

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DISTILLERY FROM 200 KLPD (140 KLPD GRAIN/MOLASSES & 60 KLPD GRAIN BASED ) TO 400 KLPD ALONGWITH 3.0 MW TO 8.5 MW CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT BY NEW INSTALLATION OF 200 KLPD GRAIN BASED DISTILLERY ALONGWITH 5.5 MW CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT AT D-192 TO D – 195, MIDC SHENDRA FIVE STAR INDUSTRIAL AREA, TAL & DIST – AURANGABAD, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY M/S RADICO N.V. DISTILLERIES, MAHARASHTRA LTD.**

The Public Hearing for Proposed Expansion of Distillery from 200 KLPD (140 KLPD Grain/Molasses & 60 KLPD Grain Based) to 400 KLPD along with 3,0 MW to 8,5 MW Co-generation power plant by new installation of 200 KLPD Grain Based Distillery along with 5.5 MW Co-generation power plant at D-192 to D-195, MIDC Shendra Five Star Industrial Area,, Tal and Dist – Aurangabad, Maharashtra proposed by M/s Radico N.V. Distilleries, Maharashtra Ltd., was conducted on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at the site of the said industry at 11.30 a.m.

Hon. District Collector, Aurangabad vide Office Order dated 04.02.2022 approved the date of public hearing on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, 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-16 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 220217 -FTS-0165, , dated 17-10-2022 as under:-

- 1) Shri. Sunil Chavan, IAS, Collector, Aurangabad. - **Chairman**
- 2) Dr. Pravin Joshi Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad. - **Member**
- 3) Shri. Arjun Rathod, I/c. Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad - **Convener**

Shri Arjun Rathod, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. Sunil Chavan, IAS, District Magistrate, Aurangabad and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Dr. Pravin M. Joshi, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed that the meeting is called in the prevailing situation of Corona and Omicron pandemic. Hence, it is requested all the participants to follow strict guidelines as issued by Govt. of India and Govt. of Maharashtra from time to time. As per the guidelines, only 100 persons/participants 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 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 in the meeting hall.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application dated 29.11.2021 from M/s Radico NV Distilleries, Maharashtra Ltd., for proposed expansion of Distillery from 200 KLPD (140 KLPD Grain/Molasses & 60 KLPD Grain Based) to 400 KLPD along with 3,0 MW to 8,5 MW Co-generation power plant by new installation of 200 KLPD Grain Based Distillery along with 5.5 MW Co-generation Power Plant at D-192 to D-195, MIDC Shendra Five Star Industrial Area,, Tal and Dist. Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Accordingly, a public notice was published on 20.12.2021 in the local newspaper Dainik Sakal in Marathi and in the national newspaper Times of India in English for holding the public hearing on 21-01-2022.

However, as per the instructions of District Magistrate, Aurangabad and Chairman of Public Hearing has adjourned the said Public Hearing as per Office Order dated 07.01.2022, till further orders due to the accompanying situation of Covid-19. Accordingly, such public notice was published in the local newspaper Dainik Sakal in Marathi and in the national newspaper Times of India in English on 14-01-2022.

After the Hon. Collector gave permission to hold a public hearing on 14-3-2022 as per industry request representation on 03.02.2022, public notice was published in the local newspaper Dainik Sakal in Marathi and in the national newspaper Times of India in English on 10-02-2022.

The Convener further informed that this existing project and as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A 5 (g), which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Convener informed that 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.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for Terms of Reference (ToR) for conduct of EIA studies and it has been considered and given online approval on 09-09-2021.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Aurangabad in the local Newspaper in Daily Sakal for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily The Times of India for English on 10th February, 2022. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery in Marathi and English along with CD were made available at various notified offices of Government is as below:

- 1) Hon'ble District Collector, Aurangabad.
- 2) The District Industries Centre, Aurangabad.
- 3) The Executive Engineer, MIDC Railway Station Road Aurangabad.
- 4) The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Aurangabad.
- 5) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Aurangabad Tal. and Dist. Aurangabad.
- 6) Block Development Officer, Aurangabad Tal. and Dist. Aurangabad.
- 7) Gram Panchayat Office, Hirapur, Shendra Kamangar, Kumbephal, Ladgaon, Karmad, Tongaon, Jadgaon, Wadkha, Varzadi, Gangagpur Shendra, Dudhad, Bhambarda, Tal. and Dist. Aurangabad.

- 8) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana, Aurangabad.
- 9) The Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana, Aurangabad.
- 10) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd ,3rd & 4th floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion ( E ), Mumbai – 400022.
- 11) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- 12) The Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Ground floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed new distillery project.

Accordingly, a total of 05 representations have been received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Aurangabad.

