

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECT FOR MANUFACTURING OF SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS UNIT AT SURVEY NO.146, 150, 151, 152, 154 & 74/3, AT VILLAGE - DHEKU, TALUKA - KHALAPUR, DISTRICT - RAIGAD (410203), MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S PRASOL CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED.

The Environmental Public Hearing for proposed establishment of project for Manufacturing of Synthetic Organic Chemicals Unit At Survey No. 146, 150, 151, 152, 154 & 74/3, At Village - Dheku, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad (410 203), Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Prasol Chemicals Private Limited was conducted on Monday, the 17th October, 2022 at 01.00 noon, Samuel Hall, 4th Floor, Old Mumbai Pune Highway (NH-4), Khopoli, District-Raigad (410203), Maharashtra.

Shri. Vidyasagar Killedar, Sub - Regional Officer, Raigad-1 & Incharge of Regional Office Raigad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai, Convener / Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcome Dr. Padamshree Bainade, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Shri. Ayub Tamboli, Tahsildar of the Khalapur Taluka, District - Raigad, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with

permission of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government 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 informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in the receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s. Prasol Chemicals Private Limited for their proposed project for Manufacturing of Synthetic Organic Chemicals unit at Survey No. 146, 150, 151, 152, 154 & 74/3, at Village - Dheku, Taluka - Khalapur, District - Raigad (410203), Maharashtra State.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A5 (f) which require to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Government 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 a participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environmental plan of the unit.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi for Term of Reference (ToR) for

conduct of EIA study on 02.06.2020 and it has been considered and given online approval on 10. 07.2020.

After sanction of District Collector, Raigad to conduct the Physical and also Virtual (Online) Environment Public Hearing on Monday, the 17th October, 2022 at 01.00 noon, 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-45 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 221013-FTS-0005 dated 13.10.2022.

- 1) District Magistrate-Raigad
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate **- Chairman**
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai
Regional Officer – Raigad,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad **- Member**
- 3) Sub Regional Officer-Raigad-I,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad **- Convener**

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad in the local newspapers in Daily Sakal, Krushival for Marathi and in National newspaper daily Indian Express for English on 16th September,

2022. In 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 in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices –

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001.
- 2) District Collector, Alibag, Raigad.
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Centre Office, Raigad.
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Raigad;
- 5) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Mumbai.
- 6) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai;
- 7) Sub Divisional Officer-Karjat ,Dist - Raigad;
- 8) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office - Khalapur, Dist – Raigad.
- 9) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Tal-Khalapur, District – Raigad.
- 10) Sarpanch, Group Gram Panchayat, Honad, Gram Panchayat Office -Adoshi, Atkargaon, Tebewadi, Dheku, Sajgaon, Sarsan, Thanenhave, Dist – Raigad.
- 11) Regional Officer, Regional Office-Raigad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhawan, 6th floor, Sector 11, C.B.D Belapur, Navimumbai-4000614.

- 12) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-1, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhawan, 6th floor, sector 11, C.B.D Belapur, Navimumbai-4000614.
- 13) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project. MPCB is in receipt of objections in writing and by email which have been noted.

Member, 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.

Member, Convener informed that this Committee is constituted only to forward the views, opinions, suggestions or objections of the local people and it does not take any decision of sanction, recommendation or rejection of the project. The suggestions/objections raised during the meeting will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The video shooting of the meeting as it is along with minutes of the meeting and final EIA report will be submitted with the approval of Chairperson of the Committee through Head Office MPCB to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, and New Delhi for further decision. An Expert Committee at Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, Govt of India will take further decision.

The Hon'ble Chairman requested all participants to listen to the presentation of the proposed project peacefully. Also stated that after the

presentation of the proposed project, everyone will have an opportunity to have their say.

