

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED CAPACITY EXPANSION AT EXISTING INLAND WATER JETTY FACILITY ON KUNDALIKA RIVER, VILLAGE-SANEGAON, TAL-ROHA , DIST -RAIGAD PROPOSED BY M/S INDO ENERGY INTERNATIONAL LTD.

The environmental public hearing for proposed capacity expansion at existing inland water jetty facility on Kundalika River, Village-Sanegaon, Tal-Roha , Dist -Raigad proposed by M/s Indo Energy International Ltd. was conducted on 21st November, 2016 at 11.30 AM near existing Sanegaon project site

Following panel members were present for public hearing as per the Board's Office Order E-101 of 2016 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-4467, dated 11th November, 2016 :-

- 1) Shri Kiran Panbude **-Chairman,**
Additional District Magistrate, Raigad
(Representative of District Magistrate,
Raigad)

- 2) Dr. A. N. Harshawardhan **- Member**
Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad

- 3) Dr. H. D. Gandhe **-Convener**
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad-II,

At the onset, Dr. Gandhe, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad-II and Convener of the public hearing welcomed all and informed that, as per EIA Notification of MoEF & CC, Gol, dated 14th September, 2006, it is mandatory for certain projects to obtain Environmental Clearance and for the same to conduct prior environmental public hearing. The MPC Board has received proposal for conducting

Environmental Public Hearing from M/s Indo Energy International Ltd., for their proposed capacity expansion at existing inland water jetty facility on Kundalika River, Village-Sanegaon, Tal-Roha, Dist – Raigad.

The aim of conducting 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 proposed unit. As per said Notification, one month advance public notices were published in the local newspapers on 17-10-2016 in daily 'Raigad Times' for Marathi and in daily 'Indian Express' for English. He informed that copies of draft EIA report and executive summary were made available at MoEF & CC, Zonal Office, Bhopal and at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai, District Magistrate Office, Raigad, Zilla Parishad, Raigad, District Industries Centre, Raigad, Tahsil Office, Roha, Group Grampanchayat office at Sanegaon, Dist-Raigad, Sub Regional Office, Raigad-II & Regional Office, MPCB, Raigad, and at Head Office of MPCB, Sion, Mumbai. The public in general were appealed to send any objections / suggestions regarding the said project. The office of Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad-II, is in receipt of written suggestions/objections.

With the permission of chair the Convener of Public Hearing informed the Project Representatives to appraise the public about their proposed project.

The Project Consultant with the help of audio video projector explained about the proposed project. He informed that multipurpose jetty was constructed in the year 2009 by the company. It is needful to remove the mud from dredging channel & this will beneficially result into preventing flooding situation of river. Capacity expansion of project is proposed & for this about 200 crores of expenditure is

expected. The material handling capacity will be increased by 01 to 05 million metric tonnes.

The Chairman of Public Hearing Committee informed the project representatives that in the presentation report unit of capacity handling is wrongly mentioned as 01 to 05 Metric Tonnes & suggested to correct the same. He also informed the project representatives to explain about number of trucks & vehicles required for handling of material.

Project representative explained the public about project in respect of location of jetty, jetty plan, CRZ status, water budget & effluent disposal, waste management, basic environmental study of the project area, environment impact study, biodiversity, green belt development, environment management scheme, risk assessment & emergency plan, environmental observations & management scheme, employment opportunities from the project, information of corporate social responsibility programmes by the project management etc.

After presentation, the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel requested the participants to ask their doubts, suggestions & objections if any about the project. The details of queries/views expressed by the participants is as below-

1) Shri Ramchandra Jairam Chorge, Kharapati –

Local residents are facing nuisance problems due to dust emissions from existing project. Due to this, local students are taking admission in Roha School which is at far distance than local school. Coal powder emissions are deposited on surrounding trees.

2) Shri Pandurang Mahadev Thakur, Yeshwant Khar -

It is necessary to verify distance of project from environmental sensitive zone and forest areas. Due to increasing river depth,

agricultural and farming activities will be affected, there will shortage of drinking water.

