH X 4 NOS. of Induction Furnace To Produce M. S. Billets, Ingots-18,000 Ton/M (216000 Ton/M), 2 Nos. Of Rolling Mills To Produce Hot Rolled Long Product, Tmt-18,000 Ton/M (216000 Ton/M), & 2 X 9 MVA Submerged Arc Furnace To Produce Ferro Alloys- 6000 Ton/M (72000 Ton/A) for Existing Plant at Plot No. A-24 & A-30, MIDC Industrial Area, Tadali Growth Centre, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur. The matter regarding same was discussed in State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC-1) in the SEAC Meeting no. 152 (Day-3) held on 14th June, 2018. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 14th June, 2018 copy enclosed herewith as annexure-I. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that public hearing issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be included separately in EIA/EMP report.

Accordingly, project proponent has submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 7th December 2018 in consultation with District Collector, Chandrapur. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Lokmat" & "Loksatta" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 31/10/2018. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities.



Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032;
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022;
- 3) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opp. Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 4) Collector Office, Chandrapur
- 5) Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur
- 6) District Industries Center, Chandrapur
- 7) Deputy Engineer, MIDC, Chandrapur.
- 8) Sub-Divisional Office, Chandrapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 9) Tahsil Office, Chandrapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Chandrapur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.
- 11) Gram-Panchayat Office Yerur, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 12) Gram-Panchayat Office Sonegaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 13) Gram-Panchayat Office Tadali, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 14) Gram-Panchayat Office Morwa, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 15) Gram-Panchayat Office Mursa, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 16) Gram-Panchayat Office Sakharwahi, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 17) Gram-Panchayat Office Chargaon, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur
- 18) Gat-Grampanchayat Office, Nagala (Wandhari & Chinchala), Tal. Dist. Chandrapur.

All the Authorities at Sr. No. 4 to 18 above, were also requested to arrange vide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, Administrative Building, M/s. Grace Industries Ltd., Plot No. A-23, MIDC Tadali, Tal. Dist. Chandrapur, Maharashtra. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-



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| 1. Shri Ghanshyam Bhugaonkar,
Additional District Magistrate,
Chandrapur, | - | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Raju R. Vasave
I/c Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur | - | Member |
| 3. Shri Pratap Jagtap,
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur | - | Convener |

The written submissions were received and attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-"II", "III" and "IV" respectively.

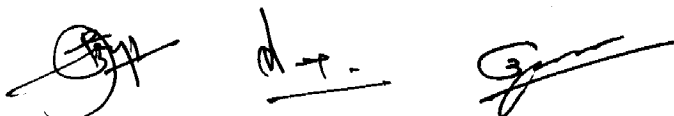
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING :-

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri Pratap Jagtap, Sub-Regional Officer Chandrapur, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections & comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept of proposed project of Installation of 15TPH X 4 NOS. of Induction Furnace to Produce M. S. Billets, Ingots- 18,000 Ton/M (216000 Ton/M), 2 Nos. Of Rolling Mills To Produce Hot Rolled Long Product, Tmt-18,000 Ton/M (216000 Ton/M), & 2 X 9 MVA Submerged Arc Furnace To Produce Ferro Alloys- 6000 Ton/M (72000 Ton/A) and about the objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environment aspect. He stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that the presentation about the proposed projects will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/ objections shall be raised by participants. He made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name & address before raising any query/objections so that the name of the participant along with views will be included in the proceedings of meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. Madhusudan Rao & Shri. Rajesh Shrivastava, Environment Consultant made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.



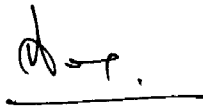
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

1) Shri Brijbhushan Mahadev Pazare, Resident-Nakoda, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1.	The project proponent has given the presentation, The proposed number of plantation & its survival should be increased. For green belt development other villages shall also be included. The Gram Panchayats which have been selected for development all becomes developed as Model Grampanchayats. The Project will use water from Wardha River, hence it is necessary to construct a Barrage on Wardha river.	Project Proponent informed that, 33% of open space available at the project site will be developed as green belt also saplings will be carried at both side of the road, With permission of Zilla Parishad and Grampanchayat and in consultations with Grampanchayats tree plantation drive will be undertaken. As per directives of Govt. of India in Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER), ₹35.0 Lakhs will be spent for green belt and tree plantation drive.
2.	Under the CSR, the children learning at Anganwadi should be adopted. Health facility and fire brigade facility shall be provided by the industry.	Project Proponent informed that, the suggestion has been noted. Health check-up will be carried out in the surrounding villages. Also ambulance facility is under consideration.
3.	Local Persons should be given the job in the project. The Grampanchayat offices be informed accordingly. The Recruitment shall be as considered from the list of candidates provided by the Grampanchayats.	Project Proponent informed that, the suggestion has been noted.


2) Indira Madhukar, Sarpanch Tatvade, District-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1.	Pollution from the project should be under control. Local unemployed youth should be given job opportunities. The workers who were removed in the month of November, 2018, be recalled.	Project Proponent informed that, Due to some reasons 126 persons were removed temporarily by the company. Now out of 126, 114 employees are re-employed. Within one month the remaining employees will be re-employed.

3) Mrs. Shobha Janardhan Pidurkar, resident of Morva, Dist-Chandrapur, Mahila Aaghadi Member

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	We welcome the project. The workers who were removed, shall be recalled and young unemployed boys shall be given job opportunities.

