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To,
The District Collector,
Collector Office, Palghar.

Sub: - Minutes of meeting Public Hearing of M/s. Bhartiya Metacast Pvt. Ltd.
Gut No. 179, 180, 182, 272, 273, 274 of Ghonsai (Met Naka) village,
Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar.

Respected Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of meeting of Public Hearing conducted at Village Ghonsai (Met-Naka) of M/s. Bhartiya Metacast Pvt. Ltd. Gut No. 179, 180, 182, 272, 273, 274 of Ghonsai (Met Naka) village, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar.

Submitted for information and further needful, please.

Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan III

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S BHARTIYA METACAST PVT. LTD.,
SURVEY NO. 179, 180, 182, 272, 273, 274, OF VILLAGE-GHONSAI (MET NAKA),
BHIWANDI-WADA ROAD, TAL. WADA, DIST. PALGHAR FOR THE PROPOSED
M.S. BILLETS MANUFACTURING PLANT OF CAPACITY 1,50,000 MT/A.**

M/s Bhartiya Metacast Pvt. Ltd., had submitted their application on 16/8/2019 for the Publi Hearing of their proposed production of 1,50,000 MT/A capacity. As per Gazzette Notification of MoEFCC, SO 2566 (E), dtd. 10th Aug. 2017 project was considered in category 'A'. But now as per letter issued by Dy. C.F., Jawhar Forest Divn., Dist. Palghar vide No. B/20 land/NOC/1265/2019-20, dtd. 22/7/2019, the proposed project site is 12 km away from the Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. Hence, the project is now considered in Category-B.

As per EIA Notification, 2013, the project falls in Category-B, it is mandatory to conduct Public Hearing of the said project. Hon. District Collector-Palghar has granted permission for conducting Public Hearing on 9/11/2019. MPC Board issued public notice for the Public Hearing in daily news paper Saakal (Marathi) and The Free Press Journal (English) on 7/10/2019. Further copies of the EIA, project summery documents were made available in Marathi & English language in the offices of Collector office-Palghar, Zilla Parishad, Palghar, Tehsildar-Wada, Panchayat Samittee-Wada, MPCB Kalyan office and head office, Environment Department-Mantralaya and Gram Panchayat office of Ghonsai (Met) for information and to study the EIA and Project summery to the public in general. With this, all concerns were requested to submit their objections/suggestions in writing or by mail to the MPC board.

The Public Hearing for the proposed Billets Manufacturing plant of the 1,50,000 MT/A capacity by M/s. Bhartiya Metacast Pvt. Ltd., Gut No. 179, 180, 182, 272, 273, 274 of Ghonsai (Met Naka) village, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar was arranged on 9th November, 2019 at 12.00 pm at factory premises as mentioned above.

Following were the Panel Members for conducting public hearing as per Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's Office Order No. E-81 of 2019 under letter No. BO/JD(WPC) PH/B-4225 dtd. 5/11/2019.

Shri Kailash Shinde District Magistrate, Palghar	-	Chairman
Shri Shankar Waghmare	-	Member
Shri Rajendra A. Rajput Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan-III	-	Convener

Factory representatives Shri Mangilal S. Jain and Shri Chirag Jain welcomed the Hon. Chairman and members of Public Hearing Committee.

Shri Rajendra Rajput, Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Kalyan-III and Convener gave brief on Public Hearing to the public representatives and villagers present for Public Hearing. As well, he also explained, it is mandatory to conduct public hearing for more than 30,000 MT/A capacity MS Billets manufacturing units as per MoEFCC EIA Notification dtd. 14/9/2006 with amended Notifications dtd. 11/11/2009, 1/12/2009 and 24/12/2014. Further Convener sought permission of Hon. Chairman (Collector-Palghar) and requested project proponent to make PPT on screen.

