

Minutes of Public Hearing in respect of M/s. Gujrat Ambuja Export Ltd. for their proposed Distillery unit (Extra Neutral Alcohol & Ethanol - 120 KLPD Capacity Maize Starch Based Distillery) and 4.0 MW Captive Power Plant at Plot No. A-4,A-4/1, MIDC, Chalisgaon, Tal. Chalisgaon Dist. Jalgaon conducted on 21/05/2021, 11.00 am

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Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai has issued office order vide letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/ PH/B-210510-FTS-0047, dtd.10/05/2021 for panel formation as given below for the public hearing.

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| 1) District Magistrate, Jalgaon or his Representative
(Not below the rank of Additional District Magistrate) | - Chairman |
| 2) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board | - Member |
| 3) Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
Convener | - |

Following panel members were present for the environmental public hearing.

- 1) Mr. Abhijit Raut, IAS, District Magistrate, Jalgaon.
- 2) Dr. Pravin Joshi, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik.
- 3) Mr. S. M. Kurmude, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalgaon

Convener of public hearing Mr. S. M. Kurmude, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalgaon welcomed the Chairman & Member of public hearing panel, Officers of Revenue Department and all citizens of Jalgaon district who were attending the public hearing through video conferencing. Then the public hearing was started with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman.

Convenor also explained that this public hearing is conducted by video conferencing as per the State Govt. Notifications about covid lockdown and restriction thereof.

First of all, convener of public hearing explained that it is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance for certain type of projects according to the provisions of EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dtd.14/9/2006 and amendment dtd.01/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance. He told that project proponent received terms of reference (TOR) for this project from Environment Department, Mantralya, Mumbai on 07/02/2020. Project Proponent has submitted application along with requisite fee for conducting the environmental public hearing to MPCB on 08/04/2021.

Convener of public hearing further narrated that the main purpose of public hearing is to get acquainted with the citizens' views about the various aspects of project and the effects thereof. Also, to make people aware about the pollution control arrangements required in the project and the concerned rules, and to consider the views expressed during the public hearing.

According to the application received to MPC Board for conducting public hearing the date of 21/05/2021 at 11:00 am was fixed earlier with the approval of District Collector, Jalgaon. The notice for the public hearing was published in Daily Marathi 'Sakal' and Daily English 'The Times of India' dtd.15/04/2021. The copies draft EIA / EMP and Executive Summaries in English & Marathi submitted by Project Proponent were made available at the following Government Offices & MPCB website for knowledge of people.

- 1) Collector Office, Jalgaon.
- 2) District Industries Centre, Jalgaon.
- 3) Jilha Parishad, Jalgaon.
- 4) Tahsil Office, Chalisgaon.
- 5) Sub-Divisional Office, Chalisgaon.
- 6) Grampanchayat offices, Khadki (Bk) Tel. Chalisgaon Dist. Jalgaon.
- 7) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Hall "A", 3rd Floor, Old B.J. Market, Jalgaon-425001.
- 8) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Tryambak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik-422007
- 9) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Third Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai - 400022
- 10) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Fifteenth Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai
- 11) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Bldg., Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Thereafter Shri. Nilesh Deshmukh, Promoter gave a brief presentation on proposed project and measures proposed for pollution control in the plant.

After the presentation, convener appealed participants to express their views, objections, instructions etc. through the video conferencing. He also said that a letter received from Hon'ble Mr. Mangesh Chavan, MLA, Chalisgaon to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board through email on 19/05/2021. It was read out during hearing in front of committee members and also recorded in the minutes. The major points raised in the letter are-conducting online public hearing during covid lockdown period is un-justice to the local people's. Hence public hearing may be postponed and conducted after relaxation in the covid conditions as per the Notification. Also, it is mentioned that there are smell nuisance problems due to the production activity of existing unit of M/s. Gujrat Ambuja Exports Ltd. This is effecting the citizens from Chalisgaon city & nearby villages causing health problems. Also the farming land is being deteriorated and the well water nearby area is getting polluted. This issue are raised by the Khadki (Bk) Grampanchayat various political and social NGO's periodically and as a duty of local MLA this issues are to be raised. In view of above, conducting online public hearing is injustice to the people and hence may be postponed.

The details of views expressed by participants and replies given by project proponent is as below.

