

Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing

Environmental Public Hearing was conducted for Development of Multipurpose Terminal with Jetty (Existing) for cargo handling and ship repair facility using Floating Dry Dock (Small Ship), Proposed by M/s. Marine Syndicate Pvt. Ltd., at Survey .No. 41 & 42, Hissa No. 18 & 19/1, Village-Katale (Jaigad Creek), Tal. Guhagar, Dist. Ratnagiri, held on 05/09/2018, at 1:00 p.m. at Lokshikshan Mandal Abloli, Sabhagruha, Gonbarewadi, Khodade, Tal. Guhagar, Dist. Ratnagiri.

Based on Terms of Reference issued by SEAC I, Maharashtra, in the meeting held on 02.07.2015; The Public Hearing was conducted for Development of Multipurpose Terminal with Jetty (Existing) for Cargo Handling and ship repair facility using Floating Dry Dock (Small Ship), proposed by M/s Marine Syndicate Pvt. Ltd. Ratnagiri at Survey No. 41 & 42 (Hissa 18 & 19/1), village Katale (Jaigad creek), Tal. Guhagar, Dist. Ratnagiri. Shri. Amit Shedge, Additional District Magistrate, Dist. Ratnagiri, presiding over the hearing as Chairman of Public Hearing panel, Shri. N.S.Lohalkar, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Kolhapur, Member of the public hearing panel & Shri. A.D.Chavan, I/C- Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Chiplun, Convener of the public hearing panel welcomed the Chairman, Members as well as the participants of public hearing. The list of the panel Members as well as the participants of public hearing present during the public hearing is enclosed herewith. (Annexure-I)

The Convener, thereafter, briefly informed about the procedure followed by M.P.C. Board, This Public Hearing earlier scheduled on 25.05.2018 was postponed due to code of conduct imposed for Konkan Zone Graduates Constituency election and it was rescheduled on 05.09.2018. The notice about re-scheduling of Public Hearing was published in daily newspaper Ratnagiri Times in Marathi on 03.08.2018 and in Free Press Journal in English on 04.08.2018. This project proposal falls under activity No. 7(e) of Category 'B' (Ports & Harbors) of schedule to the EIA Notification 2006. The copies of draft EIA / EMP and Executive Summaries in English and Marathi along with the soft copy in the form of CDs were made available to the offices mentioned in the public notice.

Convener conveyed details of procedure and further clarified to the participants that the Public Hearing Panel is not here to accord/recommend Environmental clearance to the project, but for recording the objections/suggestions of the participants, which will be video graphed and will be submitted to the SEAC I, Maharashtra through Head Office of M. P. C. Board, Mumbai along with minutes of Public Hearing for further necessary action.

The Convener, with permission of Chairman, then requested the project proponent to give information about their project through power point presentation in local language.

Project Proponent, Mariner Dilip Bhatkar (Director, Marine Syndicate Pvt. Ltd.) explained technical aspects of this project in line with details given in EIA/EMP reports. He further explained genuine need of such facility today on Konkan Coast. He further added that project proponents are local residents of Konkan region and professionals in sea-faring work. He explained that entire procedure used in this project will be fostering and nourishing total environment of this region. He further added that the Company has its own 7.25 Acres foreshore land for this project and additional land acquisition is not required. Company has already made 2.5 km. private road connecting project site to state high way No. 105. Whereas, total 3500 sq. mtr. water frontage of 100 mtr. length is obtained on lease from Maharashtra Maritime Board for this project. He added that there is not a single mangrove tree at this project site. He also explained some other downstream and upstream locations in Jaigad creek where patches of mangroves are existing.

