

## MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING

### MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION IN EXISTING MANUFACTURING UNIT OF ORGANIC PIGMENTS AT LADIVALI, POST – GULSUNDE, TAL – PANVEL, DISTRICT – RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S LONA INDUSTRIES LIMITED

<b>Date of Public Hearing</b>	- 20-02-2020
<b>Time</b>	- 12.00 Noon
<b>Venue</b>	- 'Rasarang' Building, HOC Colony, Behind Pillai HOC College of Engg. & Technology, Post – Rasayani, Tal – Khalapur, Dist - Raigad – 410 207

#### **INTRODUCTION:-**

An application for obtaining Environment Clearance is received by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board from Project Proponent M/s Lona Industries Limited, (LIL), Ladivali, Post-Gulsunde, Tal – Panvel, District -Raigad, Maharashtra.

The TOR – Terms of Reference is sanctioned to Project Proponent on 08-03-2018 stipulating therein certain Terms

and Conditions for studying and preparation of Environment Impact Assessment Report.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, Gol), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Office Order No.E- 11 of 2020 issued under letter no.BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-326, Dated 30-01-2020 as below :-

- 1) District Magistrate, Raigad - **Chairman**  
or his representative not below the  
rank of an Additional District Magistrate
- 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad - **Member**  
(Representative of  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I - **Convener**  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,  
Navi Mumbai

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in wide publishing local newspaper in Daily Sakal and in Daily Krushival for Marathi and in national newspaper in Daily Indian Express on 18-01-2020.

The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed expansion of the concerned unit.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various notified offices of Government.

### **Minutes Of The Public Hearing:-**

Before commencing the Public Hearing, Dr. Padamshri Bainade, Additional District Magistrate-Raigad and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed her apology as due to unavoidable circumstances, she was unable to attend the meeting in time. She informed Shri J. H. Salunkhe, Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad and Member of the Public Hearing Committee to start the proceedings.

Shri J. H. Salunkhe, Regional Officer, MPCB, Raigad and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Chairperson of the Meeting, Government Officials, Project Officials and public who were present in large number and informed that this public hearing is arranged as M/s Lona Industries Ltd., Ladivali, Tal-Panvel, Dist-Raigad proposes to expand its production and for which it requires Environmental Clearance and for

obtaining Environment Clearance, prior public consultation is mandatory.

Shri Salunkhe further informed that this meeting will be in three stages. In the first stage, the environment consultant will give presentation regarding expansion of the products and Environment Management Plan (EMP). In the second stage, the participants can ask questions, raise objections or can give suggestions regarding the expansion of the project in environment angle. In the third stage, the meeting will be concluded. He informed Project Environment Consultant to give presentation and appealed participants to listen it quietly.

Project Environment Consultant gave the presentation. He informed in detail the survey carried for three months' period in 10 km. radius of the project, details of Environment Management Plan (EMP) and Disaster Management Plan (DMP).

Project Environment Consultant further informed that products of the Project Proponent are exported to various countries like Canada, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, South Korea. After the expansion, our country will get more foreign exchange.

After the presentation, Chairperson, Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise their suggestions, objections if any.

**Following is the summary of question and answer session:-**

**1) Shri Harishchandra Dharma Kalekar, Resident of Ladivali, Post – Gulsunde, Tal-Panvel, Dist-Raigad :-**

We have submitted our written objections to Public Hearing Committee. My residence village is just 30 meters away from the project. The project proponent does throw their wastage in the nearby area of the village. The villagers have discussed with project officials regarding throwing of wastage. Nothing is done. Due to discharge of effluent from the company, the ground water is totally contaminated. A bore well is dug in the village. The chemical contaminated water is released from the bore well. Due to this project, the water in the village did not remained potable. The project is totally responsible for it.

Few people who were attending this meeting asked Shri Kalekar about location of borewell. Shri Kalekar informed that the borewell is dug near the railway gate.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee directed Project Environment Consultant to give answer regarding the objection.

Project Environment Consultant answered that the survey is carried for three months' period of the area of 10 k.m. radius of the project for study of Environment Impact Assessment. The ground water samples were collected at various places. The analysis reports are also available. From the analysis results, it can be concluded that there is no presence of hazardous substances in the ground water samples. Hence the Project Proponent is not responsible for the objections raised.

Environment Consultant further informed that Chloride, Fecal Coliform were observed in the ground water samples. It may be due seepage of domestic effluent, unhygienic practices carried in the villages. But the objection raised for a particular bore well water may be analysed. It is requested that MPCB may collect and analyse the sample.

**2) Shri Gajanan Anant Malusare, Aakulwadi, Post-Gulsunde, Tal-Panvel, Dist-Raigad:-**

I am residing at the distance of 100 meters from the project. It is natural truth that air or water flows from West to East. I do not think that air or water here are flowing from East to West. Hence, the objection raised by Shri Harishchandra Dharma Kalekar regarding pollution of bore well water is false.

