

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMISSIONING OF BROWNFIELD PROJECT OF MANUFACTURING SSP – 300.0 MT/Day AND GSSP – 200.0 MT/Day FERTILIZER PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S CLASS ONE AGRO BIOTECH & FERTILIZERS PVT. LTD., AT GUT NO. 2148, POST – YELAVI, TALUKA – TASGAON, DIST- SANGLI, MAHARASHTRA.

The Public Hearing for commissioning of Brown field Project of Manufacturing SSP – 300.0 MT/Day and GSSP – 200.0 MT/Day fertilizer proposed by Project Proponent M/s Class One Agro Biotech & Fertilizers Private Ltd., At Gut No. 2148, Post – Yelavi, Taluka – Tasgaon, Dist- Sangli, Maharashtra, was conducted on 22nd July, 2021 at the site of the said factory at 11.30 Am.

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 Board's Office Order No. E- 53 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 210714- FTS-0071, dated 14th July, 2021:-

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| 1) Dr. Abhijeet Chaudhari, (IAS)
Collector & District Magistrate - Sangli, | - Chairman |
| 2) Shri Ravindra Andhale
Regional Officer,
M.P.C.Board, Kolhapur | - Member |
| 3) Shri.Navnath S. Awatade,
Sub Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Sangli | - Convener |

Shri. Navnath Awatade, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Sangli, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed that the meeting is called in the background of Covid-19. Hence, it is requested to all participants to follow strict guidelines of Govt. of India. The thermal checking and use of sanitizer is kept at the entrance of the pandol and now it

is compulsory to wear a mask and follow the social distancing amongst the persons.

Shri. Awatade, Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting welcomed Dr. Abhijeet Chaudhari, IAS, District Magistrate and Hon'ble Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Mrs. Varsha Kadam, Representative of the Regional Officer, MPCB, Kolhapur and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials, NGOs, and participants who were present and informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, 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. MPCB was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Class One Agro Biotech & Fertilizers Private Ltd., At Gut No. 2148, Post – Yelavi, Taluka – Tasgaon, Dist- Sangli, Maharashtra for their proposed commissioning of Brownfield Project for Manufacturing of SSP – 300.0 MT/Day and GSSP – 200.0 MT/Day fertilizer.

The Convener further informed that this project is established outside the Industrial Zone and as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category B 5 (a) Chemical Fertilizer. 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.

As this project requires obtaining "Environment Clearance" from Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai, prior public consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent had obtained Terms of Reference (ToR) & accordingly submitted the EIA report.

As per the Office Memorandum as issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi (MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2020, while conducting the public hearing, certain guidelines are issued such as thermal checking, use of sanitizers. Wearing of mask & keeping social distancing.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by MPCB Sangli Office in the Local Newspapers in Daily "Sakal" for Marathi and in National newspaper daily "The Times of India" for English on 22nd June, 2021. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001; District Magistrate Office, Sangli; Zilla Parishad Office, Sangli; District Industries Centre Office, Sangli; Tahsildar Office- Tasgaon, Dist, Sangli; The Gram Sevak, Grampanchayat offices at Yelavi, Nimani, Turachi, Julewadi, Tavdarwadi, Tal- Tasgaon, Dist- Sangli; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Mumbai; Regional Office, MPCB, Kolhapur and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya Annex, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project.

The Convener further informed that not a single objection/complaint is received by local MPCB Office, Sangli. More five suggestions have been received for supporting the project from Andhara Pradesh and Telengana State. Convener Shri. Awatade requested Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to start the proceedings.

With permission of Hon'ble Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, the Project Environment Consultant gave detailed presentation on Environment Management Plant (EMP) of the project. Environment Consultant informed that the cost of the proposed project is of Rupees 17.07 Crores. The 50 labours will require for the construction phase and after completion, 80 permanent and 120 contractual persons will be appointed in the plant. He gave all the information of Pollution Control Devices.

After the presentation, Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that Environment Consultant has given very detailed presentation and all the aspects of environment and steps to control pollution

explained. He appealed the participants to raise their doubts, suggestions and objections in environmental angle of the proposed project.

Following participants have participated during the discussions and answers given by Project Environment Consultant / Project Proponent / Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

1) Shri Sudarshan, Hyderabad, Andra Pradesh, Environment Worker

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He said that Environment Consultant has carried the survey of 10 Km. radius of water, air and other environmental aspects. Also, the decision to consider the health status and crop pattern should be considered of the area of 10 Km. radius. Hence, the suggestions are given to Project Proponent that:-

Local people need job. Unemployment is big pollution in our country. But do not bring children to the workplace. Today's children are tomorrow's citizens of the nation. The local species should be cultivated. The CSR fund should be spent on primary education and water parks at affected villages. This project activity be carried without any destruction to the environment. I support for the establishment of the project.

Ans-

Project Environment Consultant welcomed the suggestions. He said that all the suggestions have been considered while preparing Environment Impact Assessment. The Environment Consultant informed that their team of experts carried the survey of saplings and cultivation. At that time, the suggestions given by the local people are considered in the EIA report.

He informed that due to this project, nearly 200 persons will get job opportunities.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed the local people to raise any views, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project. He also said that if there are representatives of people, member of Grampanchayat present in the meeting, they are appealed to raise their suggestions, objections.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee also appealed if there are any suggestions, objections it should be raised.