The suggestions received from Shri. Shankar Reddy, Green Social Service Society, Hyderabad dated 24.02.2022; Shri. Rangarao Kothakonda, Save Earth Metro Urban and Rural Development Society, Rangareddy, Telangana dated 11.3.2022; Shri. Navikumar Palley, United Social Service Society, Nalgaonda, Hyderabad dated 13.03.2022, Shri. Madhubabu, Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society, Hyderabad dated 13.03.2022 and Shri. M. Bachhan, Environment Pollution Control Awareness Society dated 14. 03.2022 through email.

All the 05 suggestions have been forwarded to Project Proponent for further necessary action in which the suggestion are such as company should make the provision 5% in CSR funds and also to arrange the medical camps for nearby villages for health issues also suggested to carried out the plantation activity for both sides of roads. The project proponent assured to think over it and do the necessary steps for the same.

Convener informed that participants can raise their views, suggestions/objections for the proposed project in environmental angle only orally as well as in writing also. It will noted minutes of the meeting. Also the video recording of this meeting will be forwarded as it is to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

With the permission of Chairman, Project Proponent Shri. Patil, have gave geographical location of the proposed unit, proposed impact on the environment due to proposed project and details of Environment Management Plan of the proposed unit. The waste water will be treated in the full-fledged ETP by providing MEE followed by C.P.U. and it will be recycled and reused in the process. Also, the existing spent wash generated in the existing distillery unit is being treated by Bio-Methenization, M.E.E. followed by bio- composting. Thus this proposed project will be achieve ZLD i.e. Zero Liquid Discharge.

Project Proponent informed that the total cost of the proposed project will be Rupees 216.05 Cr Out of which for Environment Management and for treatment and maintenance, Rupees 13 crores will be spent every year.

After presentations, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise their views, suggestions or objections regarding propose plant in environmental angle only.

**Following persons have taken part in the discussions and the answers given by Project Environment Consultant/Project Proponent/ Environment Public Hearing Committee:-**

- 1) Shri Sudhir Mule, Residence – Kumbhephal, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad:-

Shri Sudhir Mule said that this factory is near to Kumbhephal Village area. There is a dam in the premises of the Wockhardt Company located in MIDC Shendra, Aurangabad. We have repeatedly requested MIDC and MPCB not to allow polluted water and sewage from MIDC to enter in to this dam. The drinking water in our village is completely contaminated. At a meeting held last year, MIDC and MPCB had promised to provide treatment facilities for sewage in six months.

At that time, officials of MIDC and MPCB, senior officials of various factories said that not a single drop of sewage would be mixed in the dam water. Even today, sewage and polluted water are mixed in the dam. We are told by various industries that we pay MIDC, hence MIDC should provide the treatment facilities. Yet the treatment is not given to wastewater. It is ignored. MIDC does not have underground drainage system. The water goes into the dam and there is a dam in Kumbhephal village. It was also decided that if we could not manage the sewage, then DMIC (Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor) has the system. We were promised to divert waste water there. Nothing is done. It is the responsibility of MIDC, MPCB and District Collector to ensure that our village is not endangered.

Shri. Mule further said that factories should be established in MIDC areas. The people should get job opportunities, but if those factories are spoiling the nature/environment, then it is not right.

MIDC, MPCB should find out which company the wastewater belongs to, but not a single drop of that wastewater should come to our village. This assurance should be given to villagers in writing. There is no personal complaint of the villagers about any factory.

Project Proponent replied that the proposed distillery project is based on grain and this project is a Zero Liquid Discharge project. He further said that the points raised by Mr. Mulay may be true. However, you can report environmental suggestions and objections for the new proposed project. Here Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee told project officer that he should only inform whether the sewage comes out of his factory or not.

At that time the Project Officer informed that our present working distillery project is also a Zero Liquid Discharge Project.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee inquired whether there CETP was being implemented by MIDC. Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that each factory has installed their own individual domestic and industrial waste water treatment plant.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee here opined that treated effluent of any company should not go outside the project. He assured in the meeting that the matter would be investigated, and further action would be taken.

**2) Shri Subhash Thombare, Residence – Aadgaon Khurd, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad:-**

Whether the project expansion will benefit us as farmers? Whether any work will be carried under the CSR fund? Do some work from the fund?

Project Officer replied that this is a grain based distillery project and DDGS and DWGS are generated after processing, which can be used as animal feed. If you run a dairy business, it may be available to you locally.

The project officer said that after the growth of the company as mentioned in the presentation, the CSR fund will be increased, and social activities will be implemented in the area.

**3) Shri Ashok Kakde, Residence – Vadakha, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad :-**

Shri. Ashok Kakade said that there is a village at a distance of 4-5 km from the project. He requested that the expansion project should provide maximum employment opportunities to the local people.