3) **Shri Ganesh Krishna Madhavi, Dongari –**

Who is responsible for conducting the public hearing, which Government Officials are conducting the hearing?

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed that today's hearing is being conducted as per MoEF & CC, Gol Notification. He is attending the hearing as representative of District Magistrate, Raigad. Convenor of the public hearing introduced the Government Officials on the dias to the public.

4) **Shri Tulsidas Dharma Dhebare, Cheul Agrav –**

Whether public hearing was conducted for establishment of existing project jetty in 2009? He has submitted RTI Application to various Government Offices; in response MPCB has communicated that public hearing not required for the project. Surrounding villages and mangroves will be affected due to excavation of mud from river. Kundalika river water will be contaminated due to run off water sprinkled on coal, due to this fish kill may happen, affecting the livelihood of fishermen.

Project representative informed that Environmental Clearance to the project was accorded in the year 2005 far before MoEF & CC, Gol Notification dated 14th September, 2006. The public hearing was not required at that time. Chairman informed that if he is not satisfied with the reply to his RTI applications, he may file appeal to the concerned Authority.

5) **Shri Anil Sahdev Mohite, Sanegaon -**

People are supporting the project. Thousands of acres of agricultural land became non-productive due to discharging of polluted water by the industry located at MIDC Dhatav. By discussing issues of dust and smell nuisance, people should

take commitment from the industry. For compensation, people should discuss with the company. We can solve the problem by mutual understanding and discussions

6) Shri Ravindra Shantaram Kharkar, Golam –

There was erosion on the river bank of length about 1.5 to 2.0 k.m. in the year 2009 for the water transportation. Due to increasing channel depth, further erosion will take place, we are opposing the project.

7) Shri Shantaram Ganu Shelke -

He asked for name and address of project occupier. Surrounding villagers and students of Asharam School are suffering due to the project. He asked information about local and other State / outside Region company employees. The condition of Sanegaon-Nidi Road is worst and repairing of the same is essential. He asked for the information about the taxes paid by company to Grampanchayat and Government.

Project representative informed that earlier depth of navigation channel was 3.0 Meters and it will be increased upto 3.1 Meters. Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) is installed in the existing project and it will be upgraded during expansion. Regular health check-up of school students is carried by the company, the employees are insured by company. Captain Karnal is Occupier of Company, who is residing at Vashi, Navi Mumbai.

8) Shri Mahadev Thakur, Sanegaon -

The insurance compensation is yet not received by the family of deceased employee, Shri Santosh Thakur.

Project representative informed that the company has deposited the requisite insurance amount in the office of Commissioner of Labour; the compensation will be disbursed from Commissioner of Labour office. Company has made all

expenses during the medical treatment of deceased Shri Santosh Thakur.

9) **Shri Jayawant Pokale, Chairman, Raigad Zilla Koli Samaj Sangh (Chairman, Raigad District Fishermen Society) –**

Written representation submitted to MPCB. Company has destroyed mangroves at Gut no.12 to 66, Village Sanegaon. The coal transporting dredgers have damaged the fishing nets of fishermen. Water and air pollution is being created by the company. Road condition is affected due to material transportation. Company should be closed down.

10) **Shri Sanjay Bhosale, and Shri Rajesh Waghmare, Sanegaon -**

There is a development in this area due to the company. Instead of arguments, villagers should discuss with company for their problems.

11) **Shri Dharma Wadkar, Sanegaon –**

Dust is emission in his agricultural land which is adjacent to company; however, company is not considering his problems. For control of dust emissions, water sprinkling should be done on the road between Sanegaon to Nidi. Coal should be covered by tarpaulin sheet during transportation.

12) **Shri Satish Narayan Patil, Nidi -**

Company's coal transporting vehicles are over-loaded and dust is emitted during transportation as coal is not covered by tarpaulin sheet. Water sprinkling is done upto Shenvai village by the company and the same should be sprinkled upto Nidi village. The arrogant drivers drive vehicles in dangerous speed.

