

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED NEW  
ESTABLISHMENT OF MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY - 80.0 KLPD  
CAPACITY PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S  
JARANDESHWAR SUGAR MILLS PRIVATE LIMITED, GAT NO. 803,  
AT POST – CHIMANGAON, TAL-KOREGAON, DIST-SATARA,  
MAHARASHTRA**

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The public hearing for proposed new establishment of Molasses Based Distillery – 80.0 KLPD capacity proposed by Project Proponent M/s Jarandeshwar Sugar Mills Private Limited, Gat No.803, At Post – Chimangaon, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara, Maharashtra was conducted on 08<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. at the site of the said industry.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, Gol), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2009, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Office Order No.E-97 of 2019 issued under letter no.BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-5296, Dated 30-12-2019 as below :-

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| 1) District Magistrate, Satara<br>or his representative not below the<br>rank of an Additional District Magistrate | - | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune<br>(Representative of<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)                      | - | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Satara   | - | <b>Convener</b> |

Shri L. S. Bhad, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Satara and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Member of the Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials, Government Officials and public 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. MoEF & CC, Gol) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup>

December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application of Project Proponent M/s Jarandeshwar Sugar Mills Private Limited, Gat No.803, At Post – Chimangaon, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara, Maharashtra for their new establishment of Molasses Based Distillery – 80.0 KLPD capacity at the existing site of the industry.

The Convener further informed that the project is in operation outside of notified industrial area and as per EIA Notification, 2006, the category of project falls under Category A 5 (j). Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation 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.

Project Proponent had sought permission from MoEFCC, Gol for sanction of TOR and for preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and MoEF & CC, Gol has sanctioned ToR on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspaper in daily Lokmat for Marathi and in national newspaper Daily Indian Express for English on 07-12-2019. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed establishment of the concerned unit.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. District Magistrate Office-Satara; Additional District Magistrate Office- Satara; Zilla Parishad Office- Satara; District Industries Centre-Office, Satara; Tahsildar-Koregaon, Tahsil Office-Koregaon, Dist- Satara; Sarpanch, Grampanchayat office – Chimangaon, Tal-Koregaon, Dist- Satara; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara; 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 any suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project.

The Convener informed that a suggestion by email is received by local MPCB Office, Satara from Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Nalgonda District,

Telangana State. Convener of the Public Hearing Committee further appealed the participants to raise their suggestions, objections if any for the proposed project in environmental angle only by orally or in writing. He requested Shri Sunil Thorve, Additional District Magistrate, Satara and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to start the proceedings.

Shri Sunil Thorve, Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed Environmental Consultant of the Project Proponent to give presentation in Marathi regarding expansion and Environment Management Plan of the project.

The Environment Consultant of the Project Proponent gave presentation regarding eEnvironment Management Plan (EMP) of the project.

Afterwards, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to ask any questions, objections regarding Environment Management Plan of the project. He informed that this project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) and modern devices will be installed to control the air pollution. The project proponent will spend nearly Rupees 50/- Crores for Environment Management Plan. Environment Consultant informed detailed budgetary provisions of Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Fund.

After completion of the presentation, the Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed the participant to raise their suggestions, objections if any.

**Followings have participated during the discussions and the Answers given by the Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee :-**

**1) Shri Rajabhau Jagdale, Resident of Kumathe, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara:-**

As the investment of Rupees 130 crores will be invested for the project, how many local people will get the job opportunities in the project?

Project Proponent informed that nearly 125 local people will get the job opportunities.

Here Project Environment Consultant informed that extending job opportunities to 125 local people is at the time of primary/first stage of the project. There will be need/requirement of contractual labourer, supervisors and employees. With direct benefit of job opportunities, there are more indirect benefits of the project. Due to this project, there will be increase in transportation activities, for which there will requirement of small hotels and shops. It is our experience that nearly 450-500 families do get benefits like this project.

2) **Shri Bhaskar Shivaji Kadam, Resident of Khed Nandgiri, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

How much spent wash will be produced in this Alcohol project and how it will be disposed of?

Project Environment Consultant answered that nearly 130.0 M<sup>3</sup>/day concentrated spent wash will be produced and it will be incinerated in the Incineration Boiler. The 75% less quantity of spent wash will be produced than the desired and permitted quantity.

3) **Shri Asif Shikhalgar, Resident of Koregaon, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

How much alcohol will be produced in the project? Whether the surrounding agriculture fields will suffer due to the activities of the project? How much cost will be incurred for commissioning of this project?

Project Environment Consultant informed that Distillery project will have capacity of 80,000.0 Litre/day. As per the directives of Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, the project will be Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). Not a drop of effluent will be generated outside the project. The effluent which will be produced in manufacturing activities will be treated, recycled and reused in the project only. Hence the surrounding agriculture fields will not suffer due to this project activities. The cost of nearly Rupees 130-140 crores will be incurred for total commissioning project. Out of it, 75 crores are exclusively reserved for Environment Management Plan only.

4) **Shri Pralhadrao Mane, Resident of Bhoose, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

How the waste water will be disposed of which will be produced during the production activities?

Environment Consultant informed that the industrial effluent i.e. Spent Wash will be incinerated in the Incineration Boiler. The effluent from boiler blowdown and cooling blowdown will be collected and will be send to Condensate Polishing Unit (CPU) for treatment. After treatment it will be recycled and reused in the process. Due to this, nearly 78% fresh water will be saved.

5) **Shri Amar Sable, Resident of Visapur, Tal-Khatav, Dist-Satara :-**

Whether people residing in the vicinity of the project will suffer due to noise pollution of the project?