Sr. No.	Name of Participant and views expressed	Response of project proponent
1	Mr. Kiran Desale, Chalisgaon - How is domestic wastewater planned in the proposed project?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- In the proposed project, a sewage treatment plant with a capacity of 45 KLPD will be set up.
2	Mr. Nitin Jain, Chalisgaon - What is planned for gases emissions from the proposed project.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- The proposed project is part of the food processing company, which will include the process of fermentation and distillation, which will emit carbon dioxide, the main gas. However, this gases will be released into the air by scrubbing through scrubber with an air pollution control system. It will be reused in other product.
3	Mr. Jagdish Suryavanshi, Chalisgaon - The ash of the existing project is not well planned and the ash fly at a distance of 4 to 5 km from the company. Also, ETP is not run properly and ETP effluent is discharged in near the well which supplies water to Khadki village. If there is no proper planning in the existing project, why expansion in the project ? The existing project has no local workers and about 500 outside workers. Local people are not given employment. The water in the wells of the surrounding farms has turned red. Their land are covered with ash and the company does not think of them. Plan your project properly, don't expand the project, this is a request.	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - The ash generated from the existing project is sold entirely to the local brick kiln owners and the cement manufacturing industry. Also wastewater is fully treated in effluent treatment plant . Complaints are resolved at the time they are received.
4	Mr. Bhushan Patil, Chalisgaon - A hearing is being held for the proposed project through the zoom app. But how many people in rural areas know about the Zoom app and its password? However, a public hearing should have been held so that all the general public would know.	Coordinator - The issues raised are noted.

Also, you have published this advertisement in the Times of India, but how many people in rural areas read the Times of India? Due to the corona outbreak, the citizen does not even take the newspaper. Also the project documents were kept for study in the Tahsil office, but how many citizens had gone to the Tahsil office during Corona's time to see the documents. Rules have been deliberately violated for this public hearing. There is no oppose to online hearings. But from the beginning, the company has been controversial and smelly. Space and time should have been given to know the difficulties of the common man about that company. This is a great injustice done to the people. The company is planning and implementing technical and systematic measures regarding wastewater, air and other management and how many citizens are aware of it. How many people from Khadki and surrounding villages have turned up for the hearing on the Zoom app. The public hearing of the said project should be cancelled and taken as per the notification of 2006. It is not appropriate to hold a public hearing for a project proposed by the Zoom app. The Central Government has issued guidelines for conducting public hearings during the period of Covid-19. Public hearings should be held on the spot for up to 100 people at a social distance. Also, are the people around you who are really bothered really present at Zoom Minting? So their rights are being violated. If MLA saheb had not posted on whatsapp, the people of Chalisgaon and surrounding areas would not have known anything about the public hearing. The company wants to keep people in the dark, making money by air & water deteriorated.

	<p>If the citizens of Khadki and Chalisgaon do not get the right to clean air, water and livelihood, even after enduring so much hardship, only 10 people from Khadki village are getting employment, then what is the benefit of this public hearing? However, the opinion of the people, the questions asked, the points raised should be noted and a proposal in this regard should be sent to the Central Government. However Collector Saheb, Joshisaheb and Kurmude Saheb are requested to cancel the public hearing and hold it in Khadki village.</p>	
5	<p>Mr. Ranganath Sawant, Khadki - The land and well water in the fields around the company have deteriorated.</p>	<p>Coordinator - The issue was noted.</p>
6	<p>Adv. Dhanjany Thoke, Chalisgaon - Locals have raised many questions about the hearing. Also, the local MLA has given a letter saying don't hold the hearing and cancel it.</p>	<p>Coordinator - The issue was noted.</p>
7	<p>Adv. Dhanjay Thoke, Chalisgaon - Proposed project is a green field or a ZLD type? If this project belongs to ZLD, on what basis?</p>	<p>Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - The proposed distillery is of ZLD type. If a distillery project is to be set up anywhere in India, a full report has to be submitted to the Central Pollution Control Board. The DPR then goes to the expert committee for hearing. Terms of reference are then provided for each distillery to be implemented on ZLD technology.</p>
8	<p>Adv. Dhanjay Thoke, Chalisgaon - If there is ZLD then MEE, what are the measures to reduce the volume of spentwash in the primary process?</p>	<p>Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- This Distillery project is not based on molasses. The project is based on grain and is pre-processed into dry milling powder. The starch that is formed will be extracted to form glucose and fructose by distillation from the starch to form ethanol. So nowhere in this project is spent wash created. Also molasses-based distilleries have lagoons for spent wash storage. But no where in this project is there such planning.</p>

