

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION (ADDITION OF SHIP BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR YARD AS SHIP YARD) IN EXISTING FACILITY (FABRICATION YARD) AT RAJPURI CREEK, GUT NO.70 TO 83 & 96, AT – ROHINI VILLAGE, POST – MENDADI, TALUKA – MHASALA, DISTRICT – RAIGAD (402 105), MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S DAS OFFSHORE LIMITED, RAJPURI CREEK, GUT NO.70 TO 83 & 96, AT – ROHINI VILLAGE, POST – MENDADI, TALUKA – MHASALA, DISTRICT – RAIGAD (402 105), MAHARASHTRA

The Environment Public Hearing for proposed expansion (ADDITION OF SHIP BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR YARD REFERRED HEREIN AFTER AS SHIPYARD) in Existing Facility (FABRICATION YARD) at Rajpuri Creek, Gut No. 70 to 83 & 96, At– Rohini Village, Post– Mendadi, Taluka– Mhasala, District– Raigad (402 105), Maharashtra proposed by Project Proponent M/s. Das Offshore Limited at Rajpuri Creek, Gut No. 70 to 83 & 96, At– Rohini Village, Post– Mendadi, Taluka– Mhasala, District– Raigad (402 105), Maharashtra was held at project site on Friday, the 17th March, 2023 at 01.00 noon.

Mrs. Indira Gaikwad, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mahad and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Dr. Padamshree Bainade, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri. Vidyasagar Killedar, I/c. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Company Officials and local people 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, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, Gol) 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.

She informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Das Offshore Limited at Rajpuri Creek, Gut No. 70 to 83 & 96, At – Rohini Village, Post– Mendadi, Taluka– Mhasala, District– Raigad (402 105), Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing for proposed expansion (ADDITION OF SHIP BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR YARD AS SHIPYARD) in Existing Facility (FABRICATION YARD) at Rajpuri Creek, Gut No. 70 to 83 & 96, At – Rohini Village, Post– Mendadi, Taluka– Mhasala, District – Raigad (402 105), Maharashtra.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A schedule 7 (E) (Port & Harbour) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & 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 for expansion along with pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi and it has been considered and given online approval TOR on 30.12.2021.

After sanction from District Collector, Raigad to conduct the Physical and Online Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 17th March, 2023 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, Gol), 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- 17 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 230209- FTS- 0165 dated 09-02-2023 :-

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| 1) District Magistrate-Raigad-Alibag
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 Bhavan, 6 th Floor,
CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai. | Member |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer,
Sub Regional Office,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Mahad. | Convener |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mahad in the Local Newspaper in Daily Sagar in Marathi and in National Newspaper Indian Express in English on 06-02-2023 regarding public hearing date, place and for availability of online link to join the meeting online who are unable to attend physically. 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 as under:-

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, Western- Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001.
- 2) District Collector, Raigad-Alibag.
- 3) General Manager, District Industries Center, Raigad-Alibag.
- 4) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad ,Raigad-Alibag.
- 5) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Mhasala, District- Raigad;
- 6) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Taluka- Mhasala, District- Raigad.
- 7) Chief Officer, Mhasala Nagar Panchayat, Taluka – Mhasala, District – Raigad.
- 8) Group Grampanchayat Offices– Rohini/Adi Thakur, Gram Panchayat Office– Turumbadi, Kalsuri, Waral, Harvit.
- 9) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai– 400 032.

- 10) Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema Hall, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Sion (East), Mumbai- 400 022.
- 11) Joint Director, Directorate of Industrial Safety & Health (DISH), Konkan Bhavan Extension, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai- 400 614.
- 12) Joint Chief Controller of Explosives, A-1 & A-2 Wing, 5th Floor, CGO Complex, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614.
- 13) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector - 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614.
- 14) Sub Regional Office - Mahad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Common Facility Centre Building, MIDC Area, Mahad - 402 309, District - Raigad.
- 15) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.

Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Mahad is in receipt of two suggestions by mail, which have 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 asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, suggestions, objections, and it has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. The suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Similarly, the revised Environmental Impact Assessment Report of the Project Proponent and minutes of the public hearing after approval of Chairperson will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi after taking note of the video recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the public hearing. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same. She requested Hon'ble Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson, Environmental Consultant made a presentation regarding the entire Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the proposed project. He gave information about the geographical location of the proposed project, possible impact on the environment due to the proposed project, and the environmental management plan prepared for it.

