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**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING
HELD FOR
PROPOSED SUGAR CANE AND MOLASSES BASED
60 KLPD DISTILLERY
OF**

M/S. MARUTI SHETAKARI ASAWANI LTD.,

**NO: 3729/1 TO 20, A/P: KAMERI, TAL: WALWA, DIST: SANGLI,
MAHARASHTRA STATE.**

A public hearing for proposed sugar cane and molasses based 60 distillery of M/s. Maruti Shetakari Asawani Ltd., Gat No. 3729/1 to 20, Kameri, Tal: Walwa, Dist: Sangli was held on 08-11-2017 at 04.00 P.M. at factory site at Gat No. 3729/1 to 20, A/p. Kameri, Tal: Walwa, Dist: Sangli.

Following panel members were present for the public hearing:-

Hon'ble Shri. Tushar Thombre, - Chairman
Deputy Collector, Sangli.

(District Collector, Sangli's Marathi letter No.
गृह-१/कार्या-६/पोल-१/समिती/आरआर/१०१४.१०१५/१७,
दिनांक ०७ नोव्हेंबर २०१७, on behalf of
District Magistrate Sangli.)

Shri. Dilip Khedkar, - Member
Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kolhapur.
(Representative of Maharashtra Pollution
Control Board)

Shri L. S. Bhad, - Convener
Sub Regional Officer, MPC Board,
Sangli.

First of all, Shri L.S. Bhad, convener of the environmental public hearing welcomed the participants and with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman started the public hearing. He informed that the project proponent submitted proposal to M.P.C. Board in respect of the proposed project for which public hearing is held. Hence, this public hearing is held in order to take

of the public opinion, their comments and objections regarding the
 ed project. For this purpose a committee under chairmanship of the
 y Collector on behalf of District Magistrate, Sangli vide Marathi letter No.
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 ed. The purpose of this public hearing is to inform the people about the
 ct of the proposed project on the environment, the problems likely to be
 ed due to the proposed project, the measures to be undertaken by the
 ct proponent to control environmental pollution and to discuss face to
 He further informed that environmental public hearing is mandatory for
 projects mentioned in Schedule 'A' and 'B' of Notification No. S.O. 1533
 ed 14 September 2006 of MOEF, Government of India. In this respect,
 Maharashtra Pollution Control Board had published a public notice on 07-10-
 7 in daily news papers i.e. Daily 'Pudhari', Daily 'Lokmat' in Marathi
 guage and 'The Times of India' in English language. The copies of EIA
 ort were made available for study of the public at Environment Department,
 vt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai; District Collector Office, Sangli; District
 ustries Center, Sangli; Zilla Parishad Office, Sangli; Regional Office, MOEF
 opal (MP); Head Office of M.P.C. Board, Mumbai; Regional Office, MPC
 ard, Kolhapur; Sub Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, Sangli, Tahsil Office,
 alwa; Gram Panchayat Kameri; MOEF, Nagpur office and Sub Divisional
 fice, Walwa, Islampur Division and requested the public to submit their
 objections, suggestions, complaints etc. regarding proposed project.

He further informed that Environmental Clearance of MOEF is
 necessary for the proposed project and hence, this public hearing is held as a
 part of the requirement. He requested public to watch the presentation
 regarding the proposed project prepared by the technical consultant and then
 ask questions, objections, instructions etc. during the public hearing orally or in
 writing which will be included in the minutes of the environmental public
 hearing and then the minutes along with C.D. will be submitted to MOEF for
 further necessary action. Thereafter, he requested the technical consultant of
 the project proponent to present detailed information.

Thereafter Shri. Nilesh Deshmukh and Shri. Dipak Desai. Technical consultant of the proposed project presented information through power point slide show.

After presentation, following discussion / questions-answers took place.

Q.1. Shri Mohan Keshav Patil, village Kameri, Tal: Walwa, Dist: Sangli.

