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**Venue:** M/s. Spectrum Ethers Ltd.,  
Gut No. 367, Vill: Rasegaon,  
Tal: Dindori, District: Nashik

**Date & Time:** 01/07/2014 at 1100 Hours

**Chairman:** Shri. Vilas Patil, Hon'ble District Magistrate, Nashik.

**Convenor and Member:** Ravindra B. Andhale, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB.

Application for conducting public hearing was received at Regional Office, Nashik. Accordingly public notice was issued on 26/05/2014 in leading daily newspaper 'Maharashtra Times' (Marathi daily) and 'Times of India' (English daily).

Committee comprising of Chairman: Shri. Vilas Patil, Hon'ble District Magistrate, Nashik and Convenor and Member: Ravindra B. Andhale, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik was formed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide letter dated 20/06/2014. Copy enclosed as **Annexure-I**

Due to certain unavoidable reasons the public hearing started at 1300 Hours. The public were made aware of the delay through public announcement system. The convenor with the permission of the Chairman started the proceedings of the public hearing. He welcomed the Honourable Chairman and the participants of public hearing.

Convenor explained to the public that this public hearing was conducted as per the MoEF Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14/09/2006 and amended thereof. He informed that public notice 30 days in advance of the date of public hearing was issued on 26/05/2014 in leading daily newspaper 'Maharashtra Times' (Marathi daily) and 'Times of India' (English daily). Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Further copies of the EIA report and executive summary were made available for public perusal at following places:

1. Environment Department, Mantralaya, New administrative building, 15<sup>th</sup> floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai -400 032.
2. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Quarter, Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Mumbai -400 022.
3. Collector Office- Nashik., Taluka and District: Nashik.
4. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Trimbak Road, Satpur, Nashik.
5. District Industries Centre, Trimbak Road, Nashik.

6. Zilla Parishad Office, Trimbak Naka, Nashik.
7. Tehsil Office, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.
8. Grampanchayat offices of Dindori Taluka of:
  - a. Rasegaon.
  - b. Deherewadi.
  - c. Indorey.
  - d. Kochargaon.
  - e. Pimpalnare.
  - f. Umarale Khurd.
  - g. Madakijamb.
  - h. Jambutake.

Convenor informed the audience that two written representations have been received by this office from:

1. Shri. Vinayak Babasaheb Wagh and others, resident Nashik District.
2. Shri. Balasaheb Bhima Upsunde and others, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.

He then invited the audience to give written or oral objections, suggestions during the course of the public hearing. Four written representations were received during public hearing from:

1. Shri. Ganesh Balu Gadhave, and others, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.
2. Sarpanch and Garmsevak, Grampanchayat Makadijamb, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.
3. Shri. Shankar Kashinath Dhage and others, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.
4. Shri. Ranganath Korde and six others, resident Indorey, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.

Copies of all six representations are enclosed and annexed as **Annexure-III**. He then requested the project proponent to give a brief presentation about the project. Copy of English and Marathi presentation are enclosed and Annexed as **Annexure-IV**.

Project proponent's representative gave presentation in Marathi language. Two screens and projectors were used during presentation. Shri. Dinesh Gadhave, resident Rasegaon, requested to again explain the arrangements made for effluent treatment plant, accordingly, industry representative explained the process of effluent treatment plant. Honourable Chairman of the public hearing enquired about odorous effluent mentioned in the flow chart of effluent treatment plant. Industry representative informed that the tanks holding the odorous effluent are provided with



vents. These vents are connected to air pollution control system. He informed that details of air pollution control system will follow during further course of presentation.

Honourable Chairman, during presentation enquired about the storage and disposal methods adopted by the industry with regards to hazardous waste generated in the effluent treatment plant. Industry representative informed that the hazardous waste generated from the effluent treatment plant is sludge in the form of slurry. This sludge contains 40 % solids and 60 % moisture. This sludge is further processed in dryer mechanism. About 10 % of moisture is retained in the sludge as further reduction in moisture may lead to fire hazard.. This sludge with 10 % moisture is filled in plastic bags and transported through drums to Common Hazardous Waste Treatment facility of MEPLtd., Ranjangaon Pune, for scientific disposal.