Convener requested project proponent to start the presentation with the approval of chairperson.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Environment Consultant of the Project Proponent made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He informed about the geographical location of the proposed project, possible impact on the environment due to the proposed project, and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared for it, details regarding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund and Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Fund. It is informed that this project will cost nearly Rupees 50.0 Crores and there will requirement of direct manpower of 100 souls. There will be huge increase in the indirect business of the area.

After the Presentation, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed the participants to raise views, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed plant in environmental angle only. While raising the suggestions or objections, participant shall introduced himself with their full name and name of the village from which they belong.

FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND ANSWERS GIVEN BY PROJECT CONSULTANT/PROJECT PROPONENT/ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE IS AS BELOW:

1) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Hyderabad, Environmentalist :-

I wish the project success. I am the first Environmentalist in India who supports industrialization. Because according to me unemployment is the

biggest pollution in the country. Central Government and all the States provide employment to 5-6 lakhs every year. But in India about one crore students are getting ready for jobs. 95 lakh people can join private and government industries. They can get employment in various industries. So i am supporting industrialization.

Shri. Reddy suggested that while developing the green belt, medicinal plants and fruit trees should be planted, which would benefit the society. Rain water harvesting and water storage should be implemented in the project. It is good to provide job opportunities to local people in the project. However, the company administration is requested to undertake skill development program for the local youth. So that, they can get local employment contract in our and other projects as well.

Shri. Reddy suggested that the project proponent should form a coordinating committee with the villagers. It should include a representative of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), local Government officials of the village and "Demand Oriented Work" should be done as per advice of the committee in this area.

A detailed report has been prepared by the environmental consultant. Congrats to the Environmental Consultant for that. Finally, Shri Reddy requested the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to grant environmental clearance to Prasol Chemicals Limited.

Project Proponent while thanking Shri Reddy said that the suggestions made by him will definitely be taken positively by the company management.

2) Shri Santosh Patil, Residenece- Aatkargaon, Tal-Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :-

The upcoming project of Prasol Company will be developed at Survey no. 146, 150, 151, 152, 154 and 74/3 here and we welcome this good project. The feature of Prasol Company is that in the existing project here the workers are local, the management is local and Marathi. It is also a request that local people should be given job opportunities in the new project. Best luck to the project.

Project Officer while thanking Shri Santosh Patil said that the project always gives job opportunities to local people.

3) Shri Narendra Chandrakant Gaikwad, Residence - Akatargaon, Tal -Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :

Thank you to everyone who is attending the environmental public hearing meeting for this new Prasol Chemicals. A public hearing was held earlier for Prasol Chemical Private Limited Company. The previous public hearing was held for the project in Honad Gram Panchayat limits, the project is in operation. Now public hearing is for new project in Dheku Gram Panchayat area.

It would be desirable to provide background information on this new project when public hearing is held for new project. Some issues were raised in previous public hearings. The problem caused to the local people due to the pollution here was presented. We thankful to the company for taking measures in this regard. The smell that was a problem while traveling here has reduced to a great extent. The two wheeler riders used to suffer due to

particles while riding or pedestrians while walking. Now, the problem is reduced. The amount of water pollution is decreased.

Shri Gaikwad said that the river gets black water many times. Further action should be initiated after finding the source. This new project is a short distance away from the old project. This is good for the villagers as there is no river adjacent to the factory, this is one of the good things for the villagers. Hence, it can be say that this new factory will not cause water and river pollution.

But as per the directives passed to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi, the project must be 100% Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). So that water pollution and any chemical from the soil will not spoil the soil and water.

Shri Gaikwad said that while welcoming the project, the factory should also fulfill its responsibility i.e. providing job opportunities to local people, giving work to local contractors, strictly following pollution control rules, such projects are welcomed and supported. I welcome this project in Dheku village, but there should not be any water, air, hazardous solid waste pollution from the company. Care should be taken that there should be no pollution. I pray that this company should flourish and prosper.

Project Officer assured that as per the suggestions given by Shri Gaikwad, all norms of pollution control will be followed in the upcoming project, job opportunities to the local people, any contract work will be given to local contractors.