Chairman of the Committee directed Pollution Control Board officers to ask questions if any.

2) Shri Navnath Awatade, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Sangli and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee :-

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It is mentioned in presentation that Solid Waste will be treated outside the project. It should be explained.

Ans-

Environment Consultant answered as per Solid Waste Notification, 2016, the hazardous solid waste should be collected and it should be handed over to authorised agency for further treatment and disposal.

The bio-degradable and non-biodegradable waste will be segregated bio-degradable waste will be treated for vermi composting. It will be used for the green belt development in the project premises only. The no-biodegradable waste will be sold to authorised recycler.

The non-hazardous waste will be treated and disposed of outside the project area. If there is low-lying area, the contractor will be given for the development. It is allowed as per Law.

Environment Consultant further informed that as florin based scrubbed material is used again. Nearly 1.5 MT/Day filter cake will be used as filler in the production activities.

The fly ash which will be produced from coal/brackets (PM collected in PCM) and bottom ash will be sold to brick manufactures.

At this moment, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed all participants during the meeting that Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee have visited and inspected the existing project site. Few discrepancies have been observed. There is no separate shed for storage of raw material. Hence, the water flow in rainy season may leak and cannot be denied that it will be mix in nearer wells or will flow long distance and then will mix. It cannot be denied that the surrounding wells, bore wells and drinking water sources will not affect.

Hence, the suggestion is given to Project Proponent that system should be developed for storage of raw material. As this point will be

included in the minutes of the meeting, the steps taken be informed to local MPCB office.

Environment Consultant informed that they have carried the survey in the month of December – February i.e. Winter Season. Hence, a rainy season and water streams is not considered wholly.

We are also studying the methods adopted by other fertilizer industries. The steps/method to be adopted will be inserted in the final EIA report.

3) Dr. R. R. Matkar, Field Officer, MPCB, Sangli :-

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The main raw material in the process is Sulphuric Acid. What will be the quantity and concentration in the proposed project? What will be storage capacity and further steps for it?

Ans-

Environment Consultant answered that Sulphuric Acid will be main raw material in the project. The quantity of it will be 118.0 Ton per day and 1,000 ton storage capacity will be increased. For it, modern scientific technology will be made in operation. The dike wall will be built at the four sides. The dike wall will be used. If at all the whole tank falls on road, the acid will not come out. The system of pumping, double drain valve will be provided to it. The generator will be provided to all backup, so as there should not be any leak of sulphuric acid.

4) Shri N. Bacchan, Hyderabad :-

He has started to give suggestions. At this time, District Magistrate-Sangli and Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked question to him why you have come from Hyderabad? Shri Bacchan informed that he is an Environmentalist. Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that then whether you have to just attend the public hearing at another State? What is your locus standi? Whether you are aware that this public hearing is called for project affected people who are staying in the radius of 10 Km.?

Then why you want to come from other State? District Magistrate and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Convener of the meeting to plan meeting very

carefully and check locus standi of the persons who are coming from other States.

Chairman of the Committee further directed not to consider their attendance and their objections should not be included in the minutes of the meeting. Also the provisions in the Environment Laws should also be checked.

5) Mrs. Varsha Kadam, Field Officer, Representative of Regional Officer, MPCB, Kolhapur:-

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What steps will be taken for the storage of hazardous waste and in how much quantity the hazardous waste will be produced?

Ans-

Environment Consultant answered that Sulphuric Acid has only single one reaction. The specific quantity will be used. As it is covered under hazardous waste, we will have to develop storage tank which will have storage capacity of 45 days. The fire extinguisher will be installed near the storage tank. The SoP will be prepared for handling of Sulphuric Acid.

Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting appealed all to raise their questions, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project. There was no response from the participants. Hence, Convener requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to say a few words.

Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that we have gathered here for the public hearing for the proposed plant of production of SSP – 300.0 MT per day and GSSP – 200.0 MT per day Brown field project of Project Proponent M/s Classone Agro Bio-Tech & Fertilizers Pvt. Ltd., The Environment Consultant has given presentation and the questions were asked by the MPCB officials. The Environment Consultant has also given the steps to be undertaken by the Project Proponent to avoid any pollution. It is observed that there was no any objection raised from the local villagers.

He said that the aim of the public hearing is to make aware the local people and to inform them technical and environmental issues and to know the benefits of the project. Few persons from other States have also given suggestions to favour the project. The provisions in EIA Notification should be checked first and then only it should be included in the minutes of the

meeting. If it is not desired, then it should not be noted in the minutes of the meeting. The local residents who desire to submit their views, suggestions or objections can submit the same.

MPCB officers have already directed Project Proponent to solve the discrepancies observed during the visit. I hope that Project Proponent will initiate all the further steps. MPCB officers may visit the industry and submit the minutes of the meeting. As there is no response from the participants, it is declared that today's public hearing is concluded.

Finally convener of public hearing thanked the Hon'ble Chairman, Member of committee, audience, technical consultant & office bearers of the factory for extending their full cooperation for compilation of today's public hearing & with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman, the said public hearing was declared over.

The procedure of public hearing has started at 11.30 am and ended to 1.00 pm.



(Navanath Awatade)

Convener

And Sub Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Sangli.



(Ravindra Andhale)

Member

And Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board Kolhapur.



(Dr. Abhijeet Chaudhari, IAS)

Chairman

Environment Public Hearing Committee
And Collector & District Magistrate, Sangli.