Shri Pradeep Piplatkar-Environment Consultants of Project Proponent (Pollution & Ecology Control Services (PAES) gave presentation. He explained that, proposed project of 1,50,000 MT/A capacity is situated at Gut No. 179,180, 182, 272, 273, 274 Ghosai (Met Naka), Tal Wada, Dist. Palghar. He further explained that, as per TOR (Terms of References) MoEF&CC and its compliances. He explained water consumption requirement for this project as 50,000 ltr/day, source of water supply, manufacturing process, details of use of

raw materials quantity, requirement of man power, test lab. facility, workers safety measures, available land use, development of green belt, hazardous waste handling facility etc. In respect of air pollution control measures, he explained that, for effective air pollution control, sophisticated air pollution control system like Dish Antenna type fume Capturing hood with bag filters and chimney of 30 mtr height is proposed. For air quality inspection as per CPCB/SPCB criteria, testing of air exhaust from chimney will be tested regularly.

In respect of man power requirement, he informed that about 230 skilled/unskilled labours are required for this Rs. 40 Cr. Investment project. To limit air emission/dust nuisance, they proposed to built concrete road and to arrest dust particles due to vehicular movement, they have proposed water sprinkling arrangement and thick green belt development.

He further explained about environmental survey conducted of the nearby areas in respect of wind speed, AAQM, Noise levels, water quality (ground & surface water), soil texture, anticipated environmental impact and mitigation measures to be adopted.

He further narrated regarding provision of CER fund of Rs. 80 lakh for development of surrounding village's roads, schools, toiletry facilities with the interaction with local residents. The project will be commissioned after obtaining all permissions from concern government departments only.

Hon'ble Chairman requested people present for public hearing to give their objections/suggestions/grievances either in writing or oral.

- 1) Shri Vikas Gharat- Grampanchayat Member expressed that, Environmental Consultants of company explained regarding benefits from this project but industry has not explained about losses/adverse effects of this proposed project.

Pradeep Pipalatkhar (PAES) replied, for treatment of waste water generation from the manufacturing activity we have proposed to treat and recycle treated effluent back in to process. As regard's to air pollution we have proposed to provide effective bag filters and for noise pollution we will provide effective noise pollution control system to keep the environment clean.

- 2) Shri Mangesh Choudhari- Ex-Grampanchayat Member – informed that, this company is established since last 15 years, we experienced that, this company do not care about noise levels, during night high noise levels are experienced. Industrial waste water is entering into the surrounding cultivation land and due to the heavy vehicular movement, roads in our area are very narrow and damaged like anything and company have not taken any care to repair or built the roads. On this road it is difficult to walk for school going children, old persons. Industry has not provided employment to local residents. However, industry has brought man power from outside States. We are ready to co-operate the project proponent but if he neglects these problems, we compel to raise public agitation against this project.

Shri Mangilal Jain-Project Praponent- replied that, we agree that, road in existence is very narrow, we also feel seriously to avoid inconvenience caused to the local residents but we assure to get the road repaired and also will widen the road if possible. We also assure to provide effective pollution control system.

- 3) Shri Dilip Patil – The existing road belongs to Z.P. how it is possible to widen the road by industry?

Hon. Chairman inquired whether is it village road? He added that, 5 mtr. Land is usually acquired to developed 3 mtr. wide road. However we generally do not make complete 5 mtr. Road. Further he stated that he has called B.D.O. for measurement of the road. Further he added there must be 5 mtr. Wide road so as to pass vehicles both sides. Further Hon'ble Chairman instructed project proponent to make cement concrete road as tar roads generally needs periodic repairing. Hon'ble Chairman instructed project proponent to obtained land from concern farmers for road widening if necessary, as wide road is required. Further he added that for this purpose there would not be larger land requirement.

- 4) Shri Dilip Patil (Up Sarpanch of Grampanchayat) – Proposed project is at Gut No. 179, 180, 182, 272, 273, 274 of Ghonsai (Met Naka) village, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar which is 395 mtrs away from Gavthan and as per government norms no permission shall be granted for industrial activity up to 500 mtrs from Gavthan area. Further, he added that, this industry is 800 mtrs away from Tansa river and a Nalla is flowing adjacent to industry. Pollutants may enter in to the Nalla finally meeting to Tansa river which will affect agricultural land and animals. Further, industry is also only 375 mtrs away from the Z. P. School. Students health is endangered due to pollution from industry. People leaving at the distance of 22 to 25 mtrs. away from this industry will also be suffered from pollution problem. Only 2 local residence get employment in this industry. As well this industry will draw 50,000 ltrs. water from borewell, this will affect the water table of surrounding area and water levels of nearby borewells, naturally will go down. Due to industrial activity of this industry, water, air & sound pollution will be increased and will affect the health of local, aged people and environment, hence, this industry shall not be given permission. Due to industrial effluent nearby fields are affected. Industry claimed that, they are going to provide green belt

