

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION IN EXISTING UNIT OF M.S.
BILLETS FROM 40,000.0 TPA TO 60,000.0 TPA, REMOVING
OF OLD INDUCTION FURNACE (15.0 TON) AND
INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERN INDUCTION FURNACE
(15.0 TON) & PRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL TMT ROUND
BARS 60,000.0 TPA AT GUT NO. 54, 11/1/A. VILLAGE -
TORNE, VASHIND ROAD, TALUKA-WADA, DISTRICT-
PALGHAR, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT
M/S SHIVKRUPA STEEL & ALLOYS PRIVATE LIMITED**

The Environment Public Hearing for proposed expansion of existing unit of M.S. Billets from 40,000.0 TPA to 60,000.0 TPA, by removing of Old Induction Furnace (15.0 Ton) and Installation of New Modern Induction Furnace (15.0 Ton) & Production of Additional TMT Round Bars 60,000.0 TPA at Gut No.54, 11/1/A, Village - Torne, Vashind Road, Taluka - Wada, District - Palghar, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Shivkrupa Steel & Alloys Private Limited was conducted on Friday, , the 06th January, 2023 at 11.00 a.m at project site-

Gut No.54, 11/1/A, Village - Torne, Vashind Road, Taluka - Wada, District - Palghar, Maharashtra.

Shri Kishor Kerlikar, Sub Regional Officer-Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Dr. Bhawanji Aage Patil, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Wada and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Babasaheb Kukade, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairman, 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, 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 informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Shivkrupa Steel & Alloys Private Limited for their proposed expansion in existing unit of M.S. Billets from 40,000.0 TPA to 60,000.0 TPA, Removing of Old Induction Furnace (15.0 Ton) and Installation of New Modern Induction Furnace (15.0 Ton) & Production of Additional TMT Round Bars 60,000.0 TPA at Gut No.54, 11/1/A, Village - Torne, Vashind Road, Taluka - Wada, District - Palghar, Maharashtra.

Convener further informed that as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category B-1 schedule 3 (a) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt of Maharashtra, Mumbai for which prior Environmental Public Hearing is mandatory.

Convener stated that the aim of conducting prior public hearing is to create awareness in local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the project proponent unit.

Project Proponent had submitted prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment

& Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and it has been considered and given approval on 02.06.2022.

After sanction of District Collector, Palghar to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Thursday, the 6th January, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. 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- 97 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 221209-FTS-0240 dated 09-12-2022 :-

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

**Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Kalyan**

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan in the Local Newspaper in Daily Sakal for Marathi and in National Newspaper daily Free Press Journal for English on 05th December, 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 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, Palghar;
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Centre Office, Palghar;
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Palghar;

- 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-Wada, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 8) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office - Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 9) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Wada, Tal-Wada, District – Palghar;
- 10) Sarpanch, Group Gram Panchayat, Torne, Tal – Wada, Dist – Palghar;
- 11) Regional Officer, Regional Office-Kalyan, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Shree Siddhi Vinayak Sankul, 3rd Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road, Kalyan (West) – 421 301, Dist – Thane;
- 12) Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-3, Sub Regional Office-Kalyan, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Shree Siddhi Vinayak Sankul, 3rd Floor, Near Oak Baug, Station Road, Kalyan (West) – 421 301, Dist – Thane;
- 13) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board;

Convener stated that till date one email in support of the project has been received by Sub Regional Officer, Kalyan-3, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan. Also, on 05th January, 2023, an email was received from Shri Prasad Khale. In which he has raised 74 questions regarding the proposed project and it has been noted.

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in writing also.

Convener further informed that this Committee is constituted to know 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 Chairman of the Committee through Head Office MPCB to Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai for further decision. An Expert Committee at

Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra will take further decision.

Member, Convener requested Chairman to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He gave information about the geographical location of the proposed project, potential impact on the environment due to the proposed project, environmental management plan prepared for it, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund and Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) Fund.

Environmental consultant said that the total cost of the said project will be approximately Rs. 24.16 Crs. and additional 80 persons can get direct employment in the project. Similarly, due to the said project, the indirect business and employment in the area will be increased tremendously.

After the presentation, the Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to briefly present their

environmental views, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project. It is instructed to mention individual name and village while raising the suggestions, objections.