He said that the total capital investment for environmental management in the said project is Rs. 2 Cr. So, the recurring cost for the factory is Rs. 40 lakhs. The project has a reserve of Rs.15 lakh per year for environmental maintenance and Total Rs. 81 lakh has been earmarked for CER fund of the project.

After the presentation, Hon'ble Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise their suggestions, objections if any regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. While raising the suggestions, objections, mention your name and village name while registering suggestions or objections.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environmental Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/ Project Environment Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee:-

1) Shri. Mushtak Esmail Parkar, Residence – Haravit Village, Taluka– Shrivardhan, District– Raigad :-

I thank Government, Company Management for arranging this public hearing here. It was stated in the meeting that all the information regarding the said public hearing meeting was made available to the local Gram Panchayat. But our Gram Panchayat has no information about this project. Gram Panchayat has not passed any resolution regarding this project. Villagers do not know anything about the proposed project.

However, it is a humble request that all the information about the proposed project should be given to the local people keeping in mind the humanity/vastness that you have.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Commttee informed Project Environment Consultant that the participant raised the issues that the local people do not have any information about the project. Hence, clarification should be given.

Environmental Consultant said that the said project is an extended project. A fabrication yard already exists in the project. It will be expanded. It means ship building and repair project will come here. However, all the facilities required for building new ships will be developed. Accordingly, a ramp will be made here, and boats will be brought to the land for building the boats or repair in dry dock.

At this time, Hon'ble Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined that I think that the participant desires information about how many jobs will be created due to the expansion of the project, it should be given.

Project Environmental Consultant informed that 106 people would get job opportunities during the construction phase, while nearly 700 people will get job opportunities after commissioning of the project.

2) Shri. Mallick Yunus Ahmed Davnak, Residence- Harvit Village, Post- Kudgaon, Taluka- Shrivardhan, District- Raigad :-

Our village has not yet received the information about this public hearing. However, as our village is not aware of this public hearing, the said public hearing is not binding on us. Another thing is that there is a port here and at Dighi also a port. So, all the salt water comes to our Harvit village. Our agriculture land has been destroyed due to intrusion of salt water here. All the borewells here are also at risk of becoming saline. Our village has not benefited from this project.

Company has not spent a single rupee to provide social amenities to the village. It is only to say in the public hearing that we will spend for development for the local people. Nothing is done anywhere.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 30 days in advance public notice was published in local and national

newspaper regarding the environment public hearing notice of the said project.

Also, Environment Impact Assessment Report, Executive Summary Report was made available in the villages Grampanchayat Rohini, Adithakur, Turumbadi, Kalsuri, Waral, Harvit in Marathi and in English.

It was suggested to inform local villagers on loud speaker with beating drums /davandi regarding today's public hearing and it was given yesterday.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that the representatives of the project should give information about the social work done by the company for the village of Harvit.

Environmental Consultant said that due to the expansion of the said project, job opportunities can be given to local people. Similarly, Skill Development Programme will be undertaken to empower the local people. The project will help the local people to acquire ship building skills. Local people will get an opportunity for personal achievement.

Hon'ble Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee expressed the opinion that the concerned person desires to know about the CSR and CER fund provisions of the company.

Environmental Consultant said that through this project we will provide various social facilities. A provision of Rs.81/- lakh has been made for this. At present, we will provide ambulance and medical facilities. Water supply is provided. Similarly, the crematorium will be developed in the future. Public toilets will be constructed.

Here, the Hon'ble Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee suggested that Environmental Consultant should inform about the amount of CSR funds allocated and how much would be spent every year.

At that time, Project Proponent said that according to the directives of the Government, CSR funds will be allocated and spent for the necessary social development works in that village in the area as informed.

Member, Environmental Public Hearing Committee said that CSR stands for Corporate Social Responsibility Fund (CSR Fund) 2.0 % of the company's profit every year has to be spent for social development works in the surrounding villages eg. Construction of schools, toilets in schools, village roads, water supply schemes, health facilities, kindergartens etc. have to spend for.

