

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED CAPACITY AUGMENTATION AND MODERNIZATION FOR PRODUCTION OF FINISHED PRODUCTS IN THE FORM OF INGOTS, BLOOMS AND BARS FROM 2, 04,000 TPA TO 2, 44,000 TPA AT S.NO.72-76, MUNDHWA, PUNE, MAHARASHTRA

The public hearing was conducted for Proposed Capacity Augmentation and Modernization for Production of Finished Products in the Form of Ingots, Blooms and Bars from 2, 04,000 TPA TO 2, 44,000 TPA at S.No.72-76, Mundhwa, Pune, Maharashtra on 13th February 2019 at Alpa Bachat Bhawan, Pratap Hall, 7 Queens garden Road, behind Council Hall, Camp, Pune 411 001, Maharashtra

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No. E-14 of 2019 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 540, dated 12/09/2018

1) Dr. Jayashree Katare **Chairman,**
Resident Deputy Collector, Pune
(Additional of District Magistrate, Pune)

2) Shri Nitin Shinde, **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I,
MPCB, Pune

Shri.Nitin Shinde, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, Pune-I, MPCB, Pune welcomed Hon'ble Chairman of the public hearing committee, company officials and public who were present in large number. He informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as its amended thereof, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, Pune-I, MPCB, Pune was in receipt of application of M/s Saarloha Advanced Materials Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly known as M/s Kalyani Carpenter Special Steels Pvt. Ltd.)

Further, the Convener informed that, as per EIA Notification, 2006 proposed company is placed in 3 (a) category. The aim of conducting prior public consultation is to 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 convener of the meeting informed that as per the said EIA Notification, the industry comes under Category B. Hence the project proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the SEIAA, Gov. of Maharashtra Environment Dept. Mantralaya, Mumbai for Terms of Reference (ToR) of EIA studies on 13th June, 2018. Gov. of Maharashtra Environment Dept. SEAC, Mumbai considered the project and approved the ToR on 1th July, 2018. As per notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspaper "Loksatta" in Marathi on 12.01.2019 and in English daily "Indian Express" on 12.01.2019. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed expansion project.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Western Zone Office, Nagpur; District Magistrate Office, Pune, Additional District Magistrate Office, Pune, Zilla Parishad Office, Pune, District Industries Centre Office, Pune, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Pune-I, Regional Office, MPCB, Pune and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send their suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project. The Convener requested Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee for allowing to start the public hearing meeting.

Dr. Jayashree Katare Chairman of Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the project in details along with environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. She also appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any about the project after technical presentation.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the company, gave the presentation of the expansion project. This presentation was comprised of information about the project in detail, probable impact of project activities and Environment Management Plan with respect to the same.

After the presentations, the committee appealed gathering to give their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed expansion of the project, specifically concerned with environment.

The discussions, questions and answer on the technical presentation of the project are as follows,

1. Nishikant Ahire, Keshvanagar, Mundwa Pune

He expressed his happiness on the development of the locality because of Bharat forge and Kalyani group. He raised the issue—the road connecting to the company and nearby roads are very congested, road from Mundwa to

Magarpatta is very small. There is need for widening of roads in the Keshavnagar.

2. Vijay Baburao Shinde, Mundwa

He expressed his happiness over the Kalyani group presence in the locality and the villagers are very proud of the project.

3. Balasaheb Shitole

He is staying in the Mundwa region for past 40 years. He mentioned that Kalyani group have taken the responsibility of the people in the locality. Kalyani group should be called the "Janta raja", the local and those who came from outside have benefitted from the projects.

4. Pradip Jadhav, Shirke road, Mundhwa - Social worker

What is the source of water and what are the provisions for management of water?

Mr. Shelke Sr. Vice President of the company explained that there are three sources of water for which company has water withdrawal permission. Irrigation department, Jack well- canal and Mula Mutha River and bore well. The water from Municipal council and tanker have also provision. Due to vacuum pumping there 40 m³ water will require less. Further, Mr. Shelke explained that we have STP of capacity 130 CMD and 30 to 35 m³ water process from STP will be used for gardening, according to season the filtered water is used for reprocessing.

