

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS (UNSATURATED POLYESTER RESIN)
PRODUCTION PROJECT OF M/S MOREX INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED, PLOT NO.
5 & 6, SURVEY NO. 329, WADA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX,
HAMRAPUR, TALUKA WADA, DISTRICT PALGHAR**

As per the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 dated 14.09.2006, issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, as amended from time to time, an application was received at Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sion on 19.05.2026 for conducting an Environmental Public Hearing for the proposed "Synthetic Organic Chemicals (Unsaturated Polyester Resin) Production Project" of M/s Morex Industries Private Limited, Plot No. 5 & 6, Survey No. 329, Wada Industrial Development Complex, Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar, Maharashtra. Accordingly, the Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Sion, Mumbai, directed to Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan-III to conduct the Public Hearing through Vide letter No. MPCB/667/2026-002/E-3233325 dated 25.05.2026, and the following officials were appointed as members of the panel:

- 1) District Magistrate, District- Palghar Chairman
or his representative not below the rank of
Additional District Magistrate
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Member
Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan
- 3) Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan-III Convenor

In accordance with the above directions and with the approval of the Hon'ble District Collector, Palghar, the Environmental Public Hearing was organized on 11.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Shri Subhash Bhagade, Additional District Magistrate, Palghar, at M/s Morex Industries Private Limited, Plot No. 18, Survey No. 123 (New Survey No. 329), Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar. As required under the EIA Notification, a public notice giving one month's advance notice was published on 05.07.2026 in the Marathi daily "Sakal" and the English daily "The Free Press Journal". Copies of the EIA Report and Executive Summary in English and Marathi were made available at the following offices:

1. Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administration Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion (East), Mumbai.
3. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
4. District Collector Office, Palghar District.
5. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Palghar District.

6. Sub Divisional Officer, Wada, District Palghar.
7. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalyan.
8. Tahsildar, Wada Tahsil Office, Wada, District Palghar.
9. Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Wada, Taluka Wada, District Palghar.
10. General Manager, District Industries Centre, Udyog Bhavan, Palghar, District Palghar.
11. Gram Panchayat Office, Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar.

The basic purpose of the Environmental Public Hearing, as stated in the public notice, was to provide information to the people in the project area about the proposed project; to understand the likely impacts of the project and the views of the general public; and to inform the public about the pollution-control systems proposed for the project. The public was invited to submit suggestions/objections regarding the proposed project orally, in writing, or by e-mail. Accordingly, two written submissions regarding the proposed project were received by e-mail at the Sub-Regional Office, MPCB, Kalyan-III.

In this regard, with the prior permission of the Hon'ble District Collector, Palghar, the Public Hearing was organized on 11.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at M/s Morex Industries Private Limited, Plot No. 18, Survey No. 123 (New Survey No. 329), Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar. The Public Hearing commenced at 11.05 A.M. A total of 29 persons, including public representatives, industry representatives, representatives of local bodies, environmental experts, representatives of social organizations, representatives of newspapers and news channels, and general citizens, attended the Public Hearing. The attendance list is enclosed herewith. The following officers were also present:

1. Hon'ble Shri Subhash Bhagade, Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar.
2. Shri Satish Padwal, Member and Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan.
3. Dr. Seema Uday Dalavi, Convenor and Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan-III.
4. Shri Jayprakash Bhusara, Field Officer, MPCB, Sub-Regional Office, Kalyan-III.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, District-Palghar, the Sub-Regional Officer, Kalyan-III, in her capacity as Convenor, briefed those present about the Public Hearing and requested the project proponent to present the environmental and technical details of the proposed project.

Accordingly, M/s Envirosphere Consultant and Engineers LLP, on behalf of the project proponent, presented detailed information through a PowerPoint (PPT) presentation regarding the proposed project of M/s Morex Industries Private Limited, Plot No. 5 & 6, Survey No. 329, Wada Industrial Development Complex, Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar, stated that the project proponent had made a detailed presentation. Based on the Executive Summary and the presentation made by the company, the members of the public present were invited to raise suggestions, objections, or questions regarding the proposed project. It was also requested that repetition of issues already raised be avoided in order to save time. The Hon'ble Chairman further stated that any written suggestions intended to be submitted during the Public Hearing should be handed over to the representative of the MPCB.