The proposed project should not create any problems to the villagers of this area. You have mentioned that the source of water for the proposed project is river Warana. Will plenty of water required for the proposed project be available ? Will the recruitment of workers in project be from this area or outside ? There should not any kind of problems to the local people who have given their lands for the proposed.

Ans:

The technical consultant replied that the water requirement of the proposed project will be 485 KLPD which will be taken from river Warana as per the written permission given by the Government of Maharashtra. Hence, we will receive supply from reserved water and not from which is meant for agricultural purpose. We will utilize the water as sanctioned by the government. I assure that we will recruit all 80 to 100 no. of local skilled, semiskilled and unskilled workers. There will be proper land utilization. We are not going to acquire lands of the villagers for the proposed project and hence, the question of displacement of the villagers will not arise. There will not be any damage to the crops around the factory. I assure that we will carry out proper pollution control management system.

Q.2. Shri Dilip Khedkar, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Kolhapur Cum Member of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee.

He asked following questions.

- (i) What is the the aerial distance of the proposed project from the nearest river ? From which river will you lift water for the proposed project ? You have not shown this information during the presentation. This information should be included in EIA report.

The technical consultant replied that river Warna does not flow within the radius of 10 Kms. of the proposed project and the arial distance of the river from the proposed project is 15.63 Kms.

- (ii) Show the lay out of 53% green belt development which you are going to carry out as said by you during the presentation.

The technical consultant replied that as per guidelines of the PCB, we are going to develop green belt of 10 mtrs. thickness at the boundary of the project area. We are planning to plant heighted, medium heighted and flowering trees as green belt. Also, trees will be planted where there is no major production activity. In presentation, we have shown 53% triangular tree plantation area of the total plot area as green belt development in the project plan. Three-tier green belt of 10 mtrs will be developed as per the guidelines of the CPCB. From last monsoon we have undertaken tree plantation programme and have planted trees.

Shri Khedkar suggested that instead of triangular tree plantation, you should develop green belt of the thickness in such a way that it comes out to be 33% of the total land, thereafter taking into consideration this green belt, other construction work should be done. He said that this will not cause nuisance to the surrounding area and also a good green belt will come out.

The technical consultant said that we will include this suggestion in EIA report.

- (iii) You have not given information about how you are going to treat the reject which will be generated through boiler blow down or softner due to incineration of spent wash in boiler. Please explain.

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that we will include information about the boiler blow down in the EIA report and thereafter we will submit information about the same to you.

Shri Dilip Khedkar instructed that you must provide separate effluent treatment plant for the same.

- (iv) What type of effluent treatment facility will you provide for domestic effluent ?

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that as per the guidelines of MPCB, it is mandatory to provide domestic effluent treatment plant if the generation of domestic effluent is more than 10 CMD. But in the proposed project, domestic effluent generation will not be more than 10 CMD. Soak pit followed by septic tank will be provided and the treated effluent will be used for gardening purpose for surrounding fruit bearing trees. Domestic effluent treatment plant will be provided if generation of domestic effluent goes beyond 10 CMD.

- (v) What provisions will you make in lay out to control noise pollution caused through turbine and compressor ?

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that electrostatic precipitator and acoustic enclosures will be provided to control noise pollution and also green belt development will be carried as per your suggestions.

- (vi) You have informed that the ash generated from burning of spent wash will be provided to farmers for use as manure. Please explain when and where it has been done in past. Have you observed such condition in MPCB consent or Environmental Clearance ?

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that the ash generated from spent wash is given as manure. This ash is light weight. It is used as potash and sold to the farmers.

- (vii) You have informed that used oil and hazardous waste will be used as fuel in the boiler but there is no such permission as per environmental law. The used oil must be given to authorized recycler. Hence, you should revise EIA report.

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that we will revise EIA report as per your suggestions.

- (viii) You have not presented information regarding disposal of e-waste. In EIA report, you should mention that you will send e-waste for disposal to authorized e-waste recyclers.