however, they don't have sufficient space. Industry is operating since last 15 years and have not planted even 15 trees, it means industry is misleading us. In the proposed industry scrap will be melted at 1680 °C temperature which will increase temperature of surrounding atmosphere and it may affect health of the residents. I request on behalf of local residents not to grant permission to this proposed project.

Shri Pradeep Pipalatkhar (PAEC)- Environment Consultant replied that, The said project is located 800 mtrs away from Tansa river. Water consumption in this project is mainly for cooling and domestic purpose and this will be recycled and reused for gardening. This project will not generate any industrial waste water. Regarding air pollution problem, we are proposing to provide chimney of 30 mtrs. height along with sophisticated & efficient air pollution control system to control air pollution problem and maintain air quality of the area. Further, he stated that, due to utilization this modern air pollution control system, air pollution level will be reduced by 99 percent hence, pollution levels will be meager. As per the norms 33 percent of total available land is to be reserved for green belt development, without which no permission will be granted.

5) Shri Dilip Patil- Resident of Ghonsai- Expressed that, in the nearby area many ingot plants got closed down due to pollution problems.

Shri Mangilal Jain- P.P.- replied that, those units are closed down due to financial problems and not due to pollution problems.

6) Shri Ashok Ghorapne- Grampanchayat Member – Expressed that, due to borewells dug by this unit and extraction of ground water up to 50000 liters/day all borewell water table of Grampanchayat has gone down and Grampanchayat has suffered financially. During the recent period Grampanchayat has spent Rs. 199385 for supplying water to villagers.

In future there will be water crises. Secondly, company claims that, they will development green belt, how can they develop green belt when they have no sufficient land available with them. Until now, company has not provided employment to the local residents in existing Rolling Mill plant. Industry shall provide employment to 80 percent local residents. Industry is disposing their waste water in the nearby agricultural land. Hence, we oppose this new unit.

- 7) Shri Dilip Patil- Resident of Ghonsai- stated that, industry is enjoying Govt. grants but no benefits are passed for development of surrounding environment or upliftment of local residents and hence we oppose this proposed project.
- 8) Smt. Sadhna Jayawant Patil (Local Resident) – complained about disposal of waste water in her agricultural land. This has cause financial losses every year due to negligent attitude of project proponent.

Hon'ble Collector – asked project proponent, why your waste water find way to her land? if it is so, you must take precaution to avoid the same. He further asked Smt. Sadhna Jayawant, whether water enter in your land is natural water source or company waste water, please confirm. Hon. Collector further instructed Project Proponent, the water enter in her land is of black colour and he shall held responsibility of such disposal and take precaution not to let your waste enter into anybody's land.

Shri Mangilal Jain- P.P. – Explained, the water entered into her land is from local nala and rain water through this nalla get way to enter in her land. He assure to take responsibility of not letting his waste water into nearby land.

- 9) Shri Suresh Vitthal Bhoir- Employees Union representative- Complained about, safety measure. This company is not providing any safety equipment and not taking care of health safety of the employees working in this company as well as no nearby villagers get employment in this company hence we oppose this project.
- 10) Shri Naresh Tukaram Ghodwinde- Local resident- Expressed that, company is not fulfilling their responsibility of providing job opportunity of suitable category to the local residents. Company is offering inappropriate job the local people and not as per their qualification, he requested Hon'ble Collector, if Hon'ble Collector assure us that, company will keep their assurance, then only we will support to this proposed unit.
- 11) Bhai Gangaram Shelar- Due to industrial activity air and noise pollution is being created and smoke is spread all over the village. Whether Hon'ble collector will take responsibility about it?
- 12) Shri Haribhakta Kolu Patil- He explained about cooperative nature of the company authorities and supportive nature during the festive season in the local area. Further, he stated that, nice project is coming in their village.
- 13) Smt. Deepali Patil- Grampanchayat member- narrated that, we are supporting existing project but oppose for proposed project please do not misunderstand we are supporting existing unit only.