		Any condensate released after distillation will be processed in the CPU and reused 100 percent. Once ethanol is formed, after that dry and wet granules will form as by product. It will be used locally as cattle / poultry feed.
9	Mr. Kisanrao Jurvekar, Chalisgaon - Existing project smells of maize while it is being processed. This has endangered the health of the people in and around Khadki. The texture of the soil is damaged. Also, local farmers have lost their lands in MIDC and have not been able to find employment in the industry till date. What exactly is your role in this perspective?	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - We have given priority to local skilled and unskilled workers and will continue to do so. He also assured that 60 per cent of the proposed project would provide employment to the locals.
10	Mr. Kisanrao Jurvekar, Chalisgaon - What is your role in the water pollution and the deterioration of the soil texture?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - The proposed project will recycle 40 to 60 per cent of the wastewater and the remaining water will be evaporated in MEE and used only as a slurry compost.
11	Mr. Valmik Mahale, Kunjar - Everything is under control in the project such as environment as well as management. The same shall be done to for the employment of locals skilled and unskilled workers as per their education.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - 100 to 150 skilled workers will be required. He promised that 60 per cent of it will provide employment to the locals.
12	Mr. Santosh Kothari, Chalisgaon - Is there an online monitoring system for the Boiler?	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - In the existing project, the boiler has been provided with an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) air pollution control system. OCMS is also installed and connected to CPCB and MPCB servers.
13	Mr. Rupesh Bhavsar, Chalisgaon - The ESP installed to the boiler is kept off at night.	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - ESP is running regularly.
14	Mr. Mohit Bhosale, Chalisgaon - This project should comply with the terms and conditions of the government. The demand is to provide employment opportunities to the local people.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.

15	Mr. Nitin Chaudhary, Chalisgaon - How and in what manner will the wastewater be managed?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- The proposed project will require a total of 540 CMD of water, of which 60 per cent of the processed RO water will be reused in the project process and for floor washing. The project is based on ZLD technology.
16	Mr. Nitin Sonawane, Chalisgaon - What will be the limit of pollutants emitted from boilers and what will be installed for air pollution control.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- PM _{2.5} & PM ₁₀ as per the standards of the Central Pollution Control Board for elements of the atmosphere in the air and TPM, SO ₂ of chimney smoke will remain within the prescribed limits. The Boiler will be installed with an electrostatic precipitator, as air pollution control system.
17	Mr. Laxman Shirsath, Chalisgaon - The locals have a lot of problems. It is very important for industries to come to Chalisgaon. Belganga, milk dairies are closed. If you are expanding in this project, then the project should be set up keeping the balance of environment. The project owner is taking care of the environment and is also creating a green belt. If this project is working with the balance of the environment, then we are behind the industry. If this project is started, the local farmers will get a fair price for their goods and transportation will increase. Also, with the help of Gujarat Ambuja, an oxygen manufacturing plant is being set up at Chalisgaon Trauma Center, which is maintaining social commitment. Also, more employment should be provided to the local people. Unemployed people of Khadki and Chalisgaon should be given priority. He urges the project and the government that 80 per cent locals should get employment.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.
18	Mr. Rahul Patil, Chalisgaon - A new project is coming up, but due to the existing project, the citizens of Khadki and Chalisgaon are suffering from bad smell. It is wrong to take a hearing through the zoom app. Now only 10 to 12 people from Khadki village are present and it is unjust.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.

