Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing.

Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing in respect of M/s Keltech Energies Limited, Vill Garamsur, Tq Katol, Dist Nagpur,

Environmental public hearing of M/s Keltech Energies Limited, Vill Garamsur, Tq Katol, Dist Nagpur, was conducted on 24th July 2019 at 12.30 noon within premises of said industry. Public hearing was conducted under the chairmanship of Shri Ravindra Khajanji, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur. Shri Rahul Wankhede, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was present as a member and Smt Hema Deshpande, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur -1 was convener of the said Public Hearing. Nearby public & other officials attended Public Hearing enthusiastically; attendance register is attached herewith.

M/s Keltech Energies Limited, Vill Garamsur, Tq Katol, Dist Nagpur, has proposed for expansion by enhancing existing capacity of Explosive products and addition of new products which requires Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Climate change, Govt. of India. As per Terms of Reference, issued by the Ministry, industry vide letter dated 18/03/2019, had applied to the M.P.C Board to conduct public consultation along with draft EIA/EMP, Executive summary in English & Marathi. The Head office of the Board, vide letter no. MPCB/JD (WPC)/P.H/B- 1214 dtd 29/03/2019, had accorded approval to conduct public hearing procedure. Following guidelines stipulated under EIA Notification dated 14 Sep 2006, amended dtd 1/12/2009, venue, date and time was finalized after consultation with the District Magistrate, Nagpur. The Board office vide letter no. MPCB/JD (WPC)/P.H/B-2374 dtd 01/07/2019 issued office order to conduct public Hearing within premises of Industry, on 24th July 2019 at 12.30 p.m under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate, Nagpur, (copy enclosed).

Advertise of the said public Hearing was published in English daily "The Hitvada" & Marathi daily "SAKAL" dtd 21th June 2019 with thirty days period to receive objections of the concerns. (Copies enclosed).

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment/Environment Management Plan reports along with Executive summary in English and Marathi with soft copy were placed at following offices for information and study by the people.

- 1) Environment Department, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
- 2) Collector Office, Nagpur.
- 3) Zilha Parishad, Nagpur.
- 4) District Industry Center, Nagpur.
- 5) Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
- 6) Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur.
- 7) Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-1.
- 8) Grampanchayat Office, Garamsur, Tq Katol, Dist Nagpur.
- 9) Tahsil Office, Katol, Nagpur.
- 10) Sub-Divisional Office, katol, Dist Nagpur.
- 11) Regional Office, MoEF, climate change, at ground floor, East wing, New secretariat Building, Civil lines, Nagpur.

Said documents were also made available on Board's website mpcb.gov.in

No written objections were received before Public Hearing however; eleven objections/representation were received during hearing. (copies are attached herewith)

Public Hearing proceedings started at 12.30 after due permission of the Chairperson. Convener Hema Deshpande during her introductory speech explained procedure of public hearing and cleared that, public hearing committee doesn't have right to recommend or to approve the said project. The proceeding of public hearing along with received written objections/memorandums and video recording will be submitted to the Ministry for further needful action. She then invited industry representative to give power point presentation of proposed expansion project.

Shri Garve, Director of Anacon Labs as a technical consultant for said company carried power point presentations in Marathi regarding details of proposed project, Present Environmental status, Impact of proposed project & Environmental mitigation measures.

Smt Hema Deshpande, convener of the hearing invited present people to put their views, objections etc. regarding project.

Points discussed are as under.

Shri Bandu Dhyneshwar Rathod, Mahurzara (Ex. Dy. Sarpanch, Garamsur) said;

- 1) Our village is 1.0 K.M away from the industry and experiencing vibrations due to testing activities of explosive products.
- 2) Industry shall provide employment to local unemployed youths.

3) Industry shall spend at least 5 % amount of their profit for village development.

Shri. Vijay Rathod, Member, Grampanchayat Garamsur, said;

- 1) Industry has provided employment to local people and don't have any Environmental issues.
- 2) Employment shall be provided to local people in upcoming expansion project.

Shri Natthu Nagpure, Sarpanch (Garamsur-Shekapaur) said;

 Industry Authority has provided employment to local people and more employment will be generated due to expansion project and we welcome the expansion project and don't have any objection.

Shri Y Channakeshao Reddi (Environment Social Activist) said;

- 1) As industry is complied with Environmental Rules we welcome this expansion project.
- 2) Fund under CER/CSR shall be utilized for development of affected villages.
- 3) Tree plantation, rain water harvesting activities, Health camp shall be conducted in affected villages.
- 4) Adequate measures shall be taken to control pollution.
- 5) Employment shall be provided to local people.

Shri H.Madbabu, Hydrabad (Environment Social Activist) said;

- 1) Massive Tree Plantation shall be carried out and employment shall be provided to local people.
- 2) Conditions of CPCB/MPCB shall be followed scrupulously.

Shri Rahhul Wankhede, Regional Officer, asked

- Manufacturing process is not elaborated in reports. The concentration of Lead in ambient air quality is not specified.
- 2) Considering total investment of the project of Rs 50.6 Crs, The ECR fund which is 2 % of total cost, comes out to be Rs 1.0 Crs and it shall be used before commissioning of the project for the development of nearby area.

Shri Garve, Technical Consultant, Anacon Laboratory said;

As per rule, Rs 51 Lacs has been reserved under ECR fund and will be utilized within one year from commissioning of project for Environment protection in surrounding area in the coordination with affected Grampanchayats.

Convener, Smt Hema Deshpande asked, the source of water and additional water requirement for expansion.

Shri Garve, Technical Consultant, Anacon Laboratory reported that;

Additional ground water will be required for expansion project and necessary NOC from CGWA will be taken for additional water consumption. He further added that, special trench has been prepared for testing of explosive products to control the vibrations. Industry authority has monitored ground vibrations due to Explosives quality testing and are within DGMS standards. In the concluding remark Chairman welcomed and extended thanks to all those who were present during public consultation. He has taken in account all objections & various comments raised during hearing especially vibration to nearby villages due to explosive product testing. Industry authority has conducted and monitored ground vibration intensity and found meeting with DGMS standards. He suggested that, for the sake of safety of the villagers pre intimation shall be given regarding explosive product testing schedule. He further added that, due to expansion of industry 90 no. direct employment and 200 no. indirect employment will be generated. Industry authority has carried out tree plantation in sufficient quantity. Under CSR fund about Rs 3.74 lacs had been incurred for development work in villages. He urged to carry out more work in affected villages for education, health facilities, drinking water system in the co-ordination with concerned affected Gram panchayats and District Administration.

Public Hearing ended with thanks.

Rahul Wankhede)

Member & Regional Officer

(Hema Deshpande)

Convener & Sub-Regional Officer

(Ravinera Khajanji)

Additional District Magistrate,

Nagpur.