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How much spent wash will be produced in this Alcohol project and how it will be disposed of?

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5) Shri Amar Sable, Resident of Visapur, Tal-Khatav, Dist-Satara :-

Whether people residing in the vicinity of the project will suffer due to noise pollution of the project?

Project Environment Consultant answered that the noise producing machineries are not at all required/used in the Distillery Project. Hence, the noise will not go outside the project site.

**6) Shri Saqar Salunkhe, Resident of Visapur, Tal-Khatav, Dist-Satara :-**

Whether people residing in the villages near the project will get benefits due to commissioning of this Distillery project?

Project Environment Consultant remarked that definitely the people near the villages will be benefitted. The direct benefit is that local people will get job opportunities. But indirect benefits are more. There will be increase in the business activities of the Region. Hence small hotels and transport facilities will increase. The project proponent may earn the profit through the production of alcohol. Hence, the farmers may get additional rate for their sugar cane crops. The workers will be benefitted.

**7) Shri Dhanaji Jagdale, Resident of Kumathe, Tal-Koregaon, Dist – Satara :-**

Whether sugarcane producing farmers will get benefit due to this project?

Project Proponent here answered that sugarcane farmers may get FRP (Fixed and Reasonable Price) in the future due to profit from this project.

Here Incharge Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that the question for benefit to the local farmers should cover the issues that local farmers be provided high quality of sugarcane seeds, the awareness and training programme for adoption of new technology of variety of sugarcane as per "Padegaon Guidelines." The Sarpanch, Dy. Sarpanch and local farmers be made aware the various benefits of this project. Also how much quantity of manure is produced from the press mud and in future how much it will be produced should be known to all local farmers. All these points should be discussed with local people. The Public Hearing Committee desires these points while giving the answer.

Shri Vijay Jagdale, Project Proponent while answering the issues raised by Member of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the Karkhana do provide high quality of sugarcane seeds to local farmers on loan basis. While purchasing the sugarcane crop from the farmers, the amount is adjusted.

The manure is produced from the press mud and made available to local farmers at a very negligible cost.

The Project Proponent further informed that the Karkhana also implemented Drip Irrigation Scheme in large scale in the area. The local farmers are provided financial grant and help and nearly 1,500 – 2,000 hectares of land is covered under the Drip Irrigation Scheme.

It is experienced that due to Drip Irrigation Scheme, there is increase in the production of sugarcane crop and large quantity of water is saved.

The Project Officials further informed that the Soil Testing Laboratory will be in operation. The local farmers will get the scientific guidance to improve the fertility of their agriculture land to produce the sugarcane crop in the month of April also.

Member, Public Hearing Committee here objected that only figures of workers i.e. 50 workers will be appointed is mentioned. But there is no bifurcation of the category of posts. Also it is not mentioned that how many personnels will be appointed in the Environment Cell, which will be formed. The information is not mentioned in the presentation.

Environment Consultant of the Project Proponent informed that though it is not mentioned in the presentation, the detailed information is already mentioned in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report.

**8) Shri Rajendra Namdev Bhosale, Resident of Kini, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

The sugar unit operates in the season only. How many days the Distillery Project will be in operation?

Project Environment Consultant informed that the Distillery Project will be operation for 330 days.

Convener, Public Hearing Committee informed that Sub Regional Office, Satara is in receipt of a Suggestion by email. He read the suggestions in the meeting.

Shri Sundanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Chairman, Dharitri Paryavarana Parirakshna Sanstha, Nalgonda District, Telangana State while giving suggestions supported the project. He informed that in India 40 crores of youth in the age of 18 to 35 are unemployed and waiting for job opportunities. Hence there is need of industrial development and commissioning of new projects in various fields.

Shri Reddy congratulated Environment Consultant for carrying Environmental Survey of the 10 k.m. radius of the project as per the directives. He suggested that –

- a) The present status survey of crops, ground water and health status of the people of 10 k.m. radius of the project should be carried and the report should be prepared;
- b) The river does not flow perennial. Hence, the big tank should be constructed to store the rain water. The stored water should be used in summer season.
- c) The rain water harvesting system should be developed and rain water should be stored;
- d) The green belt development drive should be carried in the nearby villages;
- e) The Skilled Development Programme for the young boys and girls should be implemented to make them capable for work in this project and other projects also. In Japan and Korea, 95% young boys and girls gets Skilled Development Training, while in India only 5-6% young boys and girls gets the training .
- f) The Co-ordination Committee of Local Government Officials, State Pollution Control Board and Local Representatives should be constituted to use the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund for needy projects.

He wished success for the project.

Convener, Public Hearing Committee informed in the meeting that the suggestion alongwith minutes of the meeting will be sent to Central Government.

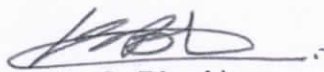
Member and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise any suggestions, objections regarding the project. There was no response. Hence, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee appealed Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to conclude the meeting.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting are noted and will be inserted in the minutes of the meeting. It will be submitted alongwith Final Environment Impact Assessment Report to MPCB Head Office and further it will be submitted to Expert Committee of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The Expert Committee will take further decision accordingly. He appealed participants to submit any written suggestions if any.

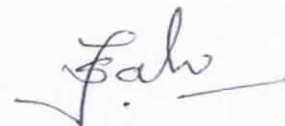


Chairman, Public Hearing Committee thanked all Government officials, Project officials and Local Public for attending this meeting and declared that the proceedings of the meeting are completed.

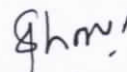
The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



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