Shri Malusare further informed that the Project Proponent do carry medical check-up every year and the report is submitted to Directorate of Industrial Safety & Health (DISH), Govt. of Maharashtra.

Here Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed the opinion that it is observed that there is support for expansion. But in the hearing, we have to consider the objections also.

**3) Shri Dayanand Moreshwar Bhagat, Resident of Kharpada, Post -Dushmi, Tal-Pen, Dist-Raigad :-**

We are the residents of Dushmi Grampanchayat. The Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Members are attending this meeting. All the participants have supported the expansion by clapping the hands. The pollution

problems are discussed here. We, the residents of Kharpada came to attend this meeting to request Project Proponent to shift the plant at Kharpada. All the companies operating at MIDC area and also other industries are discharging their effluent at Kharpada only. The villagers are Kharpada are the main suffers of the pollution. The steps should be taken to avoid pollution. The industries are essential for the development.

Hence, we requested Project Proponent to shift this industry to Kharpada. The Project Proponent has carried some social welfare projects under CSR Fund at Kharpada. But company and workers should be alive. The Government should take further steps to control the pollution from time to time. We support the expansion of the project.

**4) Shri Ramchandra Dhondu Patil, At Post-Gulsunde, Tal-Panvel, Dist-Raigad:-**

Now, all over the World, there is recession. Hence, most of the industries have shut down their operations. But it is opinion of the Project Proponent that this industry is operated and developed by the workers. The workers toiled for the industry. Now the livelihood of 500



families is totally dependent on this industry. There are good chances and opportunities for expansion of the products. The workers are residing in the 10 k.m. radius of the project. The local people support the expansion of the project.

**5) Shri Pramod Ramchandra Vidhavanhas, Resident of Gulsunde, Tal-Panvel, Dist-Raigad:-**

I am local resident. I have worked in this project since last 39 years. Since inception of the project in 1967, it has developed a lot. The Project Proponent has carried various social welfare activities in the area. Hence, I request all the participants to support the expansion of the project unanimously by passing a Resolution.

Shri Ujane, local resident appealed all to raise their hand who support the expansion of the project. All the participants have raised their hand. Shri Vidhavanhas congratulated Public Hearing Committee, as the unanimous resolution is passed by the local residents under their control/Authority.

Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee expressed the opinion to conclude the meeting.

6) At this moment, **Shri Bhalchandra Mahadu Waghe,**  
**Resident of Ladivali, Post-Gulsunde, Tal-Panvel,**  
**Dist-Raigad** objected and said that the chemical smell  
does experienced by the villagers to the borewell water,  
which is near the railway gate. It should be analysed.  
Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee  
here remarked that this point is already discussed and  
hence it should not be repeated again.

7) **Shri Dattatraya Gana Patil, Ex. Sarpanch, Apata**  
**Gaon, Tal-Panvel, Dist-Raigad :-**

He appealed Environment Public Hearing Committee by  
slogan "Give Life to the Company" and "Save the  
Company." All the participants supported it by clapping  
the hands. He further appealed project proponent to  
plant trees in a large quantity.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee  
while concluding the Public Hearing informed that this  
public hearing is conducted for the expansion of the  
project. She informed that she desires to give few  
suggestions:-

1) In this Public Hearing, the presence/attendance of women is notable. Hence, it is suggested that job opportunities to women should also be extended to maximum in the expansion project.

2) In the Public Hearing, the suggestion is received that the factory should be shifted to Kharpada. This is totally depend upon the local resident workers only. If the workers work hard, the company will get more profit and then another branch or new company can be opened, <sup>if company</sup> This point is supported by all participants by clapping <sup>think</sup> the hands. <sup>so.</sup>

3) The investment of the company is Rupees 94.54 Cr. Hence, 7% is ear-marked amount to spend for the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund. It is not done. The photographs have been shown in the presentation of social activities carried by the project proponent. But that is not enough. Hence, the need of the social schemes should be sought from the local people. Tahsil Office and local MPCB office will keep touch with the factory officials. It is expected that the project proponent will have to spend Rupees 6 Cr for the social welfare schemes. It is guided to Project Proponent that the fund should be used as per the need

of the particular village e.g. Toilet blocks, Aganwadi / K.G., Nursery, providing educational materials to school etc. These points be included in the minutes of the Public Hearing.

Chairperson, Public Hearing Committee conducted the Public Hearing stating it is a subsequently hearing.

The Public Hearing ended extending thanks to the Chair.

This Public Hearing Meeting is attended by 587 persons and 3 suggestions/objections are received.

  
18/3/2020

**(Sachin Adkar)**

Convener,  
Environment Public  
Hearing Committee  
And  
Sub Regional Officer,  
Raigad – I,  
MPCB, Navi Mumbai



**(J. S. Salunkhe)**

Member,  
Environment Public  
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**(Dr. Padamshri Bainade),**

Chair;person,  
Environment Public Hearing Committee  
And  
Additional District Magistrate, Raigad,  
Dist – Raigad