

**Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 21/10/2013 at Sy.No.3/2,5/2,
Pichguntrahalli Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, for the proposed Integrated waste
Management Facility by Envotech Waste Management Limited.**

Public Hearing Panel members Present		
1	Sri D.K. Ravi, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.	Chairperson
2	Sri. M.K Prabhudev, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bangalore (East),	Representing KSPCB
3	Sri. H.K. Marimadaiah , Environmental Officer, Regional Office, K.S.P.C.B. Kolar	Convener
<u>Representatives of Project proponents</u>		
1	Sri Asif Hussain	Director
2	Smt Maheshwari	Director
3	Sri Trushit Desai	Project consultant
4	Sri S K Jain	Project consultant
5	Sri Maulik Suthar	Project consultant
6	Sri Suraj A. Kolhe	Representative from project proponent
7	Sri Narayana G K	Representative from project proponent
8	Sri Ashutosh Patrale	Representative from project proponent
9	Sri Lakshmikanth Patel	Representative from project proponent

List of Participants

About 1000 Villagers were present at the public hearing site and refused to sign.

Preamble:

M/s Envotech Waste Management Ltd., have proposed to establish an Integrated Waste Management facility at Sy. No. 3/2, 5/2, 65,4P2 Pichguntrahalli Village and Sy. No. 96/5, 96/6, 96/7, 96/8, 134/2, 134/3, 135/1, 135/2, 135/3, 136/2, 136/3 and 136/4 of Madanahatti Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar District with an investment of Rs. 221.60 Crores. The project requires EC as required under EIA notification issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The project consists of the following waste management facilities.

Sl. No.	Facility	Sub Facility	Quantity
1	Advanced thermal treatment unit based on plasma technology with heat recovery and plasma gasification		20 TPD
		Secured Land fill	3,75000 Tonnes
		Used oil recycling unit	40 TPD
		Hazardous waste co-processing unit	30 TPD
2	Medical waste management unit		2.5 TPD
3	e-Waste Management		4000 TPA

Prior arrangements have been made by the Board for public information as per the EIA Notification and the public notices regarding the public hearing was issued in News papers viz., Kannada Prabha (Kannada Daily) and The Times of India (English Daily) on 21/09/2013 and also in "Kolar Prabha" a local news paper on 28/09/2013.

Proceedings of the Public hearing on 21.10.2013.

More than 1000 nearby Farmers, residents have gathered at the site & made objections for conducting Public hearing (PH). They have not allowed to erect the pendal and to make necessary arrangements for PH. However on request of the Deputy Commissioner Kolar District, public sat on the ground & PH was conducted in open air.

Sri Manjunatha Gowda, MLA Malur Constituency has addressed the gathering and said that, nobody knows about the industry coming up in this area; by purchasing land for setting up of industry for generate power by burning Hazardous waste. MLA requested the Farmers leader, Taluk panchayath presidents to speak about the project and public to listen silently and express their views and suggestions.

Public gathered have started to raise objections and spoke loudly. Further, they have opposed the presentation proposed by the company. However on request made to public by Deputy Commissioner, company briefed for 5 minutes about nutshell of company. Then Deputy Commissioner, Kolar has directed public to express their views and suggestions.

Views/suggestions/ objections raised by the public are listed below.

1. Sri Venkatesh, Resident of Pichguntrahalli:

Stated that, M/s Envotech people are going to bring industrial waste and generate electricity by burning the waste. He desired to have more information on the Hazardous waste. They have mentioned in the EIA report that, Industrial waste, medical waste and other waste like automobile waste and other available waste will be burnt in the factory. The proposed industrial people assuring that, there will be no pollution. This area look like forest due to Eucalyptus tree plantation around the project site, but there is agricultural activity is going on in this area. There is a water tank is located at a distance of 100 mtrs and 18 villages are located within 500m, 1km and 2Kms radius from the project site. He objected the establishment of this project in the area.

2. Sri Puttaswamy, Ex. President, Taluk Panchayath, Malur Taluk.

The proposed hazardous waste burning industry site is coming up near to residential area. Further, the Farmers are depending mainly on activities like agriculture, sericulture, Dairy farming. Burning of waste and dumping in the ground leads to pollution of water& Air and may cause kidney failure, cancer and mental disorder. Also the proposed industrial site is very close to the Yeshwanthapura, Thidlu and Marasandra social forest; Birds and wild animals like deer and other animals are living in this forest. About 15 villages are located nearby by the proposed industry and about 45000 population living and they depend on

agriculture, sericulture, Dairy farming etc., In this regard he has given Memorandum to DC, Kolar and requested to shift the proposed project from human habitat to some other area.