19	Mr. Pravin Marathe, Chalisgaon - Bad smell is a big problem. It smells very dirty. The program of playing with people's health and emotions should be stopped. Attendees do not understand technical language. It is necessary to say how much employment has been provided to the local people so far. Hearing should be canceled, this is request.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.
20	Mr. Bhushan Khalane, Chalisgaon - The existing project requires Apprenticeship Registration. The company has not registered for 2-3 years. The industrial safety department has been shown about 250 workers.	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - The existing project has registered with the Central Government's NAPS (National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme) for training and apprenticeship.
21	Mr. Prashant Rajput, Khadki - When is the TDS of water from the wells of the farmers around the project checked and at what time is the air pollution checked?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - The survey was conducted over a period of three months from November 2019 to January 2021. As per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board, the air quality of PM 2.5 and PM ₁₀ has been monitored at upstream and downstream at 8 places.
22	Mr. Rahul Patil, Chalisgaon - You may be technically correct but what is bothering the local people / farmers, what is the problem with water. What is planned on it. It is wrong to hold a hearing through the Zoom app and it should be canceled. MLAs and social organizations have also opposed it. The decision should be made in consultation with the local representative.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.
23	Mr. Mandole, Khadki Gram Panchayat Office - Sarpanch, Deputy Sarpanch and other villagers of Mauje Khadki village are present at the Gram Panchayat office for hearing of the project. Corona would have been right if the project had been heard later. However, we are raising some issues on behalf of the entire village. There should be no adverse effect on the health of the people of Khadki village.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.

	<p>Water, air should not be polluted. Farmers' lands should not be damaged. Drinking water should not be polluted. There is a question of unemployment of local people. You were followed up and corresponded with these issues. The Gram Panchayat Samiti had also met the project manager. Even during the previous project, you had told the people of Khadki that there would be no problem due to the project, you are saying the same thing now. The issues raised by the citizens should also be considered. The problem of young unemployed in Khadki village should be solved. Also, the Industrial Development Corporation has taken the land of the farmers at very low price. The court case is ongoing. No employment has been provided to their family members. Due to the coming industry, drinking water and air in Khadki village will be polluted and farmers' land will be damaged. However. We request to the Hon'ble Collector to pay serious attention to these matters and give a written assurance. Khadki village is on the verge of destruction due to this project. This is a request to consider the correspondence of MLA.</p>	
24	<p>Adv. Thoke, Chalisgaon - What is the plan for the secondary type of wastewater treatment system and treated wastewater? What is the planning of fugitive emission.</p>	<p>Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- In the proposed project, primary, secondary and tertiary water pollution control plants as well as RO and MEE will be set up. The treated water will be 100% recycled.</p> <p>Fugitive emission occurs during transporting the goods. Bad and weak roads cause dust emissions. Fugitive emissions are also generated at ash and coal storage sites. Internal road transport will be done as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board. Water spray system will also be provided at the ash storage site. The ash will also be stored in silos and delivered by truck in closed manner.</p>

25	Adv. Thoke - According to the protocol, the working days should be a maximum of 300 days, but if you have 330 days, it is a violation of the law.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- MEE, RO and ESP are pollution control plants worth crores of rupees. After installation of this, it is approved for 330 days as per the guidelines of the Central Pollution Control Board.
26	Mr. Kisanrao Jurvekar - What is the source of water for the extension project. MIDC will supply water from Jamda dam on Girna river. But water supply scheme for villages from this dam is operational. So won't this plan be hampered? According to my experience, water supply schemes of Ojhar and other villages are on these dams. But when MIDC draws water from the dam for industries, we don't get as much water as we want. It affects the water supply of the village. What is your role in this?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- As the proposed project is under the purview of MIDC, it is their responsibility to provide water as per the agreement of MIDC. No water will be taken from anywhere else for this proposed project. The Irrigation Department has reserved water for drinking, agriculture and industry and supplies water accordingly. The planning is done from the water supply provided by MIDC. Therefore, there will be no effect on the water supply scheme of the village.
27	Mr. Kisanrao Jurvekar - Why don't you plan for water yourself. We will not get water as we have taken water from this dam.	Coordinator - This question is related to MIDC.
28	Adv. Thoke - What is the flow diagram of dry milling?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Dry milling is been carried out in the existing project but not in the proposed project.
29	Adv. Thoke - Tell us about the membrane processing system?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Membrane will be used in different places when water pollution control plant is set up. Will be used in activated carbon filters and ROs in water pollution control plants. Good quality membrane will be installed which will drain 40 to 50% pure water.
30	Adv. Thoke - What other products will be left over and what will be its end use.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Dry Granules and Wet Granules are solid residues. The outer husk of the maize will come out in wet form and will be used for cattle and poultry feed.
31	Mr. Kailash Shelar, Chalisgaon - What type of trees will be planted under the green belt?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- In the proposed project, it is planned to create a green belt on 33% of the total area and plant 5000 trees. Local species of trees will be taken from the forest department and planted.