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that in EIA report, we will mention that we will send e-waste for disposal to authorized e-waste recyclers.

- (ix) Will there be generation of any press-mud ? If yes, how will you dispose it ?

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that 3% press mud will be generated. Sludge and press mud can be given to farmers as it is.

Q.3. Shri V. Sunanda Reddi, Environmentalist, Hyderabad.

I am the first environmentalist in India to support industries. My best wishes to the management of M/s. Maruti Shetkari Asawani Ltd. Firstly, I am requesting the public hearing panel to recommend MOEF to give unconditional permission to the proposed project. In this regard I am giving you few suggestions. Water should be saved in rainy season by water harvesting and construction water storage tanks. My second suggestion, you have only 32 to acres of land. Approximately rain water received is 21 crore litres, hence, I am humbly request to construct water harvesting stretches and water storage stretches. It is useful your industry and to develop ground water level in this area. Please take tree plantations in nearby villages and roads to control dust pollution and pollution from transportation. My request is to give top priority to fruit bearing and medicinal plants instead of normal plants. It is useful to control dust pollution and also available fruits in nearby villages. Please give priority to local educated unemployed youth go give employment in your industry. My humble request is to promote skill development trainings to unemployed youth to better skills to get employment chances in your industry and remaining youth to get jobs in other industries. Countries like Japan and Korea 90% youth get skill devevelopment training and in India only 5 to 6% youth get skill development training. Please give priority to skill development training with help of government and your CSR fund. I am requesting to form a co-ordination committee to CSR expenditures with villagers, government officials, MPCB officials, and management of the proposed project to take plan of action of CSR is very useful and meaningful to take up demand oriented work which is very essential for village development. I am requesting you to take proper pollution control precautionary measures to control air pollution, water pollution, land pollution and noise pollution. Once again my best wishes and supporting industrial development and the same time please make ecological balance and environmental safety. I am congratulating your environmental consultancy which have prepared a detailed EIA report of your project. It is good and self-explanatory. I am requesting the environmental

public hearing committee to recommend MOEF to give unconditional permission to the proposed project.

Ans.

The technical consultant replied that we have already incorporated your suggestions in our EIA report and the minor details as per the the guidance of Shri Khedkar will be incorporated. Thank you for your best wishes.

Q.4. Shri Mohammad Ali Musa Mulla, A/p. Ashta, Dist: Sangli.

If the proposed project offers employment oportunites to the unemployed, benefits the farmers and if it gets government permission, then I request that it should start as early as possible.

Q.5. Shri Nanasaheb Babasaheb Patil, Village Kameri, Dist: Sangli.

We have passed a resolution that this project is pollution free. It has been assured by the project proponent that there will not be any nuisance and problems to the people from the proposed project. This project is established by complying government and environmental rules and there will be development of local people and the village. Hence, I request that government should grant permission to this project as early as possible.

Q.6. Shri Subhash Tukaram Patil, Village Nerle, Dist: Sangli.

I am very happy that the proposed project is going to start. Permission should be granted to the proposed project. The waste generated from the project should be disposed on my open land of five acres. My only request is that there should be Maharashtra workers in the project.

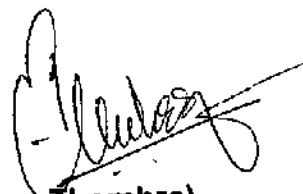
Lastly, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee told that villagers have no technical knowledge regarding the proposed project and hence, once the project started they complain that they had no knowledge of the adverse effect of the project. As per the Constitution of India clean water, clean air and clean environment is the right of people. For that purpose when a new project is established, their participation in environmental public hearing is necessary and their objections and views are recorded. The technical consultant of the project proponent presented detailed information about the proposed project, thereafter people expressed their positive views about the project, not a single written or oral complaint regarding the project has been made by the public. The minutes of this environmental public hearing will be sent to Government for final decision. Thereafter, he thanked all the public for their participation in the public hearing and concluded the environmental public hearing.



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