

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPANSION/ ENHANCEMENT IN PRODUCTION OF GRAIN BASED DISTILLERY PROJECT (100.0 KLPD TO 130.0 KLPD) PROPOSED BY M/S PRIVILEGE INDUSTRIES LIMITED AT PLOT No.B-1, MIDC LONAND, TALUKA-KHANDALA, DIST-SATARA, MAHARASHTRA

An Environmental Public Hearing for Enhancement/Expansion in production of Grain Based Distillery Project (100.0 KLPD to 130.0 KLPD) proposed by M/s Privilege Industries Ltd., At Plot No.B-1, MIDC Lonand, Tal-Khandala, Dist-Satara was conducted on 05 January, 2019 at 11.30 AM at project site.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No.E-124 of 2018 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-4889, dated 26/12/2018 :-

- 1) Shri Sachin Baravkar, - **Chairman,**
Additional District Magistrate - Satara
(Representative of District Magistrate,
Satara)
- 2) Shri Dilip K. Khedkar, - **Member**
Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune
(representative of MPCB, Mumbai)
- 3) Shri Babasaheb Kukade, - **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer, Satara,
MPCB, Pune

Shri Babasaheb Kukade,, Convener of the public hearing and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Satara welcomed all who were present in large number and 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 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.

MPCB has received proposal from M/s Privilege Industries Ltd., At Plot No.B-1, MIDC Lonand, Tal-Khandala, Dist-Satara for their proposed enhancement in production of Grain Based Distillery from 100.0 KLPD to 130.0 KLPD.

The Convener further informed that, as per EIA Notification, 2006, the category of project falls as per production i.e. Distillery falls under Category - "A," Schedule 5 (g). 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. The project proponent had submitted prescribed application alongwith pre-feasibility report to the MoEFCC, Gol for Terms of Reference (ToR) for conduct of EIA studies and MoEFCC, New Delhi considered the project and approved on 5th August, 2018.

He further informed that as per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspaper in Daily Sakal for Marathi and national newspaper in The Indian Express for English on 4th December, 2018. The copies of EIA report and Executive Summary were made available at various notified offices of Government viz Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Western Zone Office, Nagpur; District Magistrate Office, Satara; Additional District Magistrate Office-Satara; Zilla Parishad, Satara; District Industries Centre, Satara; Tahsil Office- Khandala, Dist-Satara; Nagar Panchayat Office, At Post-Lonand, Tal – Khandala, Dist -Satara; Gram Panchayat Offices at Golegaon Punarvasan, At Post-Golegaon, Tal-Khandala, Dist-Satara; Gramvikas Officer, Marichiaai Wadi, At Post-Marichiaai Wadi, Tal- Khandala, Dist-Satara; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune; Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. Also the above copies were made available on website of MPCB. It was appealed to send any objections / suggestions regarding the project. The Convener further informed that not a single written objection is received by the MPCB. A letter on email from Shri V.Sunanda Reddy, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad is received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB Satara. With the permission of Chair, he informed the project representative to explain the project information to the audience.

Shri Dilip Khedkar, Member, Public Hearing Committee and Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune welcomed all and informed that this public hearing is arranged for the expansion of the production in Distillery unit. Hence the suggestions, objections of pollution control issues and environment management plan of the Project Proponent should be raised here and issues regarding other subjects should not be raised.

Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details of pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He also appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any about the project after their technical presentation.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the company has gave the presentation of the expansion project and Environment Management Plan in detail.

**FOLLOWINGS HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS,
QUESTIONS AND ANSWER GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT /
PROJECT CONSULTANT / PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE**

- 1) **Shri Nanasaheb Balkrishna Nanavare, Principal, New English School, Andori, Resident of Andori village, Tal-Khandala, Dist-Satara :-**