The Project Proponent replied that as employment would be available, opportunities would be given to the local people in skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled cadres. He said that in the present working project, we have given employment opportunities to the local people only.

**4) Shri Bhausaheb Memane, Residence – Gangapur Shendra, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad :-**

Shri Bhausaheb Memane requested that our land has been acquired in MIDC. Still being local, we are deprived from the employment opportunities

Hence, the factory is requested to provide some space on its plot for industrial purposes. However, in the expansion project, industry should provide the employment opportunities to the local youth residents.

At this point, the Project Proponent replied that the employment opportunity can be considered according to the available positions based on skills. As mentioned earlier, local people will be given priority in employment.

**5) Shri Prakash Wagh, Residence – Jadgaon, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad :-**

Shri Prakash Wagh while objecting said that the water in the river at Jadgaon is completely yellowish. It is harmful to health. However, drinking water should be made available to us from MIDC and our drinking water problem should be solved. Similarly for protection of environment 10 km. Periphery tree plantation programme should be undertaken.

Project Officer said that this matter is not related to proposed project & there is no question of going water in Jadgaon river. Also told that company will fully cooperate for ample plantation.

**6) Shri Prabhakar Baburao Kakde, Residence -Dudhad, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad :-**

Shri Prabhakar Kakade said that members of our Gram Panchayat are present here and they are speaking on behalf of Dudhad village. He said that project is based on agricultural raw materials. The farmer should be told if he can be benefitted from this project and if so, what are the plans?

The project officer informed that as mentioned earlier, this project is a grain based distillery project and DDGS are generated after processing, which can be used as animal feed.

It contains a good amount of proteins. DDGS are still in high demand in the distillery project which is still in operation today. Hence, after expansion, it can be provided to every person after demand.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that in the expansion project, Spirit will be produced from the corn. The current project requires 60.0 metric tons of maize.

The expansion project will require an additional maize. Farmers can cultivate maize at Sillod, Aurangabad and Fulambri. Similarly, if the surrounding farmers grow maize, this project will solve the problem of selling maize in the market. MSP (Minimum Support Price-MSP) question will be solved and this bring stability to the rated of Maize crop. DDGS generated after processing at the project can be used as animal feed. The produced animal feed will be available at lower prices. This will help the dairy business. Its advantage is that it will alleviate the market problem of the farmers to some extent. Project officials have said that broken rice and jowar/sorghum can also be used. It will get the price.

**7) Shri Shivaji Haribhau Shelke, sons of soil / Bhumiputra**

Shri Shivaji Haribhau Shelke objected that 20 hectares of my grandfather's land has been lost in this project. He further questioned that 350 acres of land adjoining to this company is lying as fallow. Whether green belt development programme will be undertaken on the adjoining fallow land.

He further asked the question that since I am Bhumiputra in the expansion project, will I get any employment opportunity?"

The Project Proponent replied that 120 persons will get direct job opportunities in the project. Preference will be given to the local people according to their academic qualification and skills in various cadres.

At that time, Shri Shivaji Shelke objected that at the time when our land was acquired for the project, the Government had issued a Government Resolution (G.R.) that the person whose land would go for the company, would get a permanent job in the respective company only. The Project Officer said here that the person concerned needs special skills to be given a specific position.

At this time, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that the concerned person is PAP – Projected Affected Person. However, the person concerned may be offered a job opportunity in the project as an Apprentice under Skill Development. They can be given stipend. However, opportunity should be given to the concerned project affected persons.

At that time, the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested that it would take at least one-and-a-half years for the project to be fully operational. However, whose land is acquired for project to be trend on the basis of qualification & merits shall be given priority in employment.

**8) Shri Bharat Aher, Residence – Tongaon, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad :-**

Shri. Aher said that in the meeting, it was told that the expansion project would benefit the farmers. However, for the raw material can you make a prior agreement with the farmer? It will also help the farmers for their plans.

Project Officer here informed that we have not yet fixed the policy. But if the local farmers do approach us, we will also get the future plans. The Project Management will definitely consider it.

The project officer further replied that the Project Administration would not have any problem for making an agreement in advance, as the project would require 650

tons of raw material per day. Therefore, it is beneficial for the company to procure goods from local farmers.

**9) Shri Mahesh Bhosale, Residence – Kumbhephal, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad –**

Shri Mahesh Bhosale said that the Project Officer says that the existing project is also a Zero Liquid Discharge Project. The water that flows after the rains in the rainy season enters the river basin only after taking the dirt from the project. Will you plan a solution?

He further objected that during the discussions, Chairman and District Collector said that maize has to be procured on MSP. The company has never purchased maize on MSP from us. If they would have purchased as per MSP, then the farmers of this area will definitely cultivate the maize crop.

The project officer said that the local farmers have not come to us about this.

Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee said that if the Project Proponent desires to do the business, they have no choice but to support the local farmers.

He told the Project Director to purchase the raw materials considering MSP and promise should be given in the meeting. The promise was given by the Project Director.

Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee suggested to the farmers that they should form Farmers' Purchasing Organization (FPO). It should be registered. The business deal with other industries should be carried with the company only i.e. FPO. Chairman here opined that industries should grow, but farmers should also survive. Farmers' crops/raw material should be procured as per MSP.

Shri Mahesh Bhosale suggested to answer about rain water. The Project Officer replied that the barrage/bhandara has been built and the water is arrested. So the water doesn't go away.

Convener of the meeting here again appealed to raise any suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle.

**10)** A person from other State when started to raise objections, Member and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee directed him to give his views in writing.

**11) Shri Bharat Bansode, Residence – Kumbhephal, Tal & Dist - Aurangabad:-**

Shri. Bharat Bansode wished for the expansion of project. He said he is a Bhumiputra. However, if your company has a business to provide employment or services to the company, the local people should be given the opportunity to the youth. So that we can progress through it. If the farmers of Kumbhephal village are informed in advance, they will harvest accordingly.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that a list should be drawn up of those whose land has gone to your project. Member said that it would take one-and-a-half years for the entire project to be operational.

Project Affected Persons (PAPs) should be trained through Skill Development. The employment opportunities can be given to them. However, a list of persons whose land is acquired for the project should be made available. Member further said that

Farmers' Purchasing Organization (FPO) should be formed as directed by the Chairman. It should be registered (FPO), due to which the raw material can be sold in tons.

**12) Shri Ganesh Chaudhary, Dy. Sarpanch, Tongaon Grampanchayat, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad:-**

The chemical water of DMIC goes to Sukhana dam. There is a scheme for drinking water of 20-25 villages at Sukhana dam. However, the chemical water should be stopped. Otherwise, we should get drinking water from DMIC.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that 2-3 persons raised questions about the dam water. He promised to look into the matter personally. Chairman of the meeting said that we will not allow the dam water to spoil under any circumstances. He said that as Collector, I will have my attention and control over it. Make sure no company's water goes out of the project.

**13) Shri Kalyan Bhosale, Residence – Jadgaon, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad:-**

Shri Kalyan Bhosale asked to give promise to provide employment opportunities to the local people by following the rules of the company.

He further said that the company is always ahead of planting trees. He requested to plant more trees. Similarly, a Committee should be formed at the Gram Panchayat level.

The Project Officer said that the trees which we used to hand over will be planted by us only.

**14) Shri Bhagwan Nivrutti Jadhav, Residence Tongaon, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad.**

Asked which preventive measures will be initiated for the smoke which will be generated from the boiler?

Project Officer informed that ESP will be installed.

Member of the Committee expressed the opinion that OCEMS system should be installed. If the project does not follow the guidelines, then further action will be initiated by Board.

Convener of the meeting requested Chairman conclude the hearing.

Then Hon. Chairman concluded and discussed all the issues raised during the hearing. He said that the persons whose land is acquired for the project should be given training by the Project Promoter. As a District Collector I will arrange to conduct training under Prime minister skill development programme. Efforts will be made to empower them. This should be noted in the minutes of the meeting.

In the meeting, the issues of drinking water were raised. Many raised the objections and said that the effluent from industries should not be disposed outside the factory. He assured them that it will be inspected and precautions to avoid such incidences. All the participants here remarked that projects should come here, but there should not be any damage to the surrounding environment. Chairman further said that while developing green belt, the participation of the industry will be taken. Here nobody



opposed for the development. He said that considering the requirement of the upcoming industries, the training programme will be planned and implemented to empower the local youth/residents.

**15) Shri. Bhujang Chaudhary, Resident-Dudhad, Tal & Dist – Aurangabad :-**

Mentioned that Radico has provided the filter plant at their village. He thanked the project authorities on behalf of all the villagers.

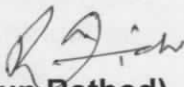
Member of the Committee requested Shri. Sandipan Reddy, a participant to give his written statement.

The 13 suggestions/objections have been received during the hearing.

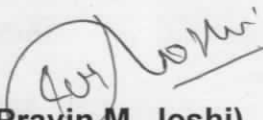
At last Seema Mangulkar, Field Officer, MPCB Aurangabad express the vote of thanks of all the panel and management committee of the proposed project and villagers and officials

Lastly the Public Hearing ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

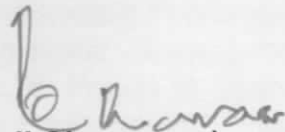
There was no any adverse comments/opinion from any participant about the project, hence project is recommended.

  
(Arjun Rathod)

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