Mariner Dilip Bhatkar further stated that this Multipurpose Terminal is established and already in operation in small scale in last few years. There is one existing jetty for loading Bauxite and Laterite bulk cargo. This terminal has Customs notification for export of Bauxite. Repair work of barges and small vessels is also attended here occasionally. M. P. C. Board, Regional Office Kolhapur has granted consent for operation of non-hazardous cargo shipment upto one lakh ton per year and ship repair work using floating dry dock valid till 30.06.2021. The Company is now desirous to handle other cargoes including coal which falls in the category of hazardous cargo. One piled jetty of size 25 mtrs. x 13 mtrs. is also planned for unloading the cargo at this terminal. Tankage will be made for Molasses like liquid cargo. Total cargo capacity will be enhanced from existing one lakh ton per year to two lakh ton per year. In short, the expansion of existing facility is planned as per the details given in EIA/EMP reports.

Dr. D. A. Patil, Environmental Consultant then explained environmental issues of land, air and creek water including base line study data collected at various places around project site within 10 km radius zone.

Thereafter, Chairman of this Public Hearing, Hon. Shri. Amit Shedage (Additional District Magistrate, Ratnagiri) appealed people to express their queries, suggestions, objections or comments regarding the proposed project.

The details of the comments made by the people and the reply given by project proponent are given below.

- **Mr. Prabhakar Vishram Shinde**(From Sande-Lavgan Village) : He thanked Hon. District Collector for arranging this Public Hearing. He did not fore-see any harm and problem from this project. He further stated that such project will earn revenue and support the development of this region. He suggested training facility for the local students and youth. He expected local employment through this project. He conveyed his best wishes to the project.
- **Shri Mahesh R.Natekar**(Zilla-Parishad Member) : He said that project of cargo shipment and ship repair work is already in operation occasionally at this site. Company has now planned expansion of work scope. He said he was positive for this expansion and looking for increased employment opportunity in this expansion. He further said that due to increased cargo movement, ship repair work and separate ship breaking activity; the shipping traffic in the creek will also increase to some extent. Therefore, the channel for the fishing boats has to be kept open in the creek all the time. Similarly, shallow patches in the creek need to be dredged for safe navigational passage. He suggested to include local representative in monitoring committee for better co-ordination of environmental issues and traffic control in the creek. He conveyed support and best wishes to this project.
- **Dr. Vinay Natu**(Ex. MLA, Guhagar) : Infact, this project is already in existence with all necessary permissions in hand. Project proponent has given all details of expansion planned in existing facility of this multipurpose terminal. He supported this project wholeheartedly. Dr. Vinay Natu stated that the project proponent has already provided all information and details during their earlier Public Hearing conducted some time ago for Ship Breaking Facility today. Whereas, this is the matter of expansion of work scope only at same project site. Therefore, no more discussions are required now and all the details are already discussed. He conveyed support and best wishes to this project.

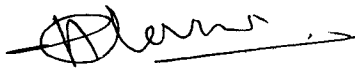
At last, Hon. Chairman asked project proponent Mariner Dilip Bhatkar to express his views and give concluding remarks.

- **Mariner Dilip Bhatkar**, Director, Marine Syndicate Pvt. Ltd. expressed gratitude and thanks to the house for peaceful and good understanding and for extending support and best wishes to the project. He once again assured the total protection of environmental issues during operation of project, careful preventive measures to control pollution and no hindrance and obstacles to the fishing activity and tourism activity in the creek. Mr. Dilip Bhatkar responded to the suggestion made by Mr. Natekar and further stated that involvement of village representative in the proposed monitoring committee will help the Company in better co-ordination of project work. He also stated that the few long pending issues of this creek like dredging the sand bars and shallow patches and thus establishing the safe navigational channels will be collectively taken to the Port and Govt. Authorities for needful doing and solving the problems.

Mariner Dilip Bhatkar once again thanked the dais and the house personally and also on behalf of M/s Marine Syndicate Pvt. Ltd., Ratnagiri.

After the question-answer session, Shri. A.D.Chavan, Convener of the Public Hearing panel confirmed with the Chairman of Public Hearing about conclusion of Public Hearing

The Chairman then concluded the Public Hearing with vote of thanks to the participants



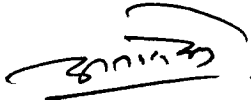
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