Subsequently, the following suggestions/questions/objections were raised:

- 1) Shri Vilas Tukaram Dhanwa, Mauje Kurle, Taluka Wada, District Palghar – Will local people be provided employment in the company?

The project proponent stated that, as mentioned in the presentation, 50 persons would be employed during the construction phase and 70 persons during the operational phase of the project. Priority would be given to local people during the construction phase, and during the operational phase priority would be given to local candidates based on their educational qualifications.

- 2) Shri Nitin Raju Marle, Mauje Kalamkhand, Taluka Wada, District Palghar – Is there a possibility of a chemical leak from this project?

The project proponent stated that, since this is a chemical project, condensers have been installed on each reactor to prevent leakage, along with an alarm system. In the event of any leakage, the alarm system would be activated immediately and necessary action would be taken to prevent gas leakage.

- 3) Mr. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist – He stated that unemployment is a major concern in India and congratulated the company management, observing that industries generate more than 90 lakh jobs every year as compared with 5 to 6 lakh jobs generated by the Central and State Governments. He stated that the baseline survey conducted by the project proponent in respect of water, air, and land was good and satisfactory. He asked whether the proposed green belt, stated to be 23%, could be increased by another 10%. He further suggested that, if additional green-belt development within the project premises was not possible, pollution-reducing plants should be planted in the village. He also suggested that, to give priority in employment to local people, local youth should be trained with the assistance of the Government and provided employment, which would benefit both the company management and unemployed youth. He further suggested that the company management form a coordination committee comprising villagers and the Sarpanch, and that decisions regarding green-belt development, water irrigation, and employment be taken in coordination with the committee. Finally, he stated that he was recommending to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, that the project be approved without any conditions, and congratulated the project proponent/environmental consultants for preparing a detailed report.

- 4) Mr. Sarthak Vilas Garel, Hamrapur, Taluka Wada, District Palghar – What type of pollution may be caused by this project, and how will the sewage and waste chemicals be disposed of?

The project proponent stated that the main sources of pollution in any project are air pollution and water pollution. It was stated that there would be no discharge of wastewater from the project because a Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) system would be adopted; the wastewater generated would be treated and reused within the project. To control chemical emissions, VOC-control systems and a double-condensation system would be provided on the reactors, along with sensor systems, so as to minimize air emissions.

- 5) Shri Mohan Ramu Dhanwa, Village Galtare, Taluka Wada, District Palghar – How many trees will be planted under this project?

The project proponent stated that a total of 658 trees would be planted under the project. Although the company management had initially planned for 500 trees, considering future requirements, 658 trees would be planted. In addition, 400 to 600 trees had been planted along the roadside and in the area behind the company's plot under CER activities, and a total of 1,000 trees would be planted around the project.

The Member and Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan, asked the project proponent to explain the proposed treatment and management of industrial wastewater.

The project proponent stated that, under the ZLD system, low-COD and high-COD wastewater streams would be segregated and treated through the proposed treatment system, and the treated water would ultimately be reused in the cooling towers. It was further stated that only treated STP water would be used for green-belt development.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar, stated that, since publication of the notice for the Public Hearing, the MPCB had received two suggestions by e-mail. He further stated that approximately five persons had raised oral suggestions and objections during the Public Hearing and that the same would be incorporated in the minutes.

Conclusion: Public representatives, local-body officials, villagers, business representatives, and environmental experts participated in the Public Hearing and expressed their suggestions, objections, and expectations regarding the proposed project. The Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, District-Palghar, the members of the Public Hearing panel, the Regional Officer, MPCB, Kalyan, and the project proponent took note of the suggestions and objections raised by the public/villagers regarding environmental issues. Finally, the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Palghar, thanked all those present for participating peacefully in the Public Hearing and for placing their views on record, and declared the Public Hearing concluded.



Dr. Seema Uday Dalavi

Convenor of the Committee &

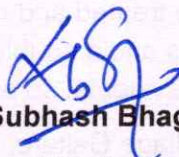
Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Kalyan-III



(Shri. Satish Padwal)

Member of the Committee &

Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Kalyan



(Shri. Subhash Bhagade)

Chairman of the Committee &

Additional District Magistrate, District- Palghar