

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF
EXISTING SUGAR UNIT CAPACITY FROM 4,900.0 TCD TO 15,000.0 TCD, CO-
GEN POWER FROM 22.5 MW TO 100.0 MW AND MOLASSES/CANE SUGAR
BASED DISTILLERY- 60.0 KLPD TO 1,100.0 KLPD, AT POST- UPALAVE, TAL -
PHALTAN, DIST - SATARA, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S
SWARAJ INDIA AGRO LTD. (SIAL),**

The Public Hearing for proposed expansion of existing Sugar Unit Capacity from 4,900.0 TCD to 15,000.0 TCD; Co-Gen Power from 22.5 MW to 100.0 MW and Molasses / Cane Juice Based Distillery Plant – 60 KLPD to 1,100 KLPD At Post – Upalave, Tal - Phaltan, Dist – Satara, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Swaraj India Agro Ltd. (SIAL), was conducted on Wednesday, the 20th October, 2021 at the existing site of the said industry at 11.00 a.m.

District Collector, Satara approved the date of public hearing on Wednesday, the 20th October, 2021 and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, GoI), 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- 92 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 211014-FTS-0150, dated 14-10-2021:-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Satara
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate | Chairman |
| 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune
(Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board) | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Satara | Convener |

Shri L. S. Bhad, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Satara and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Sunil Thorve, Additional District Magistrate, Satara and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Nitin Shinde, I/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/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. 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.

Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the meeting is called in the background of Covid-19. Hence, it is requested all the participants to follow strict guidelines of Govt. of India. As per the guidelines, only 100 persons are allowed in a session. If the participants are more, then remaining will be allowed in next session. The sessions will continue till all the participants are given opportunity to attend the meeting. The thermal scanning and use of sanitizer is kept at the entrance of the pandol and it is compulsory to wear a mask and follow the social distancing amongst the persons in the meeting hall.

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Swaraj India Agro Ltd. (SIAL), At Post – Upalave, Tal - Phaltan, Dist –