Shri. Tukaram More, Resident Rasegaon requested project proponent to repeat the details of air pollution control facility provided by the industry. Project proponent explained the working of venturi-scrubber and other scrubbing arrangements. Project proponent ended his presentation after giving information about tree plantation, social activities and future proposed social activities to be carried out by the industry.

Convenor invited the project proponent to illustrate on the written representations made to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Following objections, suggestions, recommendations, and views were made:

**Shri. Balasaheb Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

The slide showing area of study shows Nalegaon, Waghad and Alandi dams are considered. Dhaman Nadi originates from Industry area meets Palkhed dam which is about 30 to 35 Kilometres from the industry. Water from Palkhed dam is used for drinking purpose for almost 500 villages and about thousands of Hectare for irrigation purpose. Incidences of pollution have occurred in past.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired about the incidence of river water pollution that had occurred.

**Shri. Balasaheb Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

Written representation was made in past to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and accordingly water supply of Ozhar dam was stopped for one day. Also water supply of Pimpalgaon, Sajapur and Manmad, especially Manmad's water supply was stopped for ten days. Further there was loss of revenue to the tune of Millions of Rupees to the Government as published by the media. No Government officials took cognizance of this incidence.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Additional information regarding water supply and stoppage of water supply was sought for Manmad city.

**Project Proponent:**

Informed that this incidence is about six to seven years old.

**Shri. Rajesh Pandit, NGO and Environmentalist:**

Informed that this incidence is about six to seven years old and recollected that he was present at the site and also recollected that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board officials came to the industry to serve closure notice to the industry.



**Shri. Balasaheb Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

Requested Honourable District Magistrate to study newspaper publication published six to seven years ago about this incidence and start investigation in this matter. He expected that Bhopal incidence should not be repeated in Rasegaon. He informed that Rasegaon, Dindori is an environmentally sensitive illiterate tribal belt and hence proper decision with regards to the enquiry may be taken.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He assured to enquire about the reason for water pollution and whether traces of pesticide were observed in that water. He informed that the decision to give permission solely rests with expert committee of MoEF, constituted by Government of India. His has no role in granting permission to the industry, his role is to convey the sentiments and proceedings of this public hearing. Minutes along with video recording footage will be submitted to MoEF, Government of India. He assured that it is his responsibility that the objections, suggestions and views raised during public hearing will be properly communicated.

**Shri. Balasaheb Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

He reminded that District Magistrate should support hundred's of family which will be affected due to this project instead of supporting one industry. He informed that due to the incidence lakhs of Rupees worth fish died and this was also brought to the notice of the then Chief Minister of Maharashtra. He expressed his view that industry should operate and provide employment. However he demanded that due to expansion of the industry should assure and District Magistrate should give in writing that due to adverse effect of air pollution, infants will not be born disabled and that there will not be adverse effect on wildlife and environment safety. He also demanded copy of the video recording of this public hearing within 24 hours as it is his moral and human-right to obtain the same.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Instructed the convenor to make available copy of video recording at earliest.

**Convenor of the Public hearing:**

Informed the public that the minutes of this public hearing will be available for perusal at District Collector's Office and Maharashtra pollution Control Board's office at Udyog Bhavan, Satpur, Nashik.

**Shri. Sharad Gorde, Resident Indorey, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**

He reiterated that the incidence that had occurred six to seven years ago had affected about twelve villages. The flood situation arose because of discharge of effluent discharge by the industry, this water reached Palkhed dam after passing through Indorey and Madakijamb villages. Heap of fish were found dead, no aquatic life such as frog and crab survived in Palkhed dam. Enquiry about the same was made at that time. After the flood receded, ladies of his village who went for cloth washing in the river experienced skin itching. He also informed that the smell nuisance is felt in their villages and this smell nuisance is also felt upto Niphad village. He challenged the industries claim that 40,000 trees are planted by the industry. He also informed that if even litre of industrial effluent is applied to any tree, the tree will not survive. He on behalf of Indorey villagers opposed future expansion of the industry. He objected that there were few blank pages left in the public hearing attendance register on purpose and suspected foul play.