3. Smt Yellamma, Zillah Panchayath Member, Kolar District.

She objected the establishment of this project and apprehended that, the project will lead to water and air pollution problems in th area. She expressed that, the establishment will affect the health of children and also wild life in the vicinity. She strongly objected and requested the DC, Kolar to stop the establishment of the project.

4. Sri G.Srinivas - Ex member, Gram Panchayath - Domlur.

He stated that, there are 11 villages in Nosagere Gram Panchayath and the entire population lives on agricultural activity. This area may congregate with Bangalore Rural District. At present the area is having water scarcity & the farmers are not getting adequate water even if they dig bore wells beyond 1200ft. He apprehended that, the project will cause ground water pollution thereby.

5. Sri Srinivasa - Secretary, Karnataka Rakshana Vedike.

He strongly objected the establishment & stated that, Malur Taluk is very famous for vegetable plantation and supplying 50-100 loads of Vegetables to Bangalore & other important cities in the country. The project will surely affect the crops and health of farmers will be got affected due to Air & Water pollution.

6. Sri G Manjunath gowda - President Karnataka Rakshna Vedika Malur Taluk.

He expressed that; the establishment will have long term effects on people & children. He further requests the DC, Kolar to reject the proposed industry.

7. Sri Ramesh Bashettihalli- President Karnataka Farmers Association, Malur Taluk.

He expressed that, many units in & around Bangalore have already polluting the Environment and people of Bangalore are residing in poisonous world. He apprehended that the units will cause water and air pollution thereby endangering the lives of farmers. He

suggested that the project may be got shifted to other places where large area of waste lands are available.

8. Sri S.V. Lokesh - Taluk Panchayath Member, Malur Taluk.

He objected the establishment and expressed that 40 to 50 thousand people cultivating in around 8000 acres of land. The project will spoil forest land viz Thindlu, Marasandra and Yeshwanthapur located within 1- 2 kms areas;

9. Shri Bannappa – Taluk Panchayat Member – Malur Taluk :

He apprehended that people will suffer with serious disease like disability and kidney failures.

10. Shri Paramesh – Villager from Pitchguntrahalli :

He requested to Deputy Commissioner and MLA to save their life by rejecting the proposal.

11. Shri Laxminarayana–Ex-Municipal President and Member-Malur TMC:

He objected and requested the Deputy Commissioner that the proposed company should not be permitted. He stated that the people will go for revolution in this area if the proposed company is permitted.

12. Shri B Ramaiah – Ex Member Secretary KSPCB:

He objected the proposal by quoting the following reasons:

- a) Storage of Hazardous waste will affect the environment.
- b) Burning of Hazardous waste at low temperature leads to release of Furans & Dioxins. If anyone breathes 24 hours continuously he is bound to get cancer.
- c) Waste dumped in land fill sites will lead to ground water contamination. Cleaning or bring back contaminated ground water to safe level is highly risky expensive and also difficult. This whole area will be become water scared and polluted.
- d) Project Proponent is telling that they use plasma technology and burn all kinds of wastes, but that is not true.

- e) There are no rivers in the area; Farmers are depending on rains, if forest is destroyed, there will be no adequate rainfall in the area.

13. Shri Venkatesh -Karnataka Dalith Sangarsh Samithi :

Malur area is best for bricks manufacturing, Floriculture, Milk production and Vegetable. The proposed project will affect these activities. In Karnataka there are many other places which suit this type of projects & requested DC, Kolar & MLA not to permit this proposed project. He has submitted a memorandum.

14. Shri Sunanda Reddy – Environmentalist – Darithri NGO Hyderabad:

He stated about the lacunas in the EIA report as follows;

- a) The proponent has not made provision of 33% area for providing green belt, i.e., provided 8 acres instead of 12 acres.
- b) The proponent has to give the justification for the Water consumption and Provisions for Rain water harvesting Facility, since proposed project requires 335 KLD of Water for their process, since already there is scarcity of water in the area.
- c) He raised question that no proper survey/Study conducted with respect to Air, Water & Soil pollution and also health hazards on the people of the surrounding 25 Villages.

