

MIUNTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

MIUNTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 30 KLPD MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY AT- GUT NO. 785/1/A, 785/1/B, 785/2, 786/1, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, VILLAGE-YAVAT, TAL- DAUND, DIST- PUNE, STATE- MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S-ANURAJ SUGARS LIMITED

Date : 04/02/2021

Time : 11.30 AM

Venue : Project Site, At- Gut no. 785/1/A, 785/1/B, 785/2, 786/1,793, 794, 795,796,797, Village-Yavat, Tal-Daund, Dist- Pune, State- Maharashtra.

Preamble:

M/s. Anuraj Sugars Limited, Gut no. 785/1/A, 785/1/B, 785/2, 786/1, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, Village- Yavat, Tal- Daund, Dist- Pune, State- Maharashtra has applied for Environmental Clearance to the Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for proposed project of 30 KLPD Molasses based distillery. The matter regarding same was discussed in State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC-I) in the SEAC Meeting no. 169th (Day-1) held on 10th October, 2019 and State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) in the SEIAA Meeting no. 183rd (Day-2) held on 13th December,2019 . The Term of reference (ToR) for the said project has been approved on dated 7th February, 2020 copy enclosed herewith as annexure- I. It has been mentioned in the said ToR that public hearing issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be included separately in EIA/EMP report.

Accordingly, project proponent has submitted application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification-2006 and ToR issued by Environment Department Govt. of Maharashtra. In this connection, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 4th February, 2021 in consultation with District Collector, Pune. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Loksatta" & English newspaper "The Indian Express" on dated 01/01/2021 and corrigendum on 02/01/2021 in Marathi newspaper "Loksatta" The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities.

The copy of draft EIA report along with executive summary in respect of said project were made available in English/Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032;
- 2) Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai- 400 022;
- 3) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jog Centre, 3rd Floor, Mumbai-Pune road, Wakdewadi, Pune, Maharashtra- 411 003
- 4) Collector Office, Pune
- 5) Zilha Parishad, Pune
- 6) District Industries Centre, Pune
- 7) Sub-Divisional Office, Pune, Tal. Dist-Pune
- 8) Tehsil Office, Tal-Daund. Dist-Pune
- 9) Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Pune
- 10) Panchayat Samiti Office, Tal-Daund. Dist- Pune
- 11) Gram-Panchayat Office, Village-Yavat, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune

All the Authorities at Sr. No. 4 to 11 above, were also requested to arrange wide publicity Within their respective jurisdiction requesting the interested persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at M/s. Anuraj Sugars Limited project site, Gut no. 785/1/A, 785/1/B, 785/2, 786/1, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, Village-Yavat, Tal- Daund, Dist- Pune, State- Maharashtra. 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 in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

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| 1. Dr. Jayashree Katare
Additional District Magistrate,
Pune | - | Chairman |
| 2. Shri. Nitin Shinde
Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune | - | Member |
| 3. Shri. Pratap Jagtap
Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune-I | - | Convener |

The written submissions received, attendance sheet of Public Hearing Panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing and office order issued by MPCB to conduct public hearing are attached as Annexure- "II", "III", "IV" respectively.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:-

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri Pratap Jagtap, Sub-Regional Officer Pune-I, MPCB welcomed Hon'ble Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials, Government Officials and Public who were present for hearing and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India (i.e. MoEF & CC, 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. 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.

Dr. Jayashree Katare Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept and objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environment aspect. 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. Nilesh Deshmukh (Environmental Consultant) & Shri. Deepak Desai, (Distillery Consultant) 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.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSION. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT / PROJECT CONSULTANT / PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri. Swapnil Namdeo Shirke, Village-Yavat, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
1)	Due to proposed -ethanol plant, frequently emissons will be generated, what kind of mesasures adopted to control air pollution?	Project Environment Consultant answered that Electrostatic Precipitator will be provided to the proposed stack to control the particulate matter emission into the air as main pollution control measures. Proper green belt will be developed to reduce the air pollution impact. Greenbelt will be developed as per CPCB Guidelines. He informed that, Anuraj Sugars Limited will proposes to develop a total green belt in 21.25 acrs of land. Approximately more than 5000 Trees will be planted around the proposed distillery unit and around the existing sugar unit. Fugitive emissions from raw material storage yards, loading and unloading operations will be controlled by water sprinkling system, whenever necessary.

2) Shri. Sanjay Mahadeo Jagtap, Village- Yavat, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
2)	Which type of tree will be planted during green belt development plan?	Project Environment Consultant informed that as per the direction of Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, it is mandatory to Project Proponent to develop 33% (Approx. 21.25 Acres) of the total plot area is kept for greenbelt development & local species planted in

		<p>and around the industry premises and along the road side. He also informed that the plant species will be selected according to CPCB guidelines and pollutant tolerance capacity of specific Tree. Large trees will be planted along the boundary of the project and planted in the initial phase of construction. Shrub and medium growing Trees will be planted along the road side. Plantation inside the project boundary will be done after completion of inside construction.</p> <p>More than 5000 samplings will be planted in the span of three year plantation program. Trees like Chich, Neem, Peepal, and Ashoka will be planted around the proposed distillery unit and around the existing sugar unit.</p>
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3) Shri. Avinash Uttam Gaikwad, Village- Kasurdi, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
3)	<p>In the proposed project weather local people will be given preference in job opportunities? How much percentage of jobs will be reserved for men and women?</p>	<p>Project Environment Consultant answered that the industry will provide direct and indirect employment to more than 70-100 local rural skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled people.</p> <p>The local people are working in the present project. In the proposed project appointing men and women as per requirement on the basis education, experience and expertise criteria.</p>