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

1) Shri Suresh Mokashi, Residence - Torne gaon, Tal- Wada, Dist - Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	What will be the benefits of the project expansion to the sons of the soil / Bhoomiputras and to the project workers? Detailed information should be given about how much job opportunities will be generated in the project and whether it will benefit the local people?	Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Project Director to answer the same. Project Proponent replied that local people will be given priority in the various services involved in the project, i.e. green belt development and conservation, canteen services, cleaning department,

		transport services in the project.
2)	On this occasion, Shri Mokashi suggested to give information about how many local workers will get job opportunities in the project. Similarly, how many local drivers, workers will get job opportunities in the expansion project. It was suggested to give detailed information about the fact that the operator will be given employment contract.	Project Proponent explained that local people will be trained and given job opportunities in the project. It means that those who are engineers, they will be given work in the field of engineering, those who are workers, they will be given work according to their educational qualification. Drivers will be hired locally.

२) Shri Vitthal Bapu Bhare, Residence – Torne gaon, Tal
– Wada, District – Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	This company is located in the village. There are houses adjacent to the company. There have been explosions in the company.	Project Proponent opined here that the Village Sarpanch is attending this meeting and he will answer about how many local cars have been given

	<p>It affects the neighboring houses. There is a Zilla Parishad school adjacent to the company. Classes from 1st to 5th are conducted there. Almost 100% children of tribal community are in the school. Although in the Presentation, it is promised to control noise pollution, the company has not taken any measures to control noise pollution since its inception. Though noise pollution affects everyone, everyone is not able to raise his views regarding noise pollution. Now while replying, the project officer said that training will be given and afterwards job opportunities will be given. So, what kind of training is going to be given? Because the local people have never been given an job opportunities since the company started. However, this should be clarified.</p>	<p>contract in the company. Drivers in the company are local. All the vehicles in the company are owned by these local people. Similarly, the canteen in the company is run by local residents only. There is a school in the neighborhood since the company started. Till date the school has not raised any objection that the school student suffers from noise pollution due to the company. The company has helped the school from time to time.</p>
2)	<p>I state while registering the objection that I am the Chairman of the Village Education Committee. A</p>	<p>Here, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee expressed the opinion that the suggestions,</p>

	<p>school teacher will never be able to register an objection against this company. We the parents will register the objection here.</p>	<p>objections raised in the meeting are being noted. However, if there is any complaint regarding noise pollution, it should be sent in writing to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's Kalyan Office. Further action will be initiated. If there is an engineering activity, it causes noise pollution. Here it is not. The suggestions or objections raised by the participants and the answers given by the Project Proponent are noted. This Committee does not approve or recommend the project. The minutes of this public hearing of the proposed project are submitted to the Government after taking note of the suggestions and objections raised regarding the environment. The expert committee takes the appropriate decision in this regard.</p>
3)	<p>Company is in operation since 2008 and the chimney is only for display. Not even 5% smoke comes out of the chimney. In the meeting, the project officials said that</p>	<p>Project Proponent informed that the smoke will not go out at all after the Secondary Emission Control System is operational. However, if the children in the school are</p>

<p>children of the neighboring Zilla Parishad school were not affected by the smoke. This is not at all accepted by the local people. The School Administration may not divulge this issue/objection for some reasons, but this environmental public hearing has given us an opportunity to divulge it to the Government. The smoke does not come out of the chimney installed in the project, but it spreads to the area from the other side. It has ill effects on the environment, then why would smoke not have a bad effect on 6–7-year-old children? The school children will be badly affected and the company must take responsibility for it. All the students belong to the tribal community. However, environmental decision in this regard should be taken by environmental public hearing committee.</p>	<p>suffering from smoke, a medical examination will be done for it and the cost of medication will also be borne by the company.</p>
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**3) Shri Sham Bhavar, Sarpanch, Group Gram Panchayat-
Kuyalu, Tal-Wada,Dist-Palghar:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Since 2008, this company has been operating here in Torane village and this company has given job opportunity to around hundred people. 50-70 people here are truck drivers, tanker drivers are locals and they are getting good salary from the company.	Suggestion is noted.