It was also informed that the Corporate Environment Responsibility Fund (CER Fund) is mandatory, and its provision @ 2.0 % of total cost of the project should be spent in 5 years for implementation of various environmental schemes in the surrounding villages, green belt development etc. The same should be utilized with prior approval of the District Administration is to be carried.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that both CSR and CER funds are separate and 2.0 % of the company's profit i.e. CSR fund is to be spent on social development works in the villages in the area. However, the participants in the meeting should be told how much they have spent so far in the local villages.

At that time, Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that first the Gram Panchayat needs to make a

demand here. If someone makes a personal request, the company cannot fulfill it. Gram Panchayat should give such proposal to the company. Company distributes the funds for that development work to Gram Panchayats. Gram Panchayats may carry out development work from that fund.

Similarly, the CER fund that is to be spent in consultation with the District Collector, the CER fund which is for the first five years is to be proposed by the Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, Zilha Parishad. CER funds are to be spent on proposals approved by the District Collector.

3) Shri. Balkrishna Balu Anaji, At- Turumbadi, Post- Mendadi, Taluka- Mhasla, District- Raigad:-

The issue of CSR funding was raised in the discussions. There is severe water shortage in Turumbadi village. When the company is demanded the water supply scheme, the company tells the villagers that there is a farm at Boraicha Mal, on which the company desires to develop residential colony. No-Objection Certificate (NOC) should be given to them for concerned plot, then only the social facilities in the village will be considered by the company management. Or you (i.e. villagers) may show an alternative place for developing residential colony and NOC should be issued for it. Turumbadi villagers had demanded the water from the company's dam, because the situation here is that there are constant repairs at Mendadi Dam, hence there is no water for 15 days in a month.

Hence, my request is that if the point of co-operation is thought, there will be highest environmental impact on Turumbadi village of this project. The company has already provided water

supply scheme to Rohini village and, Adithakur. So, if the water supply scheme is implemented in village Turambadi village will also co-operate with the project management.

Project Proponent said that a solution will be made for the issue of Turambadi village after discussion with all Gram Panchayat members.

Hon'ble Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise any environmental suggestions, objections, if any, regarding the proposed project.

4) Shri. Chandrakant Laxman Bedekar, Residence– Kalsuri Village, Post– Mendadi, Taluka– Mhasala, District– Raigad:-

The people in the meeting understood the information regarding the proposed project and the facilities to be supplied in the villages in the future. Following the project's commissioning, only the Rohini Gram Panchayat region has benefited, whereas Adi Thakur, Turambadi, Kalsuri, Waral, and Haravit have received no benefits at all.

As the project is being expanded, our demand is that the young boys and girls who are in the area should be given job opportunities and get regular monthly salary scale. If you get a job here, you should get the pay scale per month. As they are not getting the salary, the young boys and girls here have to leave the village and go to Mumbai and Pune for work. Companies are established here by taking the land of the local people. Hence, it is expected that the benefits should go to the local people and the poor people.

Environmental Consultant said that their suggestions have been noted and further action will be taken. He appealed all participants to raise any suggestions or objections in respect of proposed project.

Here Shri. Parkar and Shri. Malik opined that they are grateful for the information given about the project. He further opined that as mentioned in the presentation, if you are going to provide training, employment, and salary scale to the local people, and also develop various social facilities in the villages of the area, we are grateful, but the project should not cause pollution and other problems to the people of the area.

Hon'ble Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that here feelings were expressed by the local people that the villages Harvit, Kalsuri, Warang, Turambadi have not benefited from the project but only Rohini village has been benefited. However, Hon'ble Chairperson suggested that along with project expansion, planning should be done for the development of other villages also.

Here, Hon'ble Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only.

5) Shri. Mahendra Mahadev Patil, At- Rohini Gaon, Tal- Mhasala, District- Raigad:-

During the discussions in the meeting, objections were raised that only Rohini village is benefited by this company. Other villages in the area are not considered while implementing the social welfare schemes. So, we request the Project Proponent that the Company Administration should take care that the people of the area will not suffer due to this expansion project.

