

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF JETTY FOR CAPTIVE AND THIRD PARTY CARGO (10.0 MILLION TON PER ANNUM) VILLAGE – NATE, TALUKA – RAJAPUR, DISTRICT – RATNAGIRI, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S I LOG PORTS PRIVATE LIMITED, REGISTERED OFFICE AT 86-C, TOPSIA ROAD, (SOUTH) KOLKATA - 700 046

An Environmental Public Hearing for proposed development of Jetty for Captive and Third Party Cargo (10.0 Million Ton Per Annum) at Village-Nate, District-Ratnagiri, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s I Log Ports Private Ltd., Registered Office at 86-C, Topsia Road (South) Kolkata – 700 046 was conducted on 19th January, 2019 at 11.00 hrs at site of the proposed project.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No.E-05 of 2019 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -132, dated 11-01-2019 :-

- 1) Shri Sunil Chavan, - **Chairman**,
District Magistrate, Ratnagiri,
District - Ratnagiri
- 2) Shri Nagesh S. Lohalkar, - **Member**
Regional Officer, MPCB,
Kolhapur
(Representative of MPCB, Mumbai)
- 3) Mrs. Indira Gaikwad - **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB,
Ratnagiri

The above Public Hearing Committee started its proceeding at 11.00 am as per agenda on the dias. Some sections of the participant who were present in the meeting were giving slogans against the commissioning of the project. Convener, Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Ratnagiri appealed all to keep quiet & maintain silence.

Mrs Indira Gaikwad, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.B., Ratnagiri with the permission of Chairman of the Committee welcomed all who were present in large number and informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, 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.B. has received proposal for proposed development of Jetty for Captive and Third Party Cargo (10.0 Million Ton Per Annum) at Village-Nate, District-Ratnagiri, Maharashtra by the Project Proponent M/s I Log Ports Private Ltd., Registered Office at 86-C, Topsia Road (South) Kolkata – 700 046

She informed that as per EIA Notification, 2006, the proposed project activities falls under Category 'A' 7 (E), which requires Environment Clearance before commencing the project for which prior public consultation is mandatory. Convener further informed that the project proponent applied for Terms of Reference (ToR) which was granted by the MoEFCC, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 31st August, 2018.

Convener of the public hearing further informed that 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.

She further informed that as per said Notification, 30 days advance public notice was published in the local newspaper daily Ratnagiri Times, Daily Tarun Bharat for Marathi and in national newspaper in Indian Express for English on 18-12-2018. The copies of EIA report and Executive Summery were made available at various notified offices of Government viz

1. District Magistrate Office - Ratnagiri
2. Zilla Parishad Office-Ratnagiri
3. District Industries Centre - Ratnagiri
4. Tahsil Office-Rajapur, Dist- Ratnagiri
5. Sub Divisional Office, Rajapur, Dist- Ratnagiri
6. Grampanchayat offices at Nate, Ambolgad, Sakhari Nate, Mogare, Rajwadi, Vetye, Dhaulavalli, Tal-Rajapur, Dist – Ratnagiri;
7. Head Office of M.P.C.B. at Mumbai
8. Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai
9. Regional Office, M.P.C.B., Kolhapur
10. Sub Regional Office, M.P.C.B., Ratnagiri

and on website of M.P.C.B. and at District Collector Office-Ratnagiri.

It was appealed to send any objections/ suggestions regarding the project. Convener of the Public Hearing further informed that few objections are received by the local M.P.C.B. office as well as by District Collector Office and Sub

Divisional Office, Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri. She again requested for permission to start the proceedings to the project proponent.

Chairman of Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details of pollution control devices and environment management plan of the proposed project in local language Marathi. At that time, groups of the people who were present in the meeting were shouting against the commissioning of the project. Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee appealed all to keep calm and raise any doubts, suggestions and objections against the project after the presentation. It will be included in the Minutes of Meeting which will be submitted to the Expert Committee of MoEFCC, Government of India, Delhi.

The Project Proponent Shri. Rajkumar Yevlekar gave the presentation of the proposed project and Environment Management Plan in detail orally as the projector was not working.