4) Shri. Atul Suresh Bairat, Village- Khamgaon, Tal- Daund, Dist-Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
4)	<p>Due to fly ash emission from the boiler the agricultural production may be affected. What provision made by project proponent to avoid the effect on agricultural production?</p>	<p>Project Environment Consultant answered that the two type of ash will be generated from the Incineration boiler i.e. Fly ash and bottom ash. Fly ash generated from Incineration Boiler will be collected in the ash silos and sold to brick manufacturing units or</p>

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		used for compost. The fly ash will be pneumatically conveyed to the silos and vents of silo will be provided with bag filter to control fugitive emission. The bottom ash will be conveyed in moisture condition to ash disposal site through conveyor.
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5) Shri. Atul Arjun Thorat Tal- Daund, Dist-Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
5)	What is the waste water management plan of proposed project?	Project Environment Consultant informed that, Factory will be adopting Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) practice hence; discharge of effluent outside the factory will not be permitted. Domestic effluent will be treated in Sewage treatment plant and will be reused for green belt development in the project premises. Process condensate, spent lees, boiler and cooling tower blow down will be the major effluent streams. Process condensate will be treated in condensate treatment plant. Treated effluent recycled back in process. Spent lees from distillation, will be recycled back in the process. Spent wash generated during the process of distillation will be treated in incineration. Boiler blow down and Cooling tower blow down will be treated in the Condensate treatment unit (CPU) and if required will be used for flushing purpose.

6) Shri. Amol Ashok Tekavade, Village- Kasurdi, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
6)	What is water management plan of proposed project?	Project Environment Consultant informed that, the total fresh water

		<p>requirement for distillery at the starting will be around 632 CMD. After reusing treated effluent in process, demand of fresh water will be reduced, and 260 m³/day fresh water will be required. Khadakwasla irrigation department has given permission to lift the water from Nira Cannel on 16th July,2019.</p>
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7) Shri. Ramdas Thorat, Tal-Daund, Dist-Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
7)	What will be the molasses management plan in proposed project?	Project Environment Consultant informed that, distillery project is based on molasses. Molasses is the main raw material of distillery which is used for the production of ethanol.

8) Shri. Nitin Shinde, Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune

Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
8)	Which type of pollution control system will be installed for the boiler in proposed project?	Project Environment Consultant informed that, Proposed Distillery boiler capacity is 15 TPH. Electrostatic precipitator along with stack will be provided to incineration boiler as a air pollution control system.

Sr.No	Suggestion
9)	<p>He suggested to repair the road from the highway to the factory, so it is easy for transportation and will minimize the dust pollution.</p> <p>Not to used banned plastic.</p> <p>Use CSR fund for the development of local people as per their necessity.</p> <p>Green belt shall be developed at the earliest and plant big trees.</p>

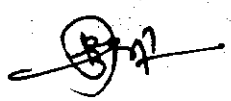
Project Environment Consultant promised to follow the suggestion.

8) Dr. Jayashree Katare, Administrative, Additional District Magistrate, Pune

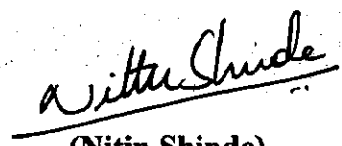
Sr.No	Objection/Suggestion /question	Answer/Commitment given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant
11)	The amount of Rs 41.20 lakh for CER is only for 5 years?	Project Environment Consultant informed that, CER plan is prepared on the basis of CER notification published by Ministry of Environment and Forest dated 1 st May, 2018 According to the notification, the CER program is prepare for a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 5 years
12)	According to the Corporate Environmental Responsibility plan which months is consider for green belt Development, and Plantation? A total no. of 5,000 trees are proposed to be planted under CER. At present how many trees have been planted and how many trees are left to be planted?	Project Environment Consultant answered that, June 2020 to June 2021 has consider for green belt development plan. A total of no. 2000 trees have been planted around the factory and the remaining trees will be planted under CER every year.
13)	Which programs are being implemented under CER activity?	Chief Engineeer, Shri. Rajendra Gadhave of Anuraj Sugars limited answered that, under the CER activity factory has provided educational facilities for the school like benches and desks, renovation of school. Organised health camp in factory site, provided medical facility to workers. Also provided health facility and the machinery in the Covid-19 epidemic situation. Provided solar panel to the near villages.
Suggestion		
14)	Develope fire audit system inside the factory. Directed Project Proponent to give details of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund and Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Fund. She enquired about details of CSR Fund, the Social activities which will be undertaken. Implementation of various social activities under CSR Fund is mandatory to Project Proponent. It is also mandatory to Project Proponent to obtain prior approval from District Administration under CER Fund and to implements various social welfare programmes.	

The Chairman of the Public Hearing called upon the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question, 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, Jog Centre, 3rd Floor, Mumbai-Pune road, Wakdewadi, Pune, Maharashtra- 411 003.

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.



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Convener of the Public
Hearing Committee and
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(Nitin Shinde)
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