Environmental consultant promised that precautions will be taken to ensure that the villagers do not face any problem.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee urged the participants to raise any environmental suggestions, objections, if any, regarding the proposed project

6) Shri. Harishchandra Nathuram Lodhi, Residence– Turambadi, Taluka- Mhasala, District– Raigad :-

Company came into existence in 2008. In 2012, candidates from the villages of Turambadi, Adithakur, Rohini were taken to Belapur for training. I wanted to learn driving; it is taught by the company. However, my personal opinion is that a training center should be started. So, the local candidates will benefit from it. Local boys and girls will get employment here after learning.

Today the Das Company gave me an apprenticeship. I am working here, and my son is an engineer and working here in Das company. However, it is requested that there should be a Training Center here.

He further said that as the issue raised in the meeting, water scarcity is a burning issue in the Turambadi. Women suffer a lot. However, it is a humble request that the water crisis issue should be resolved immediately.

Shri. Malik said that such a hearing was held in respect of Dighi Port also. Some terms and conditions were prescribed to them in which social development schemes of Harvit village were included. They have done nothing. National Green Tribunal also issued directions to them, but nothing happened. These kinds of public

hearings are called, nothing actually happens. However, information should be given as to what will be given to Harvit village and how much percentage will be given.

Environmental Consultant said that the amount to be spent would be announced after estimating the required development works in the village after the implementation of the project as mentioned in the Presentation.

Shri. Malik objected that why company officials did not come and survey the village? Why not they have carried the survey of civic facilities which are essential in our Harvit village? Similarly, how many local boys and girls of this village are working in the company?

Project Proponent said that the CER fund reserve as stated in the Presentation. Then Harvit Gram Panchayat should give their proposal after passing in the Gram Panchayat meeting to the Project Management. Information about the social facilities required in the village should be given. The amount will be transferred to the Gram Panchayat Account after approval from the District Collector's office. At present one person from Haravit village is working in the project. He was joined as a Helper and is now promoted as Fitter after training. That means progress has been made in his personal career.

Hon'ble Chairperson, Environmental Public Hearing Committee told the participants that the said public hearing is for environmental issues for the proposed project. She told Shri Malik that the Gram Panchayat should submit a proposal to the Project Management regarding the social facilities required in Harwit village. Company will take further action and submit the proposal to the Collector's Office.

Hon'ble Chairperson suggested to the Project Management that the share of the annual amount agreed upon by you should be kept the same for all the villages in the area, so no one will be angry.

Shri. Malik while objecting, said that Dighi Port is at one side and Das Company on the other side, all the salt water enters in our villages during high tide time. Even if the construction of the embankment/barrage is going on, there is no guarantee how long it will last. Due to the port on both sides, 99% of our village's agriculture and bore wells have been destroyed due to flood of salty water. Chairperson instructed the Project Environmental Consultant to reply.

Environmental Consultant replied that the embankment is being constructed in the area prescribed by the MMB and the proposed project is to be developed in the adjoining area. So, what will be the effect on it? Sea water will rise or fall, which happens with the tides, but it will be checked as you indicated.

At that time, Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Environment Consultant that whether there is any embankment/barrage of the project at Harvit? Environmental Consultant replied in the negative. Chairperson remarked that she was expecting the same answer.

Hon'ble Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked whether there are any Kharland Bandhara schemes here? She informed that many Kharland Bandhara schemes are going on in Shrivardhan Taluka. Financial assistance has been provided under the head of Natural Calamities to many of the bunds/barrages. (Kharland Bandhara). However, the

Tehsildar will check this matter. Similarly she promised to discuss the issues of Harvit village with the Executive Engineer, Kharland herself. The intrusion of Sea water coming to Haravit village due to embankment will be checked.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee while concluding the meeting thanked Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee as well as Tahsildar, Police Administration, Company Officers, Journalists, Media, and channels representatives, local villagers for attending the public hearing. Member while thanking the local people said that the local people raised the questions here. The company administration and environmental consultant tried to answer it.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that local people in the discussions raised the issue that only Rohini village has been considered for various social utilities schemes by the Project Proponent. However, Hon'ble Chairperson in the meeting directed Project Proponent to spend equal amount to all other villages like Rohini village. The directives should be strictly followed.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting are noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting and will be submitted along with written suggestions, objections as received with Final EIA report with the approval of Chairperson of the meeting through MPCB Head Office to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decision.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee on behalf of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed herewith **Two** written suggestions received.



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Environment Public Hearing
Committee

And

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Member,

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