

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT OF MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 100 KLPD AREA FROM 9.15 HA. IN RESPECT OF PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. DECCAN SUGAR PVT. LTD., DEORAO PATIL NAGAR, MANGRUL, POST. BELORA, TAL. & DIST. YAVATMAL.**

**Date : 11/12/2019**

**Time : 12:00 PM**

**Venue : Project Site, M/s. Deccan Sugar Pvt. Ltd., Mangrul, Post. Belora, Tal. & Dist. Yavatmal**

**Preamble :-**

M/s. Deccan Sugar Pvt. Ltd., Deorao Patil Nagar, Mangrul, Post. Belora, Tal. & Dist. Yavatmal has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Ministry of Environment Department (MOEFCC), Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for proposed project of Molasses Based Distillery for production capacity of 100 KLPD Area of 9.15 Ha. The matter regarding same was discussed in Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the SEAC Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said project has been approved in the meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that in public hearing the issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be reported separately.

Accordingly, project proponent has submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Govt. of India. In this connection, MPC Board decided to conduct public hearing in respect of the said project on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 with consultation of District Collector, Yavatmal. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Loksatta" & "Deshonnati" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 06/11/2019. An appeal was made to the concern to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032
- 2) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400022
- 3) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 4) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- 5) Collector Office, Yavatmal
- 6) Zilha Parishad, Yavatmal
- 7) District Industries Center, Yavatmal
- 8) Sub-Divisional Office, Yavatmal, Tal. Yavatmal, Dist. Yavatmal
- 9) Tahsil Office, Yavatmal, Tal. Yavatmal, Dist. Yavatmal
- 10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Yavatmal, Tal. Yavatmal, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 11) Gram-Panchayat Office Mangrul, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 12) Gram-Panchayat Office Gangaon, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 13) Gram-Panchayat Office Bori (Gosavi), Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 14) Gram-Panchayat Office Sakur, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 15) Gram-Panchayat Office Bhamb, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 16) Gram-Panchayat Office Wai, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 17) Gram-Panchayat Office Bechkheda, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 18) Gram-Panchayat Office Belura, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 19) Gram-Panchayat Office Hivari, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 20) Gram-Panchayat Office Rui, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 21) Gram-Panchayat Office Varud, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
- 22) Gram-Panchayat Office Javala, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.

The above authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 22 above, were also requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the affected persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Project Site, M/s. Deccan Sugar Pvt. Ltd., Mangrul, Post. Belora, Tal. & Dist. Yavatmal. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project.

A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 03/12/2019 in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

1. Shri Lalitkumar Warhade, - **Chairman**  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Yavatmal,
2. Shri Madhukar Lad - **Member**  
Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur
3. Shri Ajit Patil, - **Convener**  
Sub-Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur

The written submissions were received and attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as Annexure-"II" and "III" respectively.

### **MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING :-**

At the outset, on behalf of committee of the public hearing panel, Shri. Ajit Patil, Sub-Regional Officer Chandrapur, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections & comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept of proposed project of Molasses Based Distillery for production capacity of 100 KLPD Area of 9.15 Ha. At Mangrul, Post. Belora, Tal. & Dist. Yavatmal and about the objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environmental aspects. He stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that the presentation about the proposed projects will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/ objections shall be raised by participants. He made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name & address before raising any query/objections so that the name of the participant along with views will be included in the proceedings of meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its salient features.

After that Shri. *Ghanshyam Ghugare* Environment Consultant on behalf of Project Proponent made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds;

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES:**

**1) Shri. Nilesh Zodge, Bellora, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal:**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	How many persons will get employment in this project?	Project Proponent informed that, there is a provision of providing employment to 100 persons. Also priority in providing employment to 80% local persons will be given.

**2) Shri. Uttam Narayan Neval, Mangrul, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	Can the wastewater generated from the project be utilized for agricultural purpose?	Project Proponent informed that, the wastewater generated from distillery cannot be utilized for agricultural purpose because the spent ash will be disposed by burning.  Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur informed that, wastewater generated from sugar industry can be used for agricultural purpose only after treatment. It also has good fertility property. Also

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	domestic wastewater can be utilized for agricultural purpose.
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**3) Shri. Vitthal Deshmukh, Mangrul, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	How much alcohol will be produced from the project?	Project Proponent informed that, 10KLPD alcohol will be generated from the project.

**4) Shri. Babarao Tayade, Jawlagaon, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal:**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	What is the management plan for wastewater generated from the project?	Project Proponent informed that, the spent ash generated from distillery will be disposed off by burning. The generated wastewater will not be utilized for agricultural purpose or any other purpose.

**5) Shri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	I am in support of the project. I congratulate the project proponent for deputing a experienced environment consultant M/s. Equinox Environments (I) Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur for study of surrounding area of the project. The consultant has carried out study of air, water & land. My request to the Project Proponent is to carry out health study, agricultural crop productivity	Project Proponent informed that, all the points are mentioned in the EIA report except health study data. As per CPCB guidelines, fruit bearing tree cannot be planted but plants with broad leaves will be planted to control dust emissions.

study and ground water availability study within 10 km radius of the project which will be helpful in maintaining ecological balance. It is also requested to the Project Proponent to implement rain water harvesting project for atleast an year which will be helpful in restoring ground water level as water is not available for use throughout the year. It is also requested to carry out massive plantation in nearby villages, also avenue plantation shall be done along road side in factory premises so as to control air pollution. Medicinal & fruit bearing plants shall be planted. Priority shall be given to local educated people while providing employment opportunities. Similarly, employment opportunities shall be provided to educated unemployed local persons under Skill Development Programme which will help them in getting employment in the project as well as outside of the project. The Project Proponent shall also form an environment committee to solve environmental issues of surrounding villages. Project Proponent shall encourage the villagers to carry out sugarcane farming.

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6) Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent
1)	Has the Project Proponent included health study data in the EIA Report?	Project Proponent informed that, Health study data will be included in the Final EIA Report.
2)	At present the Project Proponent has developed green belt of only 8% which should have been at least 33% as per guidelines of the Board. But recently Board has modified the guidelines & at present minimum of 50% of project area has to be developed for green belt. For the same, Project Proponent shall submit a time bound program to M. P. C. Board & implement it as early as possible.	-----
3)	What is the capacity of Sewage Treatment Plant? Will the treatment of domestic effluent be done in the same STP? At present, 40 CMD waste water is generated from sugar factory & 5.0 CMD waste water is generated from distillery. Also there is need of increasing the capacity of STP.	Project Proponent informed that, all the measure suggested by the Board will be implemented.
4)	Are there any standards for the villages under CER?	Project Proponent informed that, there are not any prescribed standards for the villages under CER. But interaction will be done with the local people and their demands, suggestions will be included in CER.
5)	District Level Committees for proper implementation of MSW Rules, 2016 have been formed &	-----

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	<p>it is requested to the Grampanchayats to segregate the solid waste at source which is daily generated for scientific disposal. If there is need then Government &amp; M. P. C. Board is ready to provide financial support for the same after receipt of proper proposal to the Govt. or M. P. C. Board.</p>	
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7) **Shri. Sudarshan, Environmentalist, Hyderabad:-**

Sr. No.	Suggestion
1)	I am in support of the project & submitting by written suggestions.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.

**(Ajit V. Patil)**  
Convener of the Public  
Hearing Committee and  
Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Chandrapur

**(Madhukar Lad)**  
Member of the Public  
Hearing Committee and  
Regional Officer, MPCB,  
Chandrapur

**(Lalitkumar Warhade)**  
Additional District  
Magistrate, Yavatmal &  
Chairman of the Public  
Hearing Committee