**Convenor of the Public hearing:**

He informed that the complete proceeding is video recorded and there is no foul play in taking attendance. He showed the attendance register and explained to the Chairman of the public hearing that after every public hearing attendance is taken and few blank pages are left before taking attendance of next public hearing. The blank pages are left only to serve as divider. Chairman of the public hearing expressed his satisfaction on this attendance matter **Annexure V**.

**Representative of the industry:**

He informed that in the year 2008 the industry had provided solar evaporation ponds for effluents. after 2008 as per the guidelines of central pollution control Boards these solar evaporation pond were scrapped and state of the art multi effect evaporative system was constructed and commissioned due to this not even single droplet of water is discharged out of industry premises. He strongly mentioned that the industry obtained zero discharge level.

**Shri Rajaram Yashwant Dhage, Resident Rasegaon Tal. - Dindori, Dist.- Nashik:-**

He informed that villagers of Rasegaon needs to bring drinking water from four miles as the industries effluent has entered bore well water.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He instructed that MPCB officers should contact Shri Rajaram Dhage & arrange to collect samples of bore well for analysis purpose. He also suggested that if required the samples may send to any laboratory which Shri Dhage suggest if there is any doubt in his mind.

**Shri Rajaram Yashwant Dhage, Resident Rasegaon Tal. - Dindori, Dist.- Nashik:-**

He suggested that the bore water cannot be polluted on its own.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He explained that at places where there are no industries in the vicinity bore well water is found contaminated with metal like arsenic and also ground water is found to be unfit for consumption. He explained that due to domestic waste from the cities bore well water becomes unfit for consumptions.

**Shri. Balasaheb Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

He informed that before 1998, no water problem from the bore wells

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He informed that report from Maharashtra pollution control Board will be called in respect of bore well water pollution in the vicinity of the industry. He also informed that no approval to this project can be given during public hearing. any queries, objections which cannot be answered to in this public hearing will also be submitted to expert committee of MoEF. Decision will be taken in this regards by the expert committee. He invited the public to express their views open heartedly so that it will be easier to communicate feelings to the expert committee.

**Shri. Rajesh Pandit, NGO and Environmentalist:**

He pointed out during the course of presentation that the industry has carried out social work for many villages. He enquired that whether any provision of free of cost medical check-up camps for the nearby villagers is made to check if there is any health issues due to the industry.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He said that the also has many queries regarding the initiatives to be taken under corporate responsibility by the industry and will discuss them with the industry especially, about health camps.

**Shri. Rajesh Pandit, NGO and Environmentalist:**

He expressed that industry has grown many trees, however they should plant trees like Neem instead of Gulmohar trees as gulmohar trees grows fast but does not produce good quantity of oxygen compared to other trees.

**Representative of the industry:**

He informed that industry has planted Gulmohar trees as well as different varieties of trees in consultation with experts from Forest Department.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He instructed the industry representatives to give a detailed report about the compliances made by the industry in respect of the conditions prescribed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

**Shri. Prabhakar Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

He informed that the local resident are presently suffering because of pollution. He enquired as to how much more they have to suffer if production is increased. The next generation will also face problem due to this.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He enquired as to what are the problems faced.

**Shri. Prabhakar Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

He replied smell nuisance and irritation.

**Dr. Kasodkar, Doctor appointed by the industry for check-up of industry staff:**

He informed that the industries employees check up is carried on every Sunday and there is no health issue among the employees.

**Shri. Balasaheb Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

He challenged that due to heat and pollution small children will develop dysentery. If he fails to prove this he is ready to clean the collector office daily throughout his life. He invited doctor kasodkar to set up a clinic in Rasegaon for which land will be provided by the villagers. He insisted that the doctor should stay in Rasegaon only and they will not allow doctor to leave the village if the doctor plans to run away.

**Dr. Kasodkar, Doctor appointed by the industry for check-up of industry staff:**



Doctor proposed that he will carry out health check up of the villagers once in the three months through medical camps.

**Shri. Balasaheb Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**  
Enquired as to whether doctor will take responsibility if any person in the village dies.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**  
He warned Shri Balasaheb Dhage to ask relevant question pertaining to public hearing only.

**Shri. Vilas Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**  
The industry is in operation since many years, why were medical camps for villagers not conducted previously?