View of Work of Jetty explained as :-

* There is only Loading, unloading, transport & Storage of Dry bulk cargo, liquid, sugar. Company will not establish thermal power plant. Moreover there will be no any production, so no water pollution/air pollution will occur

Also type of work was explained briefly:-

- Loading and unloading on vessels.
- To send unloaded / loaded product to importer and exporter by Road and Rail transport.

Further he stated the Advantages of Local facility to Project:-

- Project site is near to Solapur-Kolhapur sugar industries and industrial zone.

Further he explained because of this facility how project is beneficial to local

Businessman:-

- Local transport business will get more opportunities.
- Due to jetty, skilled/unskilled employment will be increase.
- Local industry will get indirectly advantage
- Jetty will not hamper local fishing Industry. In fact they will get safety Government Rules.

Then he told that how Local people will get benefited:-

- Employment
- Indirect local business / employment
- Infrastructure facility
- Standard control for mango export

- Cold storage for perishable goods & other necessary laboratory.
- Repairing of vessel/boat
- Skill development
- Business opportunity for supplier in construction zone & also to workers.
- Small businessman will also get work/opportunity.

At the end he explained Features of jetty as follows:-

- 250 meter long berth in first stage
- Turning circle of 600 meters diameters
- Back up zone of 500X200 meter
- Storage Zone & back up land of 400 acres
- Internal road to connect project site
- 33% Green belt
- Sub Offices, Sewage facility and STP
- Proposed construction will take step by step.

In this way, project proponent explained that the project is not harmful but it is beneficial.

Then also, there were slogans against the project by the group of the people. Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed that an opportunity is given to the local people to raise their suggestions, objections if any regarding the project as per the Notification of Govt of India. The local people should utilise this opportunity. But people present were not in mood to co-operate. He appealed all to co-operate and raise their objections if any regarding the development of the project.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee appealed all to keep quiet and raise their suggestions. She informed that local M.P.C.B. office at Ratnagiri, District Collector Office, Ratnagiri and Sub Divisional Office, Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri have received number of the objections. She read the name of individuals and organizations who sent the objections in writing or on email. It is as under :-

A) Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Ratnagiri:-

Sr. No.	Name of Persons/Organization
1	Shri Prasad Khale, Conservation Action Trust, received by email;
2	Shri Dipak Apte, B.N.H.S, received by email.
3	Office of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Govt. of Maharashtra for objections from Ambolgad, Sakharinate, Wada Tivre villagers;
4	Tivre village Development Mandal, At Post-Tivre, Post-Rajawadi, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri;
5	Sakharinate Fishers' Sahakari Society Limited, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri

6	Nate Panchakroshi Parisar Bachav Samiti, At Post-Ambolghad, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri;
7	Grampanchayat, Ambolghad, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri
8	Shri Sachin Keshav Chavan, At Post-Chandoshi, Talebazar, Tal-Devgad, Dist-Sindhudurg
9	Shri Devanand Shankar Dhulbhul, Resident F-1, Nirmiti Apartment, Rly. Station, Tal-Miraj, Dist-Sangli;
10	Shri Padamnabha Vilas Kotharkar, RTI Workers' Mahasangh, 516, Gayal Kokari, Dhaulvallai, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri
11	Shri Samir Vijay Shirwadkar, RTI Workers' Mahasangh, Thovar Mansion NO.4/29, 2 nd Floor, Shivdas Chapsi Marg, Nurbag, Mumbai
12	Tivre Gram Aikyavardhak Mandal, Mumbai

B) District Collector Office :-

Sr. No.	Name of Persons/Organization
1	Hon'ble Uday Samant, Chairman, MHADA
2	Hon'ble Shri. Vinayak Raut, Member of Parliament (Loksabha)
3	Shri Sanjay Maruti Haldankar, Secretary, Tivre Gram Aikyavardhak Mandal, Mumbai
4	Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Rajwadi, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri
5	Secretary, Tivre Gram Vikas Mandal, Tivre Bhandarwadi, Post-Rajawadi, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri
6	Shri Devanand Shankar Dhulbul, Resident F-1, Nirmiti Apartment, Rly. Station Road, Tal-Miraj, Dist-Sangli
7	Shri Sunil Khanvilkar & Others Nate Panchakroshi Parisar Bachav Samiti, Ambolghad
8	Chairman, Sakharinate Fishermen Sahakari Society Ltd., Sakarinate
9	Shri Samir Vijay Shirwadkar, Secretary RTI Workers' Mahasangh, Mumbai
10	Shri Ajit Ramesh Yeshwantrao, Secretary, Nationalist Congress Party, Mumbai Goa Highway, Lanja
11	Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Ambolghad, Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri

C) Sub Divisional Office, Rajapur :-

Sr. No.	Name of Persons/Organization
1	Letter from Hon'ble Shri Vinayak Raut, Member of Parliament for the objections received from
1	Group Grampanchayat, Wada Peth, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri;
2	Grampanchayat, Ambolghad, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri;
3	Grampanchayat, Rajwadi, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri;
4	Grampanchayat, Sakharinate, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri;
5	Tivre Gram Aikyavardhak Mandal, Mumbai

D) Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries Office, Ratnagiri :-

Sr. No.	Name of Persons/Organization
1	Sakharinate Machhimar Sahakari Society Ltd., Nate, Tal. Rajapur, Dist. Ratnagiri
2	Nate Panchakroshi Parisar Bachav Samitee , At. Post Ambolghad, Tal Rajapur, Dist. Ratnagiri

Majority of people pressed were shouting with slogans. The people were shouting against the establishment of the project. Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee after some time appealed second time to the people to keep calm and raise any objection regarding the project.

Shri Rajendra Fatarferkar while raising objection said that there are large number of females/ women attending the meeting. But there is no toilet blocks. Hence this public hearing meeting is illegal and should be cancelled.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee and District Magistrate, Ratnagiri informed that the arrangement is made temporarily for conducting the public hearing meeting. Hence it is not possible to built permanent toilet block. This meeting is called for the issues of environment protection of the proposed project. Ignoring objection on environmental issues and raising other objections is of no use. The objection should be raised regarding the environment only.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee appealed several times to keep calm and quiet during the meeting. He opined that without calm, it is not possible to discuss the issues of pollution and the report may have to be prepared one sided.

But the people continued the slogans against the project. They were shouting. Chairman of the Committee after some time gap here appealed third time to keep calm and raise any objection, suggestion regarding the project. Chairman of the Committee while appealing to keep quite informed that two local representatives Hon'ble Shri Rajan Salvi, Hon'ble MLA and Smt. Husnabanu Khalipe, Hon'ble MLC are here. They are also attending the public hearing meeting. The local people can raise the objections, suggestions through the public representative as well. The above representatives have not raised any objection, suggestion against the project.

After some time Chairman of the Committee and District Magistrate informed that this is last chance given to people to keep calm and raise fearlessly the suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee also appealed all to keep calmness and raise objections, suggestions regarding the proposed project. The participant did not raise any question.

As there were no further questions, while concluding the meeting, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the EIA Notification 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, prior public consultation is

mandatory to certain projects while obtaining Environmental Clearance. The public notice was published in the local and national newspaper regarding the public hearing. The suggestions and objections received for the project in writing and on email and raised during the meeting will be included in the minutes of the meeting which will be submitted to the Expert Committee of MoEFCC, Government of India, Delhi, The Expert Committee will take further decision. Chairman of the Committee thanked all government officials, company officials and general public who attended the public hearing/meeting and declared at 12.00 noon that the said public hearing is concluded.

There was chaos situation in the Public Hearing Meeting. Hence could not prepare the attendance sheet.

There was no untoward incident in the meeting.

The Public Hearing Committee is in receipt of three suggestions/objections while the meeting was in process. It is as under :-

Sr.No.	Name of Person/Agency
1	Ambolgad Gram Vikas Mandal, AP-Ambolgad, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri
2	Advocate Pandurang G.Parker, Andheri, Mumbai
3	Dy.Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Nate, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri

Konkan Vikas Abhiyan, Ratnagiri District, At Post-Tervan, Tal-Rajapur, Dist-Ratnagiri have submitted 36 number of letters during meeting in support of the project.



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MPCB, Ratnagiri



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Member of the Public
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MPCB, Kolhapur



(Sunil Chavan)
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