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	<p>1) The village Andori is just 2-3 k.m. away from the project. Pollution is pollution, whether it is water or air.</p> <p>2) In the presentation, it is shown that the CSR Fund is used in the surrounding areas. But the Project Proponent has not implemented social schemes as expected. They have not visited nearly 15 schools in the area. Other companies do carry the social welfare work regularly.</p> <p>3) Project Proponent should control the pollution, but should not avoid their social responsibility. The students of the local areas should be given financial help to complete the educational courses. The nearby grampanchayat areas should be provided various pollution-free items. 4)The meeting should be arranged in other companies also as arranged here to make aware common people for pollution control.</p>	<p>Project Proponent welcomed the various suggestions. It is promised to implement the same in future. Project Proponent further informed that local schools have been provided with Reverse Osmosis (RO) system and toilet blocks. Some school students have been provided with note books, educational books, and other apparatus. It is informed that if Educational Institute do inform their priorities for immediatye requirements/needs, it can be fulfilled positively.</p>

2) Shri Shivaji Jagtap, Resident of Morve, Tal-Khandala, Dist-Satara :-

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	The various industries have been commissioned after existence of MIDC area. When there is industrialization, there will be pollution. As wind changes direction, there may be threat of air pollution. Project proponent could have carried survey from the eastern side. Now project proponent plans for expansion, it will require additional water. It will be lifted from the drinking water reservoir of this area. Hence local people will get less water for drinking purposes.	Project Proponent informed that at present 1150.0 KLD water is required for the project. After expansion, there will not be any increase in the requirement of water for the project. The percentage of Alcohol can be increased upto 14% from 8-9%. The industrial effluent which will be created in the process will be treated in Effluent Treatment Plant and MEE. It will be recycled and reused in the process as well as for gardening. The project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). Hence local people should not fear about the project.
2)	The local people should be given priority while giving job opportunities after expansion of the project.	Project Proponent informed that since inception of the project, local people are given priority in the job opportunities.

3) Shri Bharat Jadhav, Resident of Morve, Dist-Satara:-

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	The Morve village is 9.0 k.m. away from the project. The Project Proponent should spend the fund of CSR as per requirement in the local area.	The suggestion is welcomed by the project proponent. The priorities/ need of the local people will be considered while spending

	The local people should be given priorities while extending job opportunities.	the money of CSR for the social welfare project.
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**4) Shri Ashok Chandrakant Dhayagude,
Resident of Andori, Tal-Khandala, Dist-Satara :-**

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	While supporting the expansion of the project, what are the criteria for spending the amount of CSR for social welfare schemes? The suggestions given by Principal Nanaware are supported and should be implemented. The amount should be earmarked for de veloping green belt in the area.	The Project Proponent has planted more than 1,000 trees. If the local people make available the space/land, definitely positive steps will be taken.

**5) Shri Anil Mahadev Kudale, President, BJP Khandala Taluka Samiti,
Dist-Satara, Local Agriculturist**

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	The advice of Government department should be sought for sowing of saplings in the area. The green belt should be developed on the hill, which is near the village. Separate water supply connection	Project Proponent answered that with the co-operation and guidance of local people, sapling programme can be implemented. The suggestion of providing water connection at outside

	should be provided on the hill to maintain the green belt.	the factory can only be implemented after studying the agreement made with MIDC.
2)	Project Proponent should undertake a pilot project to develop personality of the local children under CSR. One of such projects is in existence at Beed.	The suggestion is noted.
3)	As per directives of Hon'ble Environment Minister, the sapling programme should be implemented. The local people have planted and nourished the 20 trees at Bhairavnath Hill and now 40 trees should be planted and nourished. The Project Proponent should provide water connection at Bhairavnath Hill to nourish the trees.	The suggestion is noted. As discussed during the meeting, the agreement made with MIDC will have to be studied first and then only decision will be taken.
4)	The people of Lonand thanks for the assistance rendered by the Project Proponent for the renovation of local Mhasoba Temple.	Noted.

**6) Shri Yogesh Kuchekar, Resident – Maraiwadi, Tal-Khandala,
Dist – Satara**

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	Due to the pollution from the industry, there is threat to the nearby villages. The cropping pattern is also disturbed. Only undertaking the tree plantation programme is of no use, unless the planted trees are nourished. The project	Project Proponent informed that the project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). Not a drop of water is generated outside the factory. As per the directives of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Online Monitoring System is installed and in operation which is

	proponent should make arrangement for providing drinking water to the villages and for the nourishment of trees.	connected to the server of CPCB and MPCB. The prescribed standards are maintained for air pollution. As discussed earlier, for taking water connection outside MIDC area will have to be discussed with the Competent Authority and then only it can be implemented.
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7) H. Madhu Babu, an Environmentalist from Hyderabad :-

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	The Project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) and hence the project is welcomed. While developing green belt, the medicinal plants should be developed. The local species should be planted. The requirement of any particular village for social development programme should be studied and then only implemented through CSR. The directives of the MPCB and CPCB should be followed strictly. The suggestions in the writing is handed to the Committee.	The suggestions are noted and will be implemented.