Shri Mangilal Jain-P.P.- Expressed that, we are always welcome to know our draw backs and we will take rectified action, if it is bring to our notice. We always try to give employment to the local people but we did not get response. We have engaged employees of our requirement. We accept that, work in our unit is of hard nature and heat process is undertaken.

We are ready to educate local residents and built their suitability to engage in our unit on suitable placement. We are ready to provide employment and contract of various works to the local residents only.

- 14) Shri Dayanand Patil- Deputy Sarpanch of Grampanchayat- There is no such decision has been passed in the Grampanchayat to oppose proposed project. If company agrees to provide employment to the local residents and company takes proper precaution to control all sorts of environmental hazards and come forward to built good road, proper disposal of waste water and air pollution control arrangement. He agreed the financial support extended by Project Proponent for festive programme. I do not oppose proposed project, new project is coming thereby revenue of Grampanchayat will be increased. If, project proponent assures to control pollution we support the project.
- 15) Smt. Mayuri Patil resident of Ghonsai village – Women's gathered here are in expectation of employment to the local villagers and if, industry provides pollution control system, we support the project.
- 16) Shri Rohidas Raut- Industry shall clarify how much employment has been provided to local residents during last 15 years.
- 17) Shri Kishor Patil - local resident supported for proposal of the proposed company.
- 18) Shri Bhavesh Patil (Local residents) - Expressed that, let the project come up first and if project will not make compliances of all environmental conditions then we will take objection. My own brother is working for this industry hence we can't say industry is not providing employment to the locals.

- 19) Smt. Snehal Patil Resident of Ghonsai village- Because of this project, employment opportunities are there hence company shall make suitable employment arrangement to the local residents.
- 20) Shri Amit Shirke (Local resident) – Expressed that, I am here from 2011, I have experience many units surrounding area came up, he told that, due to heavy rains roads are damaged, company has made efforts to repair the road, hence, let this project come up. Local residents will be benefitted by this project and company shall comply with all environmental terms & conditions.
- 21) Shri Mukesh Patil (Local residents) - He raised query regarding high temperature furnaces which will increase temperature of surrounding environment. He insisted for employment to educated residents in his office inspite of hard working job. Company also take care of workers working in hot temperature environment.

Hon'ble Collector instructed company director to reply to this query.

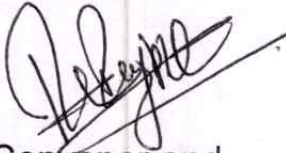
Shri Dinesh Jain- Project Praponent- Explain that, we will provide suitable education to the local residents to open job opportunity to the local people. Local residents shall procure technical education for which we will help them to educate. At present, no local residents are available for labour jobs. I will provide employment to them after suitably trained for jobs in our company. He also said we will take effort to make skilled workers for our company and ready to co-operate to offer contracts of different works to local people only.

- 22) Shri Ketan Patil (Local Resident) - Informed that, he is B.Sc. graduate and expecting job opportunity in company's lab.

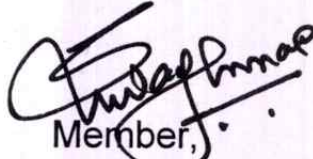
Conclusion:-

Public hearing was arranged for proposed project of Billets manufacturing plant for the capacity of 1,50,000 MT/A by M/s. Bhartiya Metacast Pvt. Ltd., Sr. No.1 79, 180, 182, 272, 273, 274 village Ghonsai (Met Naka) Bhiwandi-Wada Road, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar

Public representatives & villagers participated in the hearing process and expressed their expectations and objections in respect of project. Chairman and Public Hearing Committee members noted the objections and suggestions of public representatives and villagers, Chairman instructed MPCB officials to prepare minutes and circulate the same to all concerned authorities and ended public hearing process with vote of thanks to all.



Convener and
the Committee,
Member and
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Kalyan-III



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Chairman of the
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