**Dr. Kasodkar, Doctor appointed by the industry for check-up of industry staff:**  
He informed that in future the medical camp will be conducted for villagers.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**  
He informed that the doctor is an employee of the industry and will do things told by his employer. If the employer asks the doctor he will carry out check up of villagers also. Instead of blaming the doctor changes should be made to the system. He further asked as to under what provision he has been employed to study health effects on the employees.

**Representative of the industry:**  
He informed under the factory act the medical check up of employees is mandatory.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**  
Is there a provision for the medical check up of nearby surrounding villagers?

**Representative of the industry:**  
Under corporate responsibility of the industry the provisions are made for medical check-up of the nearby villagers.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**  
Is there a provision for medical check up of the surrounding villagers under the factory act? If industry management instructs the doctor to carry check up of the nearby villagers, the doctor will comply.

**Shri. Vilas Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**  
He informed that his agricultural land is adjacent to the industry. He challenged that the individuals how will grant permission to the industry, if they stay in his farm, he is ready to donate his land to the industry. He requested that the poor people should not be held ransom.

**Shri. Sharad Gorde, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**  
If industry is increasing its production to 10,000 MT, NO Objection Certificate of all the neighbouring 10 to 12 Grampanchayat should be taken instead of only Grampanchayat of Rasegaon only.

**Shri. Vilas Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**



He enquired with the convenor of the public hearing as to when documents related to the industry were kept for perusal at Rasegaon Grampanchayat.

**Convenor of the Public hearing:**

Informed that copies of EIA & Executive summary were kept at various Government offices. However considering the sensitivity of the issue copies were also kept at 09 Grampanchayat four month earlier. He also informed that acknowledgement copies of the submission are available with him.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Instructed that the copies and video recording should be made available to the interested people so as to maintain transparency of public hearing procedure. He instructed industry representatives to announce local names of the additional products to be manufactured by the industry.

**Shri. Vilas Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**

Suggested that if the products manufactured does not cause harm to the mankind and villagers oppose this expansion the villagers are at loss, however if products manufactured does cause harm and if the villagers do not oppose the project, in both situation it will be loss to the villagers. He informed that during visit to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Office he has seen the acknowledgement copy of EIA and executive summary given to Grampanchayat Rasegaon, however the Gramsevak did not make available copies of the same for perusal.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Instructed the Gramsevak to make available copies to the literate villagers for study purposes.

**Shri. Vilas Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**

Informed that there are many literate villagers in Rasegaon and they can read English also. He again alleged that the gramsevak did not make available copies of EIA and executive summary on demand.

**Representative of the industry:**

He informed that villagers had approach them to get information about the expansion of the project. Industry has explained and given executive summary in Marathi language to about 70 to 80 villagers.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Instructed the industry to give copies to interested people.

**Gramsevak, Grampanchayat – Rasegaon:**

Informed that copies related to the public hearing were made available for perusal. He also instructed the villagers to approach the industry for further clarification.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

He announces that copies will be made available in English as well as Marathi languages. Only two to three people are raising questions, he appealed that other people should also make their recommendation/ objections and participate in public hearing.

**Shri. Dinkar Bhoi, resident Umrade, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**



He informed that if expansion of the industry is allowed, it will have adverse effect on the health of about 9 to 10 village residents. He requested to Honourable District Magistrate and Sub- Regional Officer, MPCB to not to allow expansion of the industry and also instruct industry to control present pollution. He further requested them to ensure that no danger is posed to health of these villagers.

**Smt. Yogita More, Sarpanch, Rasegaon:**

She informed that she has not observed any discharge of effluent from the industry in her tenure of three years as Sarpanch. She informed that Grampanchayat Rasegaon and its villagers has always received co-operation from the industry. She felt that air pollution and smell nuisance is observed receding during last few years. She opined that industrialisation of the country is necessary. This will generate employment to jobless people and new schemes will be implemented in villages. She said that due to expansion of the industry if the villages are going to be benefited, the project needs to be carried out. She informed that due to this project employment will be generated for the tribal Dindori district and also there will be increase in revenue due to additional tax of Rasegaon grampanchayat and various schemes can be implemented leading to progress of the village.