8) Shri Vishwas Shirtude, Director, Krishi-Utpan Bajar Samiti, Lonand, Resident of Lonand, Dist-Satara:-

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	Before starting the procedure of the meeting, the participant are directed to raise any	Project Proponent informed that almost all workers appointed in the project are

	<p>suggestion or objection on the environmental issues of the industry only is suppression of the Public Hearing Committee. The trucks carrying barley is always unloaded in the bank colony at Ward No.11. The waste lies unlifted. Hence people residing in the vicinity suffers. The land of the local farmers is acquired by MIDC for developing the industrial zone. Hence the list of the local people working in the project should be made available. The industries are essential for the development, but not a single worker from Lonand village is appointed in the project. The people of Lonand welcomes the expansion of the project.</p>	<p>local people only. The person and agency who are throwing Barley will be informed immediately. Utmost precaution will be taken to avoid any nuisance to local people.</p>
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9) Shri Harshavardhan Anandrao Shelke Patil, Resident of Lonand, Dist-Satara :-

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	<p>Thanks for arranging this Public Hearing Meeting. The study of local villages are carried in the EIA. The people of Chamarwadi, Padegaon should be taken in confidence while implementing social welfare schemes under CSR. The Project Proponent do provide Reverse Osmosis (RO) System in the winter. The precaution for not spreading waste barley should be taken.</p>	Noted.
2)	<p>The Project Proponent should treat local people with dignity.</p>	<p>The suggestion will be implemented immediately.</p>

	A local person be made available at the main gate with security personnel who knows the local people to avoid misunderstanding.	A local person will be made available to stand on the main gate with security personnels.
3)	The Headwise expenditure of CSR should be made available.	The suggestion is noted. The CSR amount will be spent as per the priorities given by the local people.
4)	The Environment Camp like this be arranged at other industries also to make local people aware of the pollution problems.	The suggestions are noted.

10) Shri Devidas Kisan Chavan, Ex-Sarpanch, Pimpare Budruk, Resident of Pimpare Budruk, Dist-Satara :-

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	The survey of Pimpare village for water and air is not carried till todate. The water of small canal/odha is observed black in colour. Even if in rainy season also, the black colour water is released. The crop of chilly and tomato were observed not upto desired quality and now it is not growing. The scientific study for the same should be undertaken immediately.	Noted the suggestion.

**11) Shri Ravindra Ramesh Kshirsagar,
Resident of Lonand, Dist-Satara:-**

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	The Project Proponent has spent nearly Rupees 8.5 (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty thousand) to built the toilet blocks in some schools in the local area.	The point is noted.

**12) Shri Kali Mullha,
Resident of Lonand, Dist-Satara :-**

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	Due to expansion, the use of coal for burning will increase. Hence the huge coal smoke should be avoided.	The Project Proponent informed that the prescribed standards as laid down by CPCB and MPCB are maintained. The Online Monitoring System is in operation and connection of it is connected to the server of MPCB and CPCB.
2)	The Project Proponent is wholeheartedly implementing the social welfare schemes under CSR. The budget of CSR should be increased. The programme of cleaning of local nallas passing through the villages be taken in hand. The amount should be earmarked for tree plantation.	As discussed during the meeting, the local people will be taken into confidence and priorities will be decided for work under CSR.
3)	It is observed that in many processing units, the sudden fire	The suggestion is welcomed. It is informed that the Project Proponent has already

	incidences occurs. Hence Fire Brigade and Ambulance should be made available to avoid further mishap.	purchased the ambulance van which will be in operation in few days. The discussions with Competent Authority is under process for purchasing the Fire Bridage vehicle.
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**13) Shri Ankush Baba Pawar,
Resident of Hol village, Dist-Satara :-**

Sr.No.	Issue Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent/Project Consultant/Public Hearing Committee
1)	Project Proponent should purchase the grain from the local farmers only.	Noted.

The Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their objection or suggestion regarding pollution problems and environment management plan.

Member of the Public Hearing Committee appealed public to raise any objections or suggestions regarding pollution problems and environment management plan

Member of the Public Hearing Committee and Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune while clarifying the suggestions informed that :-

- 1) During the discussions, it is suggested that this Paryavaran Camp also be arranged at different companies. It is to inform that while starting the procedure of meeting only, the Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Satara already informed that this meeting is called as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, Gol) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009. As it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification, the Project Proponent has approached MPCB to obtained Environment Clearance for the expansion of the project for which prior public consultation is mandatory. The list of industries is covered in the Schedule of the above Notification. The Distillery project is covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and hence this public hearing is conducted.
- 2) Second opinion was raised regarding raising the suggestions or objections regarding pollution problems of the industry only is suppression. We all are aware that different departments have to carry different statutory duties and responsibilities. The raising of

suggestion or objection rather than environment will not solve the purpose. The Expert Committee of Govt. of India do consider the environmental issues only. Hence it is informed that the suggestion, objection on pollution problems of this particular industry only be raised.

- 3) The objection was raised that while preparing the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, why certain villages have been selected for the monitoring. Here it is informed that as monitoring is carried as per the EIA Notification 14th September, 2006 followed by 1st December, 2009, the monitoring has to be carried in the area which falls under 10 k.m. radius of the project. Due to which the water and air quality can be assessed after inception of the project.
- 4) In the meeting, one local person from Pimpare Budruk raised the objection/complaint that the black water is released from the local small nalla/odha. The local MPCB office will carry survey of the same and surrounding area and further action will be taken accordingly.
- 5) Day by Day, the stringent parameters are considered by the Government. This distillery project has been prescribed Zero Liquid Discharge. Not a single drop of water is allowed to discharge outside the factory. The effluent will have to be treated and recycled and reuse in the process and for green belt development only.
- 6) A local person raised the fear regarding release of coal smoke. Here this to inform that the MPCB do carry regular monitoring. There is Online Monitoring System which is connected to the server of MPCB and CPCB. But if at all local people suffers due to coal smoke, they can approach local MPCB Office. The action will be taken accordingly.

Member, Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any suggestion regarding the Environment Management Plan of the project. As there was no response from the participant, he requested Chairman of the Committee to conclude the meeting.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed that most of the participant have raised their opinion/emotions regarding spending of CSR Fund. It is observed that the Project Proponent do know the difficulties faced by the farmers. Hence it is suggested that the Project Proponent do purchase the raw material i.e. Maize, Rice, Pulses from the local farmers directly. The programme for purchase of raw material from local farmers should be announced in advance. The arrangement of weighing should be made near the main gate. The farmers can save their transportation charges. The farmers will be happy and will become self-sufficient. The project proponent has to purchase raw material from the Contractor/Agent only. If it is purchased directly from the local farmers, it will be beneficial to both. The CSR Fund should also be utilized to help the


farmers. All the participants supported the same by clapping the hands.

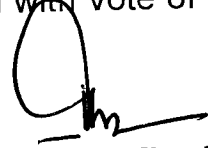
Member of the Public Hearing Committee again appealed to raise objection or suggestion. As there was no response, he informed that this meeting is conducted as per the as per the EIA Notification 14th September, 2006 followed by 1st December, 2009 as prior public consultation is mandatory to certain projects whom have to obtain Environment Clearance. The suggestions, objections raised during meeting will be included in the Minutes of Meeting and it will be sent alongwith Final EIA report to the Expert Committee of the MoEFCC, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The Expert Committee will take further decision for the same.

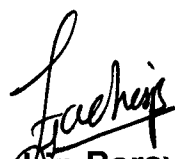
Member of the Public Hearing Committee thanked Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee for suggesting to use CSR fund for the help of farmers. He thanked the participants for raising their suggestions and objections and on behalf of Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, he declared that the Public Hearing is concluded.

Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee thanked to all government officials, company officials and general public who attended the public hearing/meeting and informed that the said public hearing is concluded.

The Public Hearing was concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(**Babasaheb Kukade**)
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Hearing Committee and
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Satara


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