13) **Shri Namdeo Pandurang Tambatkar, Sudkoli -**

We are not against the company, however, pollution control measures should be strictly implemented. Polluted water should not be disposed into creek. Proper care should be taken for protection of fishermen's business. Care should also be taken to avoid dust deposition on surrounding trees. It should be noted that the local people are mostly doing fishing business.

14) **Shri Nandkumar Mhatre, Member, Zilla Parishad Raigad -**

Locals are doing fishing and sand dredging business. Dhatav MIDC is located at a distance of 21 Kms. Company has donated school bus and now should provide ambulance for the villagers. Company should take into confidence the local people to solve their problem and provide them employment opportunities. We are supporting the project.

15) **Shri Santosh Bhoir, Yeshawant Khar Director, Sanegaon School -**

Company should control their pollution and provide good road for the students of Ashram Shala. The Development Fund should be utilized for constructing roads, providing drinking water facilities, expenses of water bills under CSR activities. We are not against the project.

16) **Shri Vilas Nimkar, Member, Sanegaon Grampanchayat**

Company should control their air pollution problems and avoid coal dust emission.

17) **Shri Dattaram Shelke, Ex-Grampanchayat Member-** The coastal area and agriculture is affected, also there are water scarcity problems.

18) Shri Pruthviraj Patil, Sudkoli -

In the report, it is wrongly mentioned that there are no wild life. In the report, JNPT location is shown at a distance of 45 Kms from the project, however, actually it is about 70 to 80 Kms from the project. Surrounding area of 700 to 800 acres will be affected due to increasing navigation channel depth. Fishermen and villagers will be affected, we are opposing the project.

19) Shri Mangesh Mahadev Sheti, Salav -

Fishing nets of fishermen are damaged due to company operations, but compensation is not given to them by Company. There are mangroves in the surrounding area. Company is violating various Government Enactments and various Articles of Indian Constitution.

Project representative Shri Mahadik informed that fishermen should inform the company about damage of their fishing nets. As per demand of people, water sprinkling will be done on road between Sanegaon to Nidi.

Finally, the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee Shri Kiran Panbude while concluding the meeting appreciated local people for participating in the public hearing with studied views. He informed that minutes of the public hearing, video recording along with representations will be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. Copy of the public hearing minutes will be provided to concerned Grampanchayat and other government offices.

The public hearing was concluded with votes of thanks to the Chair.

MPC Board has received 12 written representations about the project, detail sheet of the same is enclosed herewith.



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Member

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Regional Officer,
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(Kifan Panbude)

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee

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Additional District Magistrate, Dist. Raigad

Details of Written Suggestion/Comment received about proposed capacity expansion at exiting inland water jetty facility on Kundalika River, Village Sanegaon, Tal. Roha, Dist- Raigad of M/s Indo Energy International Ltd.

Sr. No.	Name & Address of Applicant	Support/Oppose to Project
1	Group Grampanchayat & Others Vill-Sanegaon, Tal. Roha, Dist-Raigad.	Supporting the Project
2	Gramastha Yashwantkhar & Others Vill-Sanegaon, Tal. Roha, Dist-Raigad.	Postponed the Project
3	Shree. Hemant Mahadev Thakur Vill-Sanegaon, Tal. Roha, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
4	Group Grampanchayat Sanegaon Vill-Yashwantkhar, Po. Sanegaon, Tal. Roha, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
5	Mr. Shantram Janu Shelake Vill-Bhonag, Po-Sudkoli, Tal. Alibat, Dist- Raigad.	Query about Project
6	Gramastha Yashwantkhar & Others Vill-Sanegaon, Tal. Roha, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
7	Shree. Mangesh M. Shetty Vill-Salav, Tal. Murud, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
8	Gramstha Aagrav & Others Po-Aagrav, Tal. Alibag, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
9	Gramsath Mandal Bhonang Vill-Sudkoli, Tal. Alibag, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
10	Shree. Ravindra Shantaram Kharkar Po-Sanegaon, Tal.Roha, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
11	Group Grampanchayat & Others Vill-Sudkoli, Tal. Alibag, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project
12	Group Grampanchayat Sanegaon Yashwantkhar, Po-Sanegaon, Tal.Roha, Dist-Raigad.	Opposing the Project