4) **Shri Sandesh Patil, Residence - Tamati, Tal -Khalapur , Dist - Raigad :-**

Shri Sandesh Patil said that he is President of Maharashtra River Pollution Control and Conservation, a Non-Government Organization (i.e. NGO). He said that upcoming industry is good for Dheku area, development of Taluka. Skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled local people should be given job opportunities in the project. The project is within 50 meters of the river bed. So, the information should be given in the meeting about what measures will be taken to control the pollution. I pray that the project should flourish.

Project Proponent replied that in the proposed project, Sewage Treatment Plant for treatment of domestic effluent and Effluent Treatment Plant for treatment of industrial effluent would be commissioned. The waste water generated in the production process will be treated, recycled and reused in the project. Not a drop of water will be discharge outside the factory. Project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD). At that time Shri Sandesh Patil opined that 10-15% liquidation will remain.

Project Proponent replied that we are going to implement the Multiple Effective Evaporator (MEE) system in the project. Shri Sandesh Patil opined that Zero Liquid Discharge is not possible, but efforts should be made for it and suggested that local people should be given priority in employment.

5) **Shri Samir Deshmukh, Residence - Aadoshi, Member, GroupGramPanchayat,Aatkargaon,Tal-Khalapur, Dist-Raigad:-**

Welcome to the owners of Prasol Company that they have brought another project in this area. An investor can invest anywhere. But thanks to

him for investing here and proposed job opportunities to the young boys and girls, contract work to local businessmen and contractors.

Everyone here said that in Prasol company only local people are given preference. We have no doubt about it. The upcoming project will bring a new hope. There are educated unemployed young boys and girls in the area, for whom this project will create new opportunities. Good luck with the project.

Project promoter thanked Shri Deshmukh for his views.

6) Shri Ramchandra Namdeo Deshmukh, Residence - Sajgaon, Tal - Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :-

Today is an important day. The earlier project is in Honad Gram Panchayat boundary, while the new project is in Sajgaon Gram Panchayat. There is only boundary that is the only difference. We have no objection for developing this project.

The only reason others like me would agree to this project is because the company owners have a tendency to judge every man. Prasol Company is a family, this is how the owners of the company behave. They participate as much as possible in the good works of the people here. So they benefit the society.

Shri. Deshmukh further opined that the directives passed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should be followed. The company administration always tries to solve the problems by understanding the problems of any person. Hence, it is a Prayed that this factory should start and flourish.

Project proponent thanked Shri. Deshmukh and said that the M/s Prasol company will definitely follow the prescribed standards passed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

7) Shri. Sandip Taturam Patil, Residence-Aktargaon, Tal-Khalapur, Dist - Raigad:-

Welcome to the project. Because 250-200 people will get in this project. So this project is welcomed by all the villagers. He further suggested that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should implement the suggestions made by participants in the meeting. It is requested to approve this project.

Project Proponent while thanking assured that the suggestions presented in the meeting will be followed.

8) Shri. Prakash Vitthal Patil, Residence-Chinchvali Gohe, Tal-Khalapur, Dist-Raigad.

Member, Group Gram Panchayat, Honad, Tal-Khalapur, Dist – Raigad. He said that last time a public hearing on environment was held for the expansion of the working project. At that time, some supported, some raised many issues. As mentioned in the meeting, the company has made many improvements since then.

This is the industrial sector. Many factories came up and closed within 5-6 years. But this is the only factory that survived. Due to construction of new project, local people will get job opportunities. However, I welcome this project. But the factory should be started only after taking all the necessary permissions from the Government. Good luck with the project.

Project Officer thanked Shri Prakash Patil and assured that the project will be implemented as per all government norms.