5. Vikram Lonkar, Mundhwa

I am living in this area since many years. I have my own land in Mundhwa area. However, we did not find any problem because of this industry. Villagers do not mind to increase production capacity.

6. Udhav Panchal, Hadapsar

He stays in Hadapsar, he questioned, how much water will be polluted from production capacity?

Mr. Shelke explained that there are two uses of water Household and for Industry. We take 720 m³ water per day, out of which boiler 30 m³ and makeup 690 m³. For cooling tower 28.5 m³ of water per day. There is no release of water outside.

7. Chandrakant Jadhav, Hadapsar

Is there any air or noise pollution? What are the plans for it?

Mr. Shelke explained that with the help of modern technology we are reducing the noise pollution around electronic arc furnace. Also furnace is placed in the enclosed area. We will be using maximum oxygen, so air require for combustion will be less and SO₂ and NO₂ release will be less.

8. Ashok Naalgire, Keshavnagar

He is member of the Grampanchyat Keshav nagar. Kalyani group have adopted the nearby villages and have trained in waste segregation, vermin composting. The villagers don't have problem for proposed expansion.

9. Upendra Kulkarni Field Officer, MPCB

What is the present requirement of electricity? How much electricity is required for second arc furnace? After expansion how much electricity will be required? How much is the bag filter dust collection capacity and how much will be increased?

Mr. Shelke explained that, connected load is 54.2 MW, We have sanction demand of 36.8 MW. We have reduced the operational time, idle time and studied the performance of the equipment's. Our current filter dust collection capacity is 5, 40,000 m³/hr, which is 30% more than requirement. There will be no harmful impact on the environment.

10. Kaushik Shah

He have small scale industry and affirmatively raised point that there is around 20% increase in the load, there will be no additional electricity and cutting of trees. This is good sign for India.

11. Narendra Pal Singh, Vice President, Rotary Club, Pune

He was representing Rotary club Pune as vice president. He is happy that environment department is thinking about pollution control and safety. Baba kalyani association with Rotary is very old and he is inspiration to us on how do we conserve it. He requested that for development of the company there is need of alternate road as there are 2 railway crossing and it create problem for local people. Additional local development should be done through CSR.

12. Shrikant Mantri

I am satisfied with the explanation and it shows that there is no pollution and tree cutting. He also gave information on the upcoming projects- The 2 bridges have been sanctioned in the Ghorpadi, it will be inaugurated in the

March. It is in last step of completion. The bridge behind Bharat forge connects Kalayani nagar and Lohgaon. Hence, Traffic problem will be solved.

13. Sanjay Dube

He says that 50% of the people are depended here in the company and 20 % increase in production will generate the local employment opportunities.

14. Dr. Abhay Mantri

I have hospital in the region since last 12 to 14 years and have not come across any asthma or occupational related patients. I can say that pollution remain low in this area.

The Convener Mr. Nitin Shinde

As environmental officer, I would like to suggest the air pollution control equipment should be interlocked. There are complaints from the area on the air quality that it is degrading. There should be installation of ambient air quality monitoring system.

Dr. Jayashree Katare

Chairman of the public hearing mentioned that public hearing at plant could be effective. The pollution is long-term effect and its effects cannot be detected at early stages. In Maharashtra companies like Saarloha helps to move from developing country to developed country. The CSR funds should be utilized for the long-term projects in the area.

After this question answers, the committee once again appealed the general public to give their suggestions or objections for proposed expansion project, particularly on environmental issues only.

The convener of the environmental public hearing committee explained the reason for not taking public hearing at site. As working area is near to gate and for attending public hearing people have to pass the working area and which is accident prone area. Hence for safety reasons public hearing was conducted at said meeting Hall.

The public hearing committee informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting will be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting. It will be submitted to the concerned authority along with final EIA report. The expert committee will take further decision.

It was observed that public was not raising any queries further or raising any issues. Hence, the convener of the committee requested the chairman to conclude the meeting.

The chairman announced that the meeting is closed, The meeting ended with extending thanks to the chair & public.



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