**4) Shri Kailas Chintaman Kakad, Residence - Kelthan, Tal -
Wada, District - Palghar :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public
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		Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>It has a population of 1,400 to 1,500 persons here. The company has provided employment to only 30-35 local people. But many local people here are unemployed. So what measures are going to be taken for the unemployed? However, the information about how many local people have been given employment should be made available. If they are being paid, their pay slip should be shown. The local, tribal people here do not get any help from the company to the locals. We don't have a job here. This company is of no use to us. However, the environment committee should take the decision regarding the company.</p>	Suggestion is noted.

5) Shri Dyaneshwar Pundalik Vekhande, Former Dy. Sarpanch Kuyalu, Gram Panchayat, Tal - Wada, Dist - Palghar:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>We gave permission to this company in 2008. The Gram Panchayat got revenue due to the activities of this company. 35 trucks, 35 owners, their families, security, canteen operator, all are local people only.</p> <p>The management of the company has given job opportunities to the workers in skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled category and it has given justice according to the ability of the worker.</p> <p>I am Secretary of the Rights Committee and since 2008 there has been no loss of life or financial loss outside the premises of the company. The outside area of the factory has not suffered any problem due to this company.</p>	Suggestion is noted.

2)	In terms of environment, the company has done the waste water management in the project itself. A stream flows only for four months. So there is no question of water going into the drain. However, the company should strictly follow the rules and run the company properly.	Suggestion is noted.
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6) Shri Ramesh Shankar Tubda, Former Sarpanch, Kuyalu Grampanchayat, Taluka - Wada, Dist - Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	It is told that, around 35-40 families are given job in this company. But all they are on contract basis. Local people, tribal people have to get work here. If given, they should show the list. The area here is a tribal dominated area and it falls under "PESA". Tribal tribe should be developed here.	Here, Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee opined that the said public hearing is for the environmental issues of the proposed project and only environmental suggestions and objections should be raised here. This is not a platform for problems and jobs of the village.

	<p>It doesn't happen. What is said here is completely false.</p>	<p>Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee opined that the present public hearing is in the form of presentation of environmental management plan of the company.</p> <p>In order to reduce the severity of the possible impact on the environment due to the proposed expansion of the company, for the implementation of the proposed environmental management plan, it is necessary to take note of the suggestions, objections raised by the local people in the meeting and submit the minutes of the meeting to the Government. So, discussion is expected only under this rule.</p>
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7) Mrs. Gautami Gotarne, Dy. Sarpanch, Kuyalu Gram Panchayat, Taluka - Wada, Dist - Palghar:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public
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		Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Will the project cause water pollution and if so, what measures will be taken by the company?	<p>Environmental Consultant said that the project does not generate industrial effluent. The generated effluent is treated and used for gardening/green belt in the project. Not a single drop of treated effluent from the project goes outside the project. Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, instructed Environmental Consultant to give a detailed reply. Convener said that the project does not generate industrial waste water in the manufacturing process. There are two types of sewage. A domestic waste water and industrial waste water. Project does not generate industrial effluent in the manufacturing process. The project has a 7.0 KLPD capacity STP for treating domestic sewage (Domestic Sewage Control System) will be commissioned. The treated domestic sewage will be used for green belt development</p>

		and conservation in the project premises only.

8) Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>Convener asked that in the presentation, fresh water consumption is shown as 10.0 cubic meter per day (KLPD) in the operating project and the total fresh water requirement after expansion is shown as 29.0 cubic meter per day (KLPD). If you are pumping more than 10.0 cubic meters of water per day from the underground, it is mandatory to take the prior permission of Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) of the Central Government.</p> <p>However, it should be clarified. CGWA permission</p>	<p>Project Proponent replied that water is brought to the project by tankers. In the project, less than 10.0 cubic meters of water per day is pumped from underground. The industrial effluent is not generated in the production activities. The domestic waste water is used in horticulture in the project after treatment. The permission of CGWA (Central Ground Water Authority) has been obtained for the project.</p>

	should be noted in the presentation and in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report.	
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**9) Ranjana Ramesh Tubda, Former Sarpanch Kuyalu, Taluka
- Wada, Dist - Palghar :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	So far the company has not followed the terms and conditions stipulated by the Government and the Gram Panchayat. The fumes generated in the manufacturing process are also not handled. It is causing great suffering to the people of the area. The stacks installed in the project have been installed only to show the government officials. Similarly, no job	Project Proponent replied that recently an order has been given to implement the Secondary Emission Control System. It is the most modern pollution control system available at this moment. It will be implemented. The said system will be operational in one month.