9) Shri. Nitin Dattatraya Tavale, Residence - Aktargaon, Tal-Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :-

This environmental public hearing is organized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board regarding the commissioning of a new factory of Prasol Chemicals in Sajgaon Group Gram Panchayat. The information of the factory given in the presentation has been heard by all. We are not against the factory. The project should be commissioned and flourish. But sons of soil should be given job opportunities. There are Marathi people in the Prasol Industry. But sons of soil are very few. We demand that maximum job opportunities should be provided to Bhumiputras - young boys and girls of the area of Honad Gram Panchayat, Aktar Gram Panchayat, Dheku - Sajgaon Gram Panchayat. Also, attention should be given that the contractual work/business can be given to the Bhumiputra as much as possible. Attention should be given how pollution will be reduced. We are supporting the company, but if there are other issues of some other people, Bhumiputras, they should be resolved.

Project proponent Shri. Nitin Tawle while expressing his wishes informed that the points raised by him will definitely be beneficial. While giving job opportunities in the project, only local people are being given job opportunities, the same policy will be implemented in the new project.

Here the Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that the concerned person has demanded employment of

maximum number to Bhoomiputras within Gram Panchayat limits. So, the Project Administration should send a letter to the Gram Panchayat before starting the recruitment in the upcoming project, asking for the information about local person-Bhoomi Putra with educational qualification and experience, which is required for the posts. The students who will get it will be recent pass outs. The concerned potential candidates should be trained by the project. A positive point in this is that the energy possessed by recent pass-outs is more than that of experienced persons. So, they should provide training and job opportunities in the project.

If you try and do not get the desired candidate (Bhoomiputras - young boys and girls), then contact other Gram Panchayat offices around. If it doesn't work there, try in other Talukas of Raigad District. If you don't get it there, take people from any district in Maharashtra, if you don't get it there, take any people from India.

Project Proponent promised that the suggestions made by the Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee will strictly followed in new upcoming project in recruitment.

10) **Shri Naresh Patil, Residence-Dheku, Tal - Khalapur, Dist - Raigad, Ex. Chairman, Zilla Parishad :-**

He welcomed Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee and other officials and said that they came here to attend public hearings and listen to the suggestions, objections of the local people. Similarly, he has given good wishes to the new project of Prasol Company.

The new factory will provide employment opportunities to the local people. Similarly, local businessmen will get business opportunity in the new project.

He further said that this Prasol company has built a school here by spending one crore rupees. Although education is important, there are very few people who spent this huge amount for educational purposes of society. The owners of the company have provided a huge opportunity for this area. Various activities are being implemented in this area through CSR funds. So, there is no reason for anyone to oppose this factory. The promoters of the project are always concerned about how the project will be profitable without suffering.

He further said that the suggestion made by the Chairperson is very correct and the recent pass-outs should be trained and given employment in the project. This suggestion should be followed by the Project Proponent. However, I welcome and wish you all the best for the upcoming project.

Project Proponent thanked Shri Naresh Patil.

11) Shri Nilesh Ganpat Patil, Residence -Dheku, Tal - Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :-

First congratulations and welcome to Prasol Company and its Managing Director. Prasol Company has given good support to educational and religious sector. No one disagrees about this.

But here we want to make an indicative statement that today due to the small companies of Dheku village, we are suffering a lot pollution in Dheku village. However, there is no doubt that Prasol Chemicals will work well taking this into account.

He further said that if we talk about employment today, the company provides employment. Workers here say that the pay scale here is very low.

If the local people tolerate the pollution from the companies here, then the company management should look into the salary of the workers. The people of the village suffer due to pollution. As the payment in the company is very low, the Company Administration should pay attention for it.

Inflation is very high. For that, the Company Management should keep in mind the increase in salary. Rest of the company management works very well. However, the salary should be increased keeping in mind the needs of the local people.

Project Proponent replied that Prasol Chemicals is a company that follows the Minimum Wage Act. Your suggestions will definitely be considered.