32	Mr. Rupesh Bhavsar, Chalisgaon - What will be the frequency of change of membrane? Is there any discrepancy between ETP's daily sewage report and Khadki Gram Panchayat's water supply report?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- The frequency of making a change in each membrane depends on its ability to carry the load and its lifespan is determined accordingly. membrane in the RO and MEE systems of the proposed project will be replace every six months. It is also mandatory to report to the Central Pollution Control Board, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Environment Department every six months after the implementation of the project. OCMS will be installed and connected to CPCB and MPCB server.
33	Adv. Thoke - What is the height of the chimney?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- A 69 meter height of chimney will be constructed.
34	Adv. Thoke - Are the approach roads ready?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Internal Cement approach roads are operational in the existing project. The proposed approach road will be done after getting permission from the environment department.
35	Mr. Rupesh Bhavsar - Daily report of water and air of the existing project is to be displayed at the site of the factory. So is today's data available?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board It is mandatory for every industry to put up an exhibition board near the main gate of the factory reporting on water, air etc. In the proposed project, it is mandatory to put up a sign near the main gate after obtaining consent from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and it will be installed.
36	Mr. Sandeep Patil, Chalisgaon - How will solid waste be managed?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Mainly from the proposed project: ash, ETP sludge, spent oil etc. Will leave. The ash will be collected in a silo and distributed to brick kiln holders and the cement manufacturing industry. ETP sludge will be used as fertilizer. Spent oil will be given to the authorized recycler.
37	Mr. Manoj Karankal, Chalisgaon - Since this project is based on modern technology, skilled workers will be recruited from Chalisgaon and surrounding areas.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Promised to hire as many skilled workers as possible from the local level.

	It is requested that, it shall be published through advertisements and WhatsApp.	
38	Adv. Thoke - What exactly is going to develop 33% green belt?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- Large, medium and small trees will be planted around the proposed project area in three layers at a distance of 10 meters as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board.
39	Mr. Rupesh Bhavsar - The people of Chalisgaon are not against the proposed project but the people of Chalisgaon are against it due to the pollution caused by the existing project. However, If the Hon'ble Collector has inspected the existing project, and the previous pollution problems has been properly controlled by the company, then the next step should be taken for the approval of the proposed project.	Regional Officer, Nashik - Your statement has been recorded. However, after the project is approved by the Central Government views, thoughts, issues and records will be considered.
40	Mr. Bhushan Patil, Chalisgaon - Are you going to take any measures on how to reduce the stench in the proposed project?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- If you store something for a long time, it will stink. However, whatever raw material comes in the project should be used in time. The project owner will be instructed to properly store the starch, glucose and fructose and process them in a state-of-the-art closed condition. Also, if the domestic and industrial wastewater control plant, air blower is handled properly and operated as per the guidelines of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 60 to 80 percent odor can be overcome. I also request the project owner to operate the air blower and air diffuser with 15 to 18 hours retention time.
41	Mr. Hitesh Jain, Chalisgaon - How much will CSIR grow in the future?	Mr. Chitalange, Vice President of the project - The project has provided assistance from time to time under CSIR and an oxygen generation project is being set up at the Trama Centre in Chalisgaon during the Corona period. Company also helped in "Pani Adva Pani Zirwa". He said he would spend Rs 1.5 crore on health and education in the next three to five years.

42	Adv. Thoke - What is the status of occupational health care. Doesn't this appear to be the case in the existing project and is there any projection in the proposed project?	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - At present the existing project has primary health center, dispensary, ambulance and doctors. However, if the existing project is expanded, the number of workers will increase. However, he said that his idea is very good and we will definitely think about it and discuss it with the management.
43	Mrs. Sunita Mandole, Khadki - The drinking water of our village has been contaminated due to the waste water from the existing project and the problem of drinking water has arisen. Farmers' land has become barren. As per the rules of the government, your green belt is not ready yet. Also, the unemployed youth in our village come to us for employment opportunities but you do not provide them. This has created a huge unemployment in our village. So what is your role in this?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter- In the proposed project, the Water Pollution Control Plant will be set up under ZLD scheme and will be operated under the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. However, wastewater from this project will not be discharged anywhere. In the existing project, green belt will be developed by planting 33% trees from this monsoon. Local species of trees will be planted as per the directions of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Forest Department. The project owner also assured that in the proposed project, skilled and unskilled workers would be given priority to the local unemployed according to their educational qualifications.
44	Mr. Rajesh Mandole, Chalisgaon - Has the recruitment been done through advertisement as per the government's apprenticeship law? You have not done justice to the local apprenticeship holders.	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - In the present project, ITIs have been recruited through direct recruitment. Also registered in the Central Government's NAPS (National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme) under which skilled workers are being trained for 2 years and further they have been included in the company. Also the students have come directly from the college. Also, 27 people have been hired as laborers from Khadki village. He promised to give priority to the locals of Khadki village in the proposed project.
45	Mr. Pravin Marathe, Chalisgaon - If you had recruited through advertisement, this problem would not have arisen, but you have not done so.	Public Hearing Member - The project owners will consider this as you say in the proposed project.