He was interrupted by this public and started to short against the company.

15. Shri Manjunatha Gowda - MLA Malur :

He informed that in Google map, they have shifted the Village Pinchguntrahalli after the railway track. Public Hearing is preliminary stage, before taking up establishment of unit. He expressed that the local people were not aware of the project when the company has started for purchase of land. He has quoted the pollution problem of Mangalore area where farmers used Endosulfan for cashew plantation and described the suffering of children and general public even after 12 – 15 years. He expressed his dissatisfaction over employment provided to local people by large units in Kolar district even though the company's are running with huge profit margin.

Shri M K Prabhu Dev – Senior Environment Officer – KSPCB Bangalore :

SEO KSPCB, has briefed the EIA rules and informed the public that the Public Hearing is carried out as required under EIA notification. Public can express their views/suggestions/objections and same will be recorded and sent to MOEF. The Government of India will examine the issue after obtaining public hearing proceedings and will take decision on the issue of clearance to the project.

The Deputy Commissioner requested the public to hear the Project Proponent as the presentation by the project proponent is mandatory and asked the project proponent to explain.

Shri Narayana G K – Representative from Project & Smt Maheshwari M S – Director have started to make their replies and informed the public that the Project Proponent has got two similar plants where they are successfully generating power from the existing units for the last 6 years. The project proponent is interested to go for a advanced technology than the existing one in this area. The project proponent is willing to explain all the queries rose by the public in order to remove their apprehension on the pollution problems and requested the public to hear them politely and open minded. The project proponent has tried to explain the benefits of the project but however, the public started to shout slogans and expressed their objections in spite repeated request from Deputy Commissioner.

Deputy Commissioners Observation

Everybody present during public hearing were opposing the project, including nearby farmers, local leaders viz, Gram Panchayath, Taluk Panchayath, Zillah Panchayath and MLA. The proposed land purchased few years back without informing local people regarding the project. This area is rich in flora and fauna, which will be affected due to this project. It is fast urbanizing mainly residential layouts are coming up in the vicinity. Malur Taluk is known for vegetable cultivation & vegetable Bowl of Bangalore and Bangalore sub-urban green belt is also in the nearby vicinity & it is agri green zone. Further, project proponent has not mentioned about the Health and pollution status present and after establishment of the project. And also not conducted study on future negative impact on environment, human being, water, soil & air. Then mitigation strategy for future negative impact and details about CSR activities has not given.

There is one hazardous waste treatment facility at Dhabaspet, Nelamangala Taluk, which is on Bangalore – Tumkur highway (NH-4), that treatment facility itself is not getting sufficient hazardous waste, then where will their facility get the hazardous waste. Then question of running of company also doubted and it might have aiming for govt subsidies cost benefit etc., with these observation forwarding the public hearing report for further action.

Finally, the Deputy Commissioner concluded the Public Hearing stating that the proceeding will be sent to KSPCB for onward transmission to MOEF.

The memorandums received before and during the Public hearing are enclosed and list is below ;

Sl. No.	Name of the Complainant	Inward No and Date
1	Nosagere Gram Panchayath Karyalaya, Nosagere, Malur Taluk, Kolar District.	1162/19.10.2013
2	Karnataka Dhalitha Sangharsha Samithi, Malur Taluk Shake, Kolar District.	1194/21.10.2013
3	Nosagere Gram Panchayath Karyalaya, Nosagere, Malur Taluk, Kolar District.	1195/21.10.2013
4	Sri Puttaswamy, Chairman, Taluk Panchayath, Malur, Kolar District.	1196/21.10.2013
5	Sri Manjunatha Gowda, Karnataka Rakshana Vedhike, No. 21, TPS Building, Near Bus Stand, Malur, Kolar District.	1197/21.10.2013
6	Sri S.V. Lokesh, Member, Taluk Panchayath, Malur, Kolar District.	1198/21.10.2013
Sl. No.	Name of the Complainant	Inward No and Date
7	Karnataka Rajya Raith Sangha Malur Taluk Kolar District.	1198/21.10.2013
8	Sri P.N. Paramesh, S/o. Late Narayanappa P. Pichaguntrahalli Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar District.	1200/21.10.2013


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