12) Shri Bharat Patil, Chinchawali Gohe, Tal-Khalapur, Dist - Raigad:-

I am a resident of Chinchwali Gohe. I myself was working as a laborer in Prasol Chemicals. Since the management in the company is completely local, if you call them and tell them about the problem, for example, if there is smoke coming from the company, it is solved immediately. The company has made a lot of efforts to reduce the pollution.

I am a company professional in association with the company, I was working for. The company has given employment to the local people, as well as produced good professionals. However, I welcome this new company.

Company administration thanked Shri Bharat Patil.

13) Shri Hemant Ganapat Patil, Chinchawali Gohe, Tal-Khalapur, Dist - Raigad:-

Prasol Chemicals has been operating in Gram Panchayat-Honad since around 1999. As it co-operates in our Honad Gram Panchayat, it

should co-operate in Dheku village also. The co-operation of the Owners is received from time to time. Also, if you are giving 30 to 60% business to local people, you should pay attention that it will go to 100% business.

Project Proponent while thanking them, said that the new project would follow the instructions.

14) Shri Suresh Patil, Residence - Dheku, Tal - Khalapur, Dist - Raigad:-

I support the company coming under Dheku Gram Panchayat limits. I have a small point. The company has raised the issue of employment generation. So I would like to give a suggestion to the company that the workers, employees who are required for recruitment or employment in the company, should get the job without taking any help or influence from the representative of any party.

Also, I want to say that the company to take the business of common people. Because for employment in the company you have to mention the name of some leader, party. After that you get employment in the company. Instead of doing this, I would like to say that the company should take note of the person after looking at his qualifications.

Project Proponent while thanking Shri Suraj Patil said that while giving employment contracts in the project, they are given only after looking at the educational qualification and similarly in the future also employment will be given only after looking at the educational qualification.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined here that this is a very good point. Jobs should be given only based on merit

without taking any recommendation. All political parties will have support for those who get job according to their qualifications. As the concerned participant might have experienced the same, he has expressed his opinion here. However, jobs should be given in the project only according to the qualifications.

Project Officer promised to implement the suggestions.

15) Shri Ramesth Ganu Patil, Residence - Dheku, Tal-Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :-

He said that I welcome Prasol Chemicals Company. He opined that every time it is seen when there is project, every time it is opposed. But today, I am grateful to the local citizens for their support for this project. Everyone should remove the doubt in the mind that also the Company Administration should give employment contract in the project as per the merit without giving work to the person of any big political party. I welcome Managing Director of the company to Dheku village.

Project Officer said that as indicated by the Chairperson, the Environment Public Hearing Committee, the suggestions will be implemented.

16) Shri Manish Waman Khavale, Residence - Dheku, Tal - Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :-

Shri Khavale said that there is no use in just opposing for the sake of opposition only. Keeping in mind the past experience, Prasol Chemicals has made a positive presentation. The decision taken by company management to commission this project in this Gram Panchayat is welcomed. However,

the Project Proponent should follow the instructions given in the meeting. Plantation should be strictly followed.

Project Proponent while thanking Shri Khawle said that the suggestions regarding green belt development will be followed.

17) **Shri Vishal Ashok Patil, Residence- Dheku, Tal - Khalapur, Dist - Raigad :-**

Here, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has organized an Environmental Public Hearing for the commissioning of a new project by Prasol Company. Welcome to Prasol Company. He further said that I would like to point out to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board that in the report submitted by the company, it has been mentioned that the green belt area will be kept at 33%. This rule is not followed in the project which is in operation. 23.9% has been given in road and open area in the working project. So in the current project, it is not visible. The site photos are also taken. There is an open road at Gate No.1. They have put a shed on it. Drums are placed in it. If there is an accidental fire, the workers of the company will not be able to move there. There may be a big loss in the company. I am bringing to the attention of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to direct Prosol Chemicals to strictly follow the rules.

Project Officer promised to follow the directives passed in the existing project and in the new project.