**Shri. Sanjay Bendkule, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**

Accepted that there is development of a village due to industry however there is need to change production. Industry provides revenue to villages to build temple, however this does not profit the people. He also pointed out that the village in which the industry is located benefits, but what about neighbouring villages? He pointed out that the villagers face problems due to pollution of the industry and also pointed out that a relative who had come for a visit to his house faced health issue of vomiting. He also pointed out that smell nuisance is faced upto 25 kilometres from the industry. He suggested that the industry should purchase 50 Acres of land elsewhere and setup this project there or else completely change production to prevent smell nuisance and relieve them of smell nuisance problem.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that the new proposed products are of lower concentrations of fungicide type and lesser smell nuisance generating. Old products will be phased out gradually in a step by step manner and replaced by new products proposed.

**Smt. Yogita More, Sarpanch, Rasegaon:**

Requested to elaborate on new products.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that following products are proposed: DM-45(Mancozeb) and Tricyclo Zole are fungicide, Glyphosate is a weedicide, DDVP and Chloropyriphos are insecticides. The proposed products are of lesser severity and most of them fall under blue category of pesticides and are fungicide and weedicide types.

**Shri. Prabhakar Dhage, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

Informed that smell nuisance is also generated during manufacture of chloropyrophos.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that during production of chloropyrophos, chlorination is carried out and there is a group of phosphate in this group. Due to chlorination severity of smell nuisance is reduced.



**Few villagers in unison:**

Demanded that the industry should declare that they will control 100 % smell nuisance.

**Representative of the industry:**

Assured that measures will be taken to control 100 % smell nuisance.

**One of the villagers:**

DDVP product also gives smell and is poisonous.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to whether any instruments are available to measure smell and whether any standards are prescribed for smell that induces irritation and vomiting?

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that concentration of gasses can be measured, however presently there are no instruments to measure smell.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to whether instruments to measure smell are available internationally? He also enquired as to whether pesticide industries in foreign countries also have same severity of smell nuisance?

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that the industry has provided sensors for detection of H<sub>2</sub>S gas and HCl fumes.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to whether by any means severity of smell nuisance can be reduced during production process?

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that severity of smell nuisance was there five years ago is accepted, however severity of smell nuisance has been significantly reduced by us and we are further attempting to reduce the same. He also informed that assurance has been given that production of smell generating products will be gradually reduced. Steps will be also taken to reduce smell during manufacture of Phorate product.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to how many products out of 10 presently manufactured are exported?

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that most of the products are exported.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to which countries are these products exported?

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that the products are exported to Latin America, Taiwan etc.

**Shri. Dattatray Upsunde, resident Rasegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

Informed that the public hearing is conducted for additional production, however there is smell nuisance due to present production capacity itself. Due to additional production smell nuisance will increase; hence additional production should not be taken and the villagers oppose the proposed expansion of products. This problem is not related only to Rasegaon village, but entire Dindori Taluka. He informed that he is sub-Sarpanch of Rasegaon since the year 2011. During that period a meeting was held with industry management to solve the issue regarding smell nuisance. During the meeting the factory management had assured that in the next eleven months production related to smell generation will be curtailed. However after four years no improvement has been done by the industry. He suggested that the Doctors should have carried out medical check-ups of the employees and villagers also. He further suggested that employees of the industry should reside in the villages instead of travelling to and fro from the cities, and then only they can understand the difficulties faced by the villagers. He also pointed out that water pollution problem was also observed at his friend Balu Patil's house, and this was brought to the notice of the industry management through frequent complaints. He informed that he has no objection to the present project, however instructed to reduce smell nuisance.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired about the number of labourers and officers employed presently.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that presently 140 labourers and officers are employed and that there are maximum local labour from Rasegaon village and about 20 to 25 labourers come from other places.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to whether labourers are skilled or unskilled.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that the present work requires a mixture of skilled and unskilled labourers and hence both are included.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to what percentage of production is exported.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that about 20 % of total production is exported.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**



Enquired about the name of the countries where the products are exported.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that the products are exported to Latin America, Taiwan etc.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired about the brand names by which the industry sells its products.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that production of industry is sold throughout the country. The industry does not have its own distribution network. The industry has a tie up with M/s. Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd., M/s. Shriram Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., M/s. Paradeep Phosphate Ltd., Chambal fertilisers Ltd., etc. for selling of formulation products. Technical grade products are sold to industries for formulation.

