MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING proposed project of clinker grinding unit of 5.5 million ton/year production capacity (Phase- I - 3.0 Million Ton/ year and Phase-II- 2.5 million ton/year) & DG sets 1250 KVA of M/s. Maharashtra Cement Plant (Unit of Shree Cement) located at Village Kangaon-Patas , Tal. Daund, Dist Pune.

An Environmental Public Hearing for proposed project of clinker grinding unit of 5.5 million ton/year production capacity (Phase- I - 3.0 Million Ton/ year and Phase-II- 2.5 million ton/year) & DG sets 1250 KVA of M/s. Maharashtra Cement Plant located at Village Kangaon-Patas, Tal. Daund, Dist Pune was conducted on 03rd May 2018 at 11.30 AM at project site.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No.E-84 of

- Shri Rajendra Muthe, Additional District Magistrate - Pune (Representative of District Magistrate, Pune)
- Chairman.

- Shri J. H. Salunkhe, I/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune (representative of MPCB, Mumbai)
- Member

 Shri. Nitin Shinde Convener of the public hearing And Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I

Convener

Shri Nitin Shinde, Member, Convener of the public hearing welcomed all who were present in large number and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the

said Notification. M.P.C. Board has received proposal from M/s. Maharashtra Cement Plant for their proposed project of clinker grinding unit of 5.5 million ton/year production capacity (Phase- I - 3.0 Million Ton/ year and Phase-II- 2.5 million ton/year) & DG sets 1250 KVA located at Village Kangaon - Patas, Tal. Daund, Dist Pune.

The Convener further informed that, as per EIA Notification, 2006, the category of project falls as per production i.e. Cement Plants is Category – "B" project or Activity 3(b). 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 unit. The project proponent had uploaded application along-with pre-feasibility report on SEIAA, Maharashtra Portal on 13 September 2017. First technical presentation (For TOR approval) held before SEAC-1, Maharashtra on 18 th November, 2017 and committee has suggested standard TOR with project specific TOR prescribed for the proposed vide their minutes of 144 th meeting (Uploaded on 7 th Dec. 2017.)

He further informed that as per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspaper in Daily Loksatta for Marathi and national newspaper in The Indian Express for English on 1.4.2018. The copies of EIA report and Executive Summery were made available at various notified offices of Government viz. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Western Zone Office, Nagpur; District Magistrate Office, Pune; Zilla Parishad, Pune; District Industries Centre, Pune; Tahsil Office- Daund, Haveli Dist-Pune; Grampanchayat offices at Patas, Kongaon Tal – Daund, Dist: -Pune; Sub Regional Office, Pune-I, MPCB, Pune; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune; Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. Also the above copies were made available on website of MPCB. It was appealed to send any objections /

suggestions regarding the project. With the permission of Chair, he informed the project representative to explain the project information to the audience.

The project consultant with the help of projector briefly explained about the project to the audience in local language Marathi. Afterwards, Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel requested the public to ask for their doubts, suggestions if any about the project.

<u>Details of Questions & Querries raised by the public and answers given by</u> project representatives is summarized as below:-

- Shri. Namdeo Mahadeo Shitole, Vill Patas, Tal. Daund.- informed to the committee that no local farmers are gathered here in a large numbers for public hearing.
- 2. Shri. Aba Patil, Vill. Patas, Tal. Daund- has agreed with Shri. Namdeo Mahadeo Shitole, that, villagers are unaware about the public hearing and due to this project pollution problem will be arises.
- Shri. Gyanba Bhikaji Kaule, Member Grampanchayat Kangaon He pointed out that, information to conduct the public hearing shall be convey to the members of Grampanchyat.

4. Shri. Lakshman Chavan, Patas. -

It has to be informed individually about Public hearing.

All above has also given their written say during public hearing on above mentioned point.

Giving reply to all these questions, conveyor of the public hearing and Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I, Shri. Nitin Shinde informed that, as per EIA notification, each copy of Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the brief summary of the project were handed over to the local body prior to one month before public hearing so as to make aware about the project by the local





- villagers. Also public notice were given to daily Marathi News Paper "Loksatta" and English News Paper "Indian Express" on 1.4.2018.
- 5. Shri. Namdeo Mahadeo Shitole: (In continuation of above reply) he informed that, most of the farmers do not read the news paper. Further he stated that due to this upcoming unit pollution of this area will take place.
- 6. Shri. Satyshil Shitole, Vill. Patas:- He requested project proponent to show us the similar plant and then MPCB give the permission to the said plant. He further suggested to bring down the pollution level (Particulate matter) below 30 mg/l. and install the such pollution control equipment or increase the capacity of bag filters.

