

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MOLASSES / GRAIN
BASED DISTILLERY PROJECT OF 105 KLPD IN RESPECT OF M/S. AGROMARK
FOODS PVT.LTD., BHADANE, TAL. & DIST. DHULE, MAHARASHTRA:**
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The public hearing for proposed molasses / grain -based distillery project of 105 KLPD in respect of M/s. Agromark Foods Pvt. Ltd., Gat No. 502/1/A, 502/1/B & 505, Bhadane, Tal. & Dist. Dhule, Maharashtra was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Assistant Collector & Sub Divisional Officer, Dhule on 24th August, 2022 at 11.00 a.m.

Following panel members were present during the environmental public hearing as per Board's Office Order No. E-56 of 2022 vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B – 220810-FTS 0168 dtd. 10th Aug. 2022.

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| 1) Assistant Collector &
Sub Divisional Officer, Dhule | : | Chairperson |
| 2) Regional Officer,
MPCB, Nashik | : | Member |
| 3) Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Dhule. | : | Convener |

Mr. Pranav Pakhale, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Dhule and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public who were present and with the permission of the Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about the said proposed project of molasses / grain based distillery of 105 KLPD in respect of M/s. Agromark Foods Pvt. Ltd., Gat No. 502/1/A, 502/1/B & 505, Bhadane, Tal. & Dist. Dhule, Maharashtra.

He informed that, as per the EIA 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 hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit is also comes under the purview of this Notification.

The Project Proponent has applied to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed project of molasses / grain-based distillery of 105 KLPD. As per the said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in "Daily Lokmat" for Marathi and in national newspaper "The Times of India" for English on 22th July 2022. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

The Convener further informed that, the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware local people who can be participated in the hearing and they should know the activity to be carried out in the proposed project of molasses / grain-based distillery of 105 KLPD in respect of M/s. Agromark Foods Pvt. Ltd., Gat No. 502/1/A, 502/1/B & 505, Bhadane, Tal. & Dist. Dhule, Maharashtra.

Also, a copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various offices of Government i.e.

- District Collector Office, Dhule
- District Industries Centre, Dhule
- Zilha Parishad, Dhule
- Sub-Divisional Office, Dhule.
- Tahasil Office, Dhule.
- Gram panchayat Office of Bhadane.
- Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule.
- Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Nashik.
- Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, HQ, Sion, Mumbai-22.
- Environment Deptt. Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Nagpur.

The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. if any?

The Convener further informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Dhule had appealed to the concerned to submit any objection / suggestion accordingly Sub-

Regional Office, MPCB Dhule has not received any representation. Further, he informed the participants of the hearing to give their suggestions or objections if any?

The Convener further informed that the suggestions and objections raised during the hearing will be incorporated in the minutes of the hearing.

He appealed Chairperson of the Panel to allow the Environment Consultant for giving the presentation & the Chairperson directed to give the presentation in this matter.

Representative of M/s. Technogreen Environmental Solutions, Pune, Maharashtra has given information in brief along with presentation on various environmental aspects i.e. Environment Impact Assessment and intention behind arranging the Public Hearing, Details about the Project, Project Plan, Environment Status, Details of local Environment and surrounding environment information, Locations of the study area, Air quality in the study area, Noise levels in the study area, Water quality in the study area, Soil quality in the study area, Bio-diversity, Socio-Economic Environment, Expected impact on the surrounding area, Environment Management Plan, Remedial measures on the various environmental impacts, Social Economic Development Plan under Environmental Responsibility Plan, Budgetary provisions for environmental management, Net gain from the project etc.,

After completion of the presentation, the Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Dhule & Convener of the Public Hearing Panel appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? so as to enable to take the note of the same in the proceedings. Further, he appealed to the participants to inform their name, address before raising any suggestions, views, comments etc., if any?

PROCEEDINGS:

Sr. No.	Name, Design. and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent / Consultant
1	Shri. Krishna Khatal, ex. Sarpanch Bhadane, Tal. & Dist. Dhule has raised a point regarding employment opportunity to the local residents on priority.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, at least 50% job opportunities will be given on priority to the local and panchkroshi people (people from the surrounding area/villages of the proposed unit).
2	Shri. Jyotiram Karnar r/o. Bhadane, Tal. & Dist. Dhule has raised a point regarding purchase of raw material i.e. grain from the local farmers on top priority. Further, he raised a point regarding to take due care so as to avoid disturbance to the local shepherds due to proposed project.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, the preference will be given to the local farmers for purchase of required raw material i.e. grain. The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, the proposed project will not cause any disturbance to the local shepherds and animal feed to be produced will be useful to the local shepherds for their sheep.
3	Shri. Vikas Thorat r/o. Bhadane, Tal. & Dist. Dhule has raised point regarding priority in job opportunity to the educated people of local village.	Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, he has already replied on point raised as above (1). Further, he informed that, at least 50% job opportunities will be given on priority to the local and panchkroshi people (people from the surrounding area/villages of the proposed unit).

The Convener of the Public Hearing Panel again appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? but nobody has raised any point. Further, he informed that, the proceedings will be submitted to the Environment Department for further line of action. Also, the videos, photographs and copies of the complaint / representation received, attendance sheet etc., will also be submitted along with the minutes.

The Chairperson of the public hearing panel suggested following measures

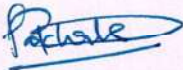
1. To take necessary steps / measures to prevent the air / water / noise pollution due to proposed unit.
2. To reuse the treated waste-water in the process and to use minimum fresh water.
3. To purchase the raw material i.e. grain from the local farmers.


Further, she informed that,

1. The proposed project will help for the generation of employment opportunities and thereby economic growth in the area,
2. The local residents will get animal feed & fertilizer.
3. Due to generation of the employment opportunities the living standards of the local people will be improved.

Further, she thanks to the entrepreneur for proposing to establish the molasses / grain-based distillery in the interior part of the Dhule District and she also, thanks all the participants i.e. residents, officers / employees working in various offices who have participated in the said public hearing.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Pranav Pakhale)
Convener
and
SRO, MPCB Dhule


(Ravindra Andhale)
Member
and
Regional Officer, MPCB Nashik


(Trupti Dhodmise, IAS)
Chairperson
and
Assistant Collector &
Sub Divisional Officer, Dhule.