4) Shri Santoshkumar Ramji Dwivedi, resident of Khotala, Dist-Chandrapur

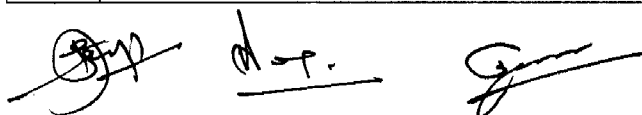
Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	The discussions took place in this meeting shows that almost all are eagerly awaiting to commission and start the project. But all the pollution control norms should followed strictly and the employment issue shall be resolved.

5) Shri. Sudharkar Ekcantwar, resident of Tadali, District-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1.	The persons who are working in the project has not provided Provident Fund and safety facilities. Forty persons were removed as we went on strike for demand of bonus. Till we have not received the salary for the month of October, 2018. Also we shall be recalled for job opportunities.	Project Proponent informed that, The issue of payment if any, the same will be deposited on their account within two days.

6) Kiran Bandurkar, Nakoda, District-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	40 persons who were removed by the company shall be recalled within one month. I, welcome the project.



7) Shri Namdeo Babanrao Daul, Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	The removed workers shall be taken back by the company at the earliest.

8) Shri. Roshan Pachare, Former Sabhapati, Panchayat Samiti, Dist -- Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	The various problems due to the company such as health of citizens, public welfare facilities, shall be provided. The removed workers shall be recalled by the company at the earliest. We are opposing to the support of the project. Health of surrounding villages is affected due to pollution caused by the industry. Regarding same, report shall be obtained from Health department.

9) Shri Gajanan Narayan Parkhe, resident-Tadali, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1.	My and other four farmer's land is adjacent to the project. Each are having 7 acres of land. We produce cotton. The cotton crops becomes black colour due to this grading of cotton lowers and we are not getting good prices. The industries are not spraying water on the road. If the pollution control system is kept operational, then problem of pollution will solve. The company discharges smoke at night. Hence, there is increase in diseases. The River Iravati will get polluted. If the installation of treatment plant is costly, then the industry should install the common effluent treatment plant. Donation shall be given from CSR fund for construction of Tukdoji Maharaj Temple.	Project Proponent informed that, All the pollution control devices will be made operational, water will be sprayed regularly. ₹21,000/- will be donated for the construction of Temple of Sant Tukdoji Maharaj.

10) Shri Santosh Ramteke, resident-Tanwadi, Dist – Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	I am working with this company from last 5 years. Due to demand of bonus 40 employees are removed from their jobs. The company does not give bonus and provident fund is not deducted from the salaries. Hence, those who are removed from their jobs shall be recalled at the earliest otherwise we will agitate.







11) Mrs. Amruta Phulzule, Sarpanch, Grampanchayat, Sonegaon, Dist-Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	The road from Antur to Sonegaon is totally damaged & shall be repaired. Also there are educated unemployed youths in Sonegaon. Hence minimum 50 youths from Sonegaon be appointed in the plant.

12) Mrs. Chandrakala Asurkar, Member, Morva Grampanchayat, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	Other than M/s Grace Industries, there are some other companies in this area due to which job opportunities are available. I welcome the project.

13) Shri Vilasguruji Bhagat, Former Member, Zilla Parishad, Dist – Chandrapur, resident – Sakharwadi, Dist-Chandrapur

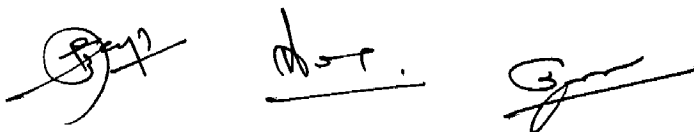
Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1.	As I am a farmer by profession. Hence, I am raising the issue that CSR Fund is not ear-marked for farming. Not a single rupee is available to farmers from CSR Fund. Due to pollution from the industries, farming gets affected. There shall be provision of funds for the farmers.	Project Proponent informed that, as per New Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER), funds will be made available for farmers.

14) Shri Ranjit Gajanan Soyam, Resident – Sakharwadi, Dist-Chandrapur

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	The project shall be commissioned at the earliest so there will be Job opportunities.

15) Mrs. Kavita Sontakke, Resident – Sonegaon Dist-Chandrapur :-

Sr. No.	Suggestion
	Our land has been acquired by MIDC. Hence, our children's & Women's from the villages shall get job opportunities in the project. The problem of nalla water pollution and health shall be solved. Women shall also be given job opportunities in the project.



16) Shri Subhodh Kasalkar, Tadali, Dist-Chandrapur:-

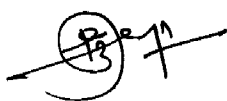
Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	Problems of pollution shall be solved.

17) Shri Dinesh Chokhare, Sabhapati, Market Samiti, Former Member, Zilla Parishad :-

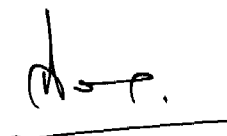
Sr. No.	Suggestion
1	In this meeting, How many complaints/Objections & suggestions received and how many are positive and negative shall be taken in the proceedings. As there is existence of wild animals like tiger, etc. in this area, same is not mentioned in EIA report. The information regarding the number of technical & non-technical posts could have been informed by the project proponent. We are not opposing the project. Local people desire that first there shall be a control on Pollution levels and then the Project shall be commissioned.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing called upon the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question, announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.



(Pratap Jagtap)
Convener of the Public
Hearing Committee and
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



(Raju Vasave)
Member of the Public
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I/c Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



(Ghanshyam Bhugaonkar)
Additional District
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Chairman of the Public
Hearing Committee