46	Mr. Mukesh Chaudhary, Chalisgaon - Will the proposed project increase the inflow of maize? Will it benefit the farmers? Request to take goods directly from farmers.	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - Certain maize arrivals will also increase and will definitely benefit local farmers.
47	Mr. Amol Chaudhary, Chalisgaon - What is the total area required for the proposed project and what percentage of it will be for green belt. Is there any water planning to develop the green belt?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - The proposed project will require 15 acres of land and as per the guidelines of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, 33 per cent of green belt has to be reserved for development. Water is also planned to develop the green belt.
48	Mr. Pravin Marathe, Chalisgaon - It has been said that 33% has been set aside for green belt for the proposed project but has 33% green belt been completed in the existing project? If not, why are you making promises for the proposed project? What percentage of women or girls have been employed from Chalisgaon and Khadki? You also speak only technically in the language and we don't understand that language hence you shall explain it in our language. You don't even talk about smell. We have built houses with loans of lakhs of rupees. Residents are living at a distance of about 1 to 1.5 km from the project. We smell a lot. Please understand the sentiments of the general public	Mr. Chitalange, Vice President of the project - 33% of the existing project is reserved with 10,000 saplings. Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - No women or girls worked in the existing project. However, there is a need for women employment for quality control department and clerical posts. However, we have registered our issue for the employment of women or girls. The smell is a baking smell. We don't grind corn.
49	Adv. Thoke - How to dispose of the proposed mother liquor? Exactly what are your other products.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - Mother liquor is concentrated in MEE. The proposed project is not for portable liquor. Blending with petrol ethanol is a project for green fuel production of the Central Petroleum Department. Final product – Ethanol (Blending with petrol)
50	Mr. Prashant Rajput - When the last Fire Audit done ?	Mr. Chitlange, Vice President of the project – In January 2021, Maharashtra Fire Department has done fire audit & issued NOC.

51	Mr. Dinesh Patil - We have clarified the role in the morning and we have 5 main points. Go and discuss in front of Khadki Gram Panchayat. A committee should be set up. Problems of Khadki villages should be solved. Also, since this project is related to the farmers, the maximum price should be given to the goods of the farmers. Locals should get employment. With all this happening, we will not oppose to this project if you do not allow pollution problems to happen by adopting a strict policy on pollution. However, we feel that all the measures should be taken by seriously considering our top 5 issues, he said.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.
52	Adv. Thoke - Is there a geometric well plan?	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - Geo Metric Well is mandatory.
53	Mr. Vilas Patil, Chalisgaon - Locals should be given priority.	Mr. Deshmukh, Promoter - Definitely locals will be given priority.
54	Mr. Sambhaji Thoke, Khadki Bu. - I live in Khadki village and my farm has gone to MIDC. I met the company twice for employment but I was turned down.	Mr. Chitalange, Vice President of the project - We will definitely give priority to the local people.
55	Mr. Parmeshwar Patil, Chalisgaon - Employment opportunities should be created.	Coordinator - The issue was noted.
56	Mr. Pravin Marathe, Chalisgaon - Why do contractors pay late for 15 day?	Coordinator - The issue was noted.
57	Mr. Ganesh Pawar - Is company buying maize from the local farmers?	Mr. Vaibhav Patil, General Manager - Yes, of course.

After that Convener appealed to all participants to express their views, if any but no one comes forward to express their views.

Mr. S. M. Kurmude informed that the all the issues raised by the participants are noted. Then with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman he declared that the public hearing is concluded.



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Convener

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Sub-Regional Officer,
MPC Board, Jalgaon



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