**Few Villagers:**

Suggested that the industry should take the villagers in confidence before taking any permission. He then urged the industry to let out the smell.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired with the industry representative as to whether there is a system to store and then let out smell. He gave example of water bottle with lid i.e store the smell in the bottle and open it to let out smell. He also enquired whether industry is in operation at this moment.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that the industry is in operation at this moment. He also informed that there is no provision of storing and letting out smell. However due to sudden power failure smell nuisance may be aggravated at some times.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired whether the industry has carried out any social work like medical camps, educational programs etc through corporate social responsibility funds.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that during summer season water is supplied to the villagers through tankers also eye chek-up and surgery camp was held and free surgery and distribution of spectacles were carried out.

**Shri. Vasant Thete, resident Nalegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**

Informed that industry has provided pipeline for water supply from Nalegaon dam. He expressed his apprehension that industry may use the same pipeline to discharge their effluent. He declared his objection to the project stating the reason that due to pollution of the industry, children are affected with symptoms like lack of enthusiasm, headache etc.

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that this region is at a height of 80 meters and water is brought to the industry by pumping. There is a small rivulet flowing near the base of the dam. Provision of pumps by spending 1 Lac rupees and with assistance of Rasegaon, Nalegaon and Umrale villagers is made to pump the rivulet water into the dam to increase its water level.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Enquired as to presently whether industry discharges any effluent outside premises? He further enquired as to whether water requirement will increase due to increase in production?

**Representative of the industry:**

Informed that there is no effluent discharge from our industry outside our premises and 'Zero discharge' is followed by our industry.

Informed that provision of additional 0.063 TMC water reserved for industrial purpose through Alandi dam is made.

**Shri. Vasant Thete, resident Nalegaon, Tal: Dindori, Dist: Nashik:**

Informed that industry has spent 23 to 25 Lac Rupees for getting water through pipeline. He also informed that the villagers don't use water from pipeline for drinking purpose, instead they use bore-well water. He also stated that the possibility of villagers facing water scarcity cannot be ruled out and the industry management will be responsible for such situation.

**Shri. Babasaheb Upsunde, resident Rasegaon, Tal:Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

Informed that during low atmospheric pressure it takes about 1 to 2 hours for the smell to subside within his house. He requested the industry administration to take steps to reduce smell nuisance.

**Shri. Yogesh Upsunde, resident Rasegaon, Tal:Dindori, Dist: Nashik.**

Appealed to the Honourable Chairman to consider the present nuisance faced by the villagers and nuisance generated due to the additional production before taking any further decision.

**Smt. Bendkule, local tribal:**

Informed that there is acute scarcity of water. Local Marathi villagers harass us by throwing away our utensils. However the industry supports us by delivering water to us through tankers.

**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Instructed Gramsevak to investigate difficulties faced by the tribal's and villagers and submit his report. He assured to assist the villagers wherever possible within the purview of his official capacity.

**Shri. Raosaheb Lahange, resident Rasegaon, Tal:Dindori, Dist: Nashik**

He informed that there is acute water scarcity in the village and the industry helps by supplying water through tankers.



**Honourable Chairman of the Public hearing:**

Informed that the whole proceeding of the public hearing has been video recorded and the copies of the same along with minutes approved by him will be made available to villagers at Grampanchayat level within radius of 10 Kilometres.

He assured to take review of the fish kill incident and also find out if any traces of chemicals are still present in the water.

He summarized the proceeding by mentioning following points:

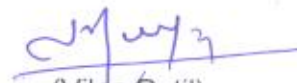
- Most of the issues raised during the public hearing can be settled through dialogue between industry management and villagers.
- Feeling of the villagers are strong with respect to the issue of smell nuisance.
- Industry is not properly implementing CSR activity. He instructed the industry to implement CSR activities forthwith.
- He expressed that he has own doubts about increase in pollution load due to expansion, however he mentioned that there is competent authority at MoEF level to take decision.
- He mentioned that pesticides are necessity in farming. Pesticides do emit smell. Such kind of industries is needed, however development of people should be ensured.

The convenor took permission from Honourable Chairman to conclude the public hearing. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board gave vote of thanks and concluded the proceeding of public hearing.



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and

Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik



(Vilas Patil)  
Chairman  
and

District Magistrate, Nashik