	opportunities are provided to local people as per the directives of the Government.	
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10) Shri Amol Gore, Kuyalu Gram Panchayat, Taluka - Wada, District - Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	I do business. All I can say is that this project provided employment to the local people. As per the educational qualification, employment was given here. Poor, tribal people live here. Here health care camps should be organized after certain period in a year. Adjacent to the company is the Zilla Parishad School, where children from the tribal community come to study. They also suffer from the noise and smoke pollution (smog) of the project.	Project Proponent welcomed the suggestion and assured that the health camp would be organized twice a year.

	However, what measures will be taken regarding the same?	
2)	Water is brought here by tankers. So, are the Company Administration going to use boring water in future? Do we use boring water now? This information should be given.	Project Proponent informed that the point is already explained.
3)	The current season is of fog. But along with the fog, the smoke that comes from the company (Smog), what measures are going to be taken to control the smog should be explained.	Project Proponent answered that as informed earlier, Secondary Emission Control System will be installed and operate regularly.
4)	We demanded to hire our car to the company. It is not considered. We also have the right to earn money. But our car is not hired by the company.	Project Proponent said that the cars that are hired in the project are from Drivers' Association of the village. On their behalf the cars are hired in the company. Your car should also be included in the project. You should discuss it with the Drivers' Association. We have not objected for hiring of your car.

11) Shri Vishal Kom, Local Resident, Tal - Wada,
Dist - Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The pollution from the company is affecting the agriculture of the farmers in the area. The measures to be taken should be explained. It is promised to provide employment to the local people, but it is not implemented. There are many educated young men and women in the village who can handle the administration of the company. But the project promoter will not give them employment contract. So, I am against this project expansion.	Officials of the project said that the local people are given job opportunities in the job, if they have submitted an application. Similarly, if local educated people had applied to the Company Administration, then surely appropriate decision would have been taken as per the need. However, you should ask the relevant educated persons of the locality to come to the company with the application form. A positive decision will be taken in this regard.

12) Shri Janardhan Babu Kom, Residence - Torne village, Tal - Wada, Dist - Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	<p>If the farmers who own 7/12 of the farm are damaged, who will give compensation? Government or Company? If the company's pollution damages the farm, what will the farmer do? Farmers will be more hungry than today. The smoke from this company spreads from the company to the entire village. The company was closed at eight o'clock last night. Otherwise, the company is run 24 hours a day and night. This company is emitting smoke round the clock.</p>	<p>The environmental consultant of the project said that there are three types of pollution. Air, water and solid waste pollution. Effluent from the project does not go outside the project. Project does not generate industrial effluent. Domestic sewage generated in the project is treated and used for green belt/horticulture development in the project. Not a single drop of treated effluent from the project goes outside the project. Therefore, there is no impact/effect of water pollution due to the company in the area.</p>
		<p>The solid waste (filling material) - slag generated in the project will be sold to</p>

		<p>cement companies, brick manufacturing companies for making bricks. Local brick manufacturers here can also take solid waste (filling material) - slag as raw material</p>
		<p>While giving information about air pollution, the project promoter said that the production process is run on electricity. No coal is used in the project. Primary Emission in the project is Zero. Secondary Emission Control System will be implemented for secondary emission control. Company's contractors have started the work. An order has been given for that. It is the most modern pollution control system available today. It will be implemented. The said system</p>

		will be operational in one month. This will completely control the smoke. Whatever smoke is visible, will not be visible.
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Project Proponent informed that the company has been operating here since 2008. The agricultural area here has not decreased due to the company. The proposed expansion project will not cause any kind of pollution.

Similarly, as per the directives of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, it is mandatory to have Secondary Storage, for that the company has decided to take a loan and install it and its work order has also been shared with everyone.

Project Proponent said that the company has only one mission that if the village develops, so does the company. For this, the company is ready to stand shoulder to shoulder with every person in the village. It is the wish of the company that the village should be developed.

13) Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Secondary Pollution Control System will be implemented for secondary emission control. Full information about the total cost should be given	<p>Project Proponent said that the total cost of civil works, machinery and labor is more than one crore. Ours is only company who has spent like this in the entire Wada.</p> <p>Project Proponent further said that it is our first duty to follow the directives passed by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and for that the company has decided to install secondary storage which has been made compulsory by the MPCB by taking a loan and its work order has also been shared with all.</p> <p>However, it will take 30-35 days to implement Secondary Emission Control System. So there will be no pollution.</p>

14) Dr. Yogesh Bhanushali, Editor, Hindu Bhushan,
Residence - Wada, Dist - Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	The company is developing the area. That's good. Only the company's pollution control system is not well operated. A lot of smoke can be seen in the area at night. There is a lot of smoke while riding a bike on the road at night. However, the project should progress only after implementing the pollution control system.	Environmental consultant said that Secondary Emission Control System will be implemented in the project in 30-35 days. This will eliminate the problem of pollution. It is the most modern system. The smoke will be emitted from the chimney itself.
2)	Secondly, if your company operates 24 hours, then the pollution control system should also be operational 24 hours. Similarly, local people should get job opportunities in the project. It is good that local tanker owners get job opportunity. Also, if there is someone from the tribal community, they must get work.	Suggestion is noted.

3)	Thirdly, the workers who work in the project should be given clean water, food and good living space according to the labor law.	Company Administration said that for workers, R.O. system has been installed for drinking water purposes. The residential houses have been constructed in the village for the for the workers to reside. Drinking water facility has been provided there.
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Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise their views, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only.

15) Shri Bharat Bugade, Residence - Village Kuyalu, Tal - Wada, Dist - Palghar :-

Sr. No.	Objection / Information / Question	Answers / Assurances given by Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee as per discussion
1)	Pollution occurs due to the company. To reduce it, the company should plant trees	Project Proponent replied that the tree planting program in collaboration with a Non-

	in the locality and saplings should be made available to Gram Panchayat.	Government Organization of Thane is being held from time to time. Project officer promised that saplings will be provided to the Gram Panchayats in the project area as per their demand.
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Representative of Sub Regional Office, Kalyan-3 MPCB, Kalyan appealed to the participants to raise suggestions and objections. There was no response from the participants. He requested Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee to speak few words for concluding the meeting.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee said while concluding the meeting that while any area is being developed, it is necessary to maintain environmental balance. Since both development and environmental balance need to be integrated, the Government of India has passed various Environmental Laws and its implementation is done by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Now, when the industry comes, there is pollution, for that, MPCB has specified some criteria/standards. It is mandatory for the company to follow it. MPCB is working to monitor it. As

per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 it is mandatory to conduct prior Environmental Public Hearings prior to initiation/expansion of certain projects to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC). Its purpose is to inform the people of the project area about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the proposed project and to record the suggestions and objections raised by them and submit them to the Government.

All sections of the society have actively participated in public hearing here. Doubts, suggestions and objections raised in the meeting have been recorded. Environmental Consultant of the company has given detailed information about the Environmental Management Plan of the project.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the Project Promoters that the co-operation and participation of the local people is essential for the success of the project. For that, a role of co-operation should be kept from time to time. Similarly, priority should be given to local youth and women in skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled cadres in the

project. Project Proponent has also said that the locals will be trained first and then given employment contracts in the project.

Chairman appealed to plan how the development of the village will be done along with the expansion of the project. Along with the development of the company, the company appealed to the villagers to support the development.

Convener said that anyone who wants to submit written objections can do so. He said that as informed by the Chairman, all suggestions, objections have been noted. It will be included in the minutes of the meeting and submitted to the Government. The Technical Committee there will consider all the suggestions raised by the locals.

This Committee does not take any decision to approve, reject or recommend the project. The minutes of the meeting along with the written suggestions, objections are submitted to Government through MPCB Head Office. An Expert Committee at Department of Environment, Govt. of Maharashtra take further decision.

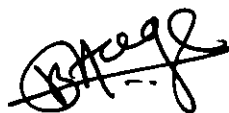
Convener thanked all for attending the meeting and on behalf of the Chairman declared that the public hearing is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed 02 written suggestions/objections as received.


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