Here, Member, Convener said that the working project is at Survey no. 8,13,15,16, 25 and 75, located at Honad. The point raised is correct. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board periodically inspects whether the

pollution norms are being followed or not. Now survey no. 75 is reserved by them for green belt. There is no space in the factory, so they have developed 33% green belt on the plot behind the factory.

Member, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that the new project will be commissioned at survey no. 146,150,151,152,154 and Survey no. 74/3 will be reserved for green belt only. No project gets Environment Clearance from the Central Government without following 33% green belt development. In the new project, Project management has allotted a separate plot - Survey no. 74/3 has been acquired, green belt will be developed on it.

Member, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that in the meeting, many people have asked questions, doubts, suggestions and objections have also been registered. The doubts and objections raised have been well resolved by the Project officials.

Member, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said some questions were raised about Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. So, the new project for which there was presentation today is ZLD - Zero Liquid Discharge based project. The industrial effluent/waste water generated from production process will be treated and 100% and it will be recycled, reused in the project itself.

Member, Convener further said that one of the participants raised the objection that in the waste water, also there occurs waste. He is right. For this, primary, secondary, tertiary treatment is be given, then RO (Reverse Osmosis) project is implemented on that water and it is purified. 70% of that water will be recycled. For the 30% Wastage, there is MEE - Multi Effective

Evaporator system and ATMD, which is 30% Remaining wastage is incinerated. Scrubbing and bag filter systems are installed there to prevent air pollution. It has been agreed to operate the system in the project so that no type of waste water will go out of the project and until that system is installed in the project, the project is not given permission to operate (Consent to Operate - C to O) by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Member, Convener said that unless the project implements Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system, the project will not be given permission. He further said that the Project Proponent have ear-marked Rs.5/- Crores for the Environment Management Plan (EMP) in the new project. Similarly, the Project Proponent have made a provision of Rs.1/- Crore (Rupees One Crore) for the Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) Fund. It is mandatory to use it for environmental conservation schemes in the surrounding villages of the project area. It can be used for supplying clean water to the village, tree conservation.

Member, Convener assured that the project will not be given permission unless the project implements the Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system.

ON LINE MEETING - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1) Krushikesh Patil -

Who is exactly local? How many kilometers from the project is to be considered as local?

Project Proponent replied that local means within 10 km from the project location. Those who live within the periphery will be given preference in terms of local employment.

Shri. Krushikesh Patil asked how many kilometer from the project location is considered for allotting the work as Local Contractor.

Project Proponent replied that 80-90% of the people in the working project are local people.

Project Proponent urged the participant to ask environmental questions and said that the said public hearing was organized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Public Hearing Committee on Environment and environmental questions should be asked.

Project Officer assured the person who was online from the actual public hearing hall that as per the suggestions given by them, priority will be given to local people in the new project in giving contract and employment agreement.

2) Shri Mohan Patil, Residence - Chinchwali Gohe, Tal -Khalapur, Dist - Raigad (Mobile No.9823 78 2681) -

This is a good project. I have been watching for years. They are taking good care of the environment. I have seen the presentation. All points are well made. He suggested that CSR funds from the project should be spent on village development.

The project promoters replied that CSR funds have been provided for in the proposed new project. It is read out in the presentation. It will be done gradually.

Shri Mohan Patil thanked the company for providing employment to the people of the village. Our villagers get the cooperation of the company from time to time.

Two persons asked questions in the online meeting. As no one was present, the Chairperson, Public Hearing Committee on Environment ordered to close the online communication.

At the end of the meeting, Member, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee thanked the Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Representatives of Project Proponent, journalists, organizations working in the field of environment, police administration and local people present.

Member, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that as indicated by the Chairperson, all suggestions, objections have been recorded. It will be included in the minutes of the meeting and will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi along with the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, written suggestions/objections received through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, and Mumbai. The Technical Committee there will consider all the suggestions raised by the local people. The committee will take further decision.

Member, Convener have expressed their gratitude of all participants and on behalf of the Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed -02 written suggestions/objections.



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