Following are the written suggestions received at the site during public hearing. They were present during the course of public hearing.

- 7. Shri. Vootkuri Sunanda Reddy (Environmentalist) Dharitri Paryavarna Parikshan Sanstha, H.No. 6-7-414, Shivaji Nagar Nalgonda, Telangana. :- He supported the project with suggestions to collected the primary health data of people, crop, water availability, air, water, land. Further to take efforts for rain water harvesting, do plantation 40 to 50 %. Also grow plants in nearby vicinity of the villages, road side to suppress the dust, give priority to the local educated youth employee, Promote skill development training to un-employed youth. Also to form co-ordination committee to use CSR fund for demand oriented work and use air pollution control equipment. Letter in this regard is submitted during public hearing.
- 8. Shri. A Sudarshan, Cheyuthaa Rural Development Society, Wadapally9V),Damaracherala (M), Nalgonda, Telangana He also welcomed the project with advising not to release pollution in to the environment, skill development program should be conducted, CSR funds should be go through development of villages, conduct health training program and develop the greenery in surrounding area. Written submission is received regarding above.

- 9. Shri. M. Krishnmurthy (NGO), Mathru Sri Charitable Trust, H.No. 3-35/21, Vansthalipuram, Hyderabad. He recommended the project with some suggestion to develop greenery around the plant, nearby villages, conduct medical camps, conduct skill development program. Give priority about 80% employment to local villagers. CSR funds should be utilized through local villagers. He submitted his written say during public hearing.
- 10. Shri. Dundigala Anjaiah, President, Adarsh Peoples Agricultural Rural Development Educational Society, Nalgonda, Telangana & Shri. K. Shankaraiah, President Sankalp Rural Development Society, Nalgonda, Telangana State: They recommended the project with suggestions as above with to provide Reverse osmosis treated water to the villagers during water scarcity. Letter in this regard is submitted during public hearing.
- 11. Shri. S Venkateshwarlu, Chief Functionary, Neethaa Swachanda Seva Society, Sanjeeva sadan, Abdullah khan Estate, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. He welcomed the project with written suggestions to take plantation program with varieties of trees, herbal, fruit bearing types, Use water sprinkling arrangement to reduce the particulate matter level, CPCB and CREP guidelines should be followed and other suggestions which are already given by above members.
- 12. Shri. Satynarayana, manava Vanarula & Vikalangula sankeshama Sangam, Saroor nagar, B.S. Nagar, Saroor nagar, R.R. Dist. He also welcomed the project with same suggestions as given by above members. He also given written suggestions during public hearing.
- 13. Shri. H. Madhubabu, Rural Environment and Health Awareness Society. 1-7-495/9, Musheerabad, Hyderabad. – He recommended the project with written suggestions to take crop production details of nearby villages, adopt water harvesting which will be used during summer season. Use waste water for plantation. Take avenue plantation to near villages, road side. Further requested to increase plantation 50% if possible.

- 14. Shri. Nanasaheb Suresh Gawali, Vill. Kangaon, Dist. Pune; He has given letter about the present status of the area stating that, there are residence and farm land near to the plant. As the industry is engaged in manufacturing cement, there are chances of deterioration of crop and can cause air borne dieses, so plant shall be installed in MIDC area.
- 15. Shri. Ashok Malhari Pansare: This project will cause pollution in surrounding area and also affect the farm land/ crops. The summery and EIA report is not made available to us.
- 16. In the concluding session Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel & Additional District Magistrate, ask project proponent about to which plants are use for plantation, take in to confidence to the local villagers and give preferences to the locals for employment.

Afterwards, this office has received written reply from project proponent on 7.5.2018 stating that, they will plant the trees on 33 % area of the total land with Neem, Banyan, Peepal, Silver Oak, Kachnaar and fruit bearing trees. Further 1 % project cost will be utilized for various development activities in the area of school, cultural programs, Road plantations, Agriculture etc.

Chairman and Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee again appealed general public to give suggestion or objections regarding the project.

Member, Convener of the Committee on behalf of Chairman of the Committee while concluding the meeting informed that as per the presentation and the promises made in the meeting, the project proponent is committed for eco-friendly environment and promises to implement the pollution control measures wholeheartedly. He thanked local people who came and raised objections and gave suggestions.

Member, Convener of the committee informed that the suggestions, comments made in this meeting will be incorporated in the proceedings and the report will be submitted to the Expert Committee of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC) for further consideration.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair. The CD of the proceedings is enclosed. The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

(Nitin R. Shinde)

Member, Convener of Public Hearing Panel

Sub Regional Officer, Pune-1

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Regional Officer

M. P. C. Board, Pune.

(Rajendra Muthe)

Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel

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Additional District Magistrate, Pune