

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 4,000TCD TO 5,500TCD AND INCREASE IN POWER GENERATION OF CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT FROM 12 MW/hr TO 27 MW/hr OF M/S. KRISHNA SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE NIYAMIT., AT EXISTING UNIT IN SANKONATTI VILLAGE, ATHANI TALUK, BELAGAVI DISTRICT.

DATE : 28.10.2016

TIME : 11.00AM

VENUE : AT PROJECT SITE

M/s. Krishna Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit., Sankonatti-village having its corporate office at Sankonatti, Athani-Tq, Belgavi-Dist, Karnataka State has proposed to undertake following projects.

- Expansion of Sugar Cane Crushing capacity from 4,000TCD to 5,500TCD
- Increase in power generation of Cogeneration Power Plant from 12 MW/hr to 27 MW/hr.

#### DETAILS OF THE PROJECT LOCATION

Survey Numbers 1141, 1142, 1143, 1136, 1137, 225 and 226 of Sankonatti village, Athani Taluk, Belgavi District , Karnataka State.

#### OFFICERS PRESENT

The public hearing was conducted as per EIA notification of MoEF, Government of India 14-09-2006 & amendment notification 01-12-2009.

#### Public Hearing Panel

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	Shri N. Jayram, I.A.S., The Deputy Commissioner, Belgavi District.	Chairman
2	Sri M A Maniyar, District Environmental Officer, KSPCB Regional Office, Belgavi-2 ( Chikkodi Centre)	Member

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S Krishna Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit(PROJECT PROPONENT)		
1.	Shri. P. C. Savadi	Chairman
2.	Shri. J. A. Patil	Vice-Chairman
3.	Shri. G. M. Patil	Managing Director
4.	Shri. R. A. Pattar	Director
5.	Shri. N. D. Yaxambi	Director
6.	Shri. R. V. Kulkarni	Director
7.	Shri. N. M. Telasang	Director
8.	Shri. A. K. Basha	Chief Engineer
9.	Shri. L. V. Kumbar	General Manager(Process)
10.	Shri. S. A. Thakkannavar	O.S.
11.	Shri. S. D. Nandeshwar	Director
12.	Shri. G. M. Tevaramani	Director
13.	Shri. V. P. Managali	Purchase Officer
14.	Shri. A. N. Ganger	Labour Welfare Officer

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the MoEF and it is mandatory that, an Environmental Public Hearing at the project site is held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or an officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference Letter dated: 04-06-2016 and the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi letter dated: 09-09-2016, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 28-10-2016 at the Project Site, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Belagavi.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the paper Notification 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "VijayVani" and English Daily Newspaper "The Deccan Herald" dated: 27-09-2016. And in local daily Kannada Newspaper "VijayVani" on 29-09-2016.

The suggestions / views / comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located at the Project site and are likely to be affected by the expansion were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. Either orally or written or through E-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification.

The copy of the EIA draft report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zillah Panchayat, Belagavi

- District Industries and Commerce Centre, Belagavi
- The Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Athani, Belagavi- District.
- The Gram Panchayat Office, Sankonatti village, Athani-Taluk, Belgavi-District.
- The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belgavi-02,(Chikkodi Centre)
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, KendriyaSadana, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, E&F Wings, 17<sup>th</sup> main road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Block, Koramangal, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, ParisarBhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel Belagavi verified the notifications issued in the newspapers and ascertained whether sufficient publicity had been made as required under the statute.

The Regional office K S P C B, Belagavi-2(Chikkodi Centre) received one E-mail application till 27-10-2016.

- Suggestion letter from VootkuriSunanada Reddy, Environmentalist Nalgonad, Telangana State through mail on 22-10-2016,- Enclosed as Annexure-01.

On 28-10-2016, the day fixed for public hearing, Sri M.A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belagavi - 02, (Chikkodi Centre) extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner Belagavi, the Senior Environmental Officer, all the public, all the officials of different departments, elected representatives and members and the Staff of the Company who were present.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification, and informed that, accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public hearing and the documents kept for the Public Hearing. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing and requested the Public to interact and to give their views/opinion about the project and to present all their submissions either in writing or orally. The proceedings will be video graphed.

On behalf of M/S Nichrome Testing Laboratory and Research Pvt Ltd., Dharwad, the Environmental Consultants, Sri Guru Ramchandra Munavalli., presented the Power Point presentation of the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data, present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impact of the project on the environment. Environment Management Plan, measures proposed to control / mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding Enclosed as Annexure-02.

Leaders of various political parties, villagers from surrounding villages, NGOs, Students, press and other interested parties, attended the Public Hearing. List of participants, who attended

the Public Hearing, is enclosed as Annexure-03.

The Deputy Commissioner requested all the participants to submit their views and comments in writing also, if any to the Chair. In the Public hearing 04 persons expressed their views and are as stated below :

1. Sri. Ananth Basappa Basarikodi of Satti Tota village.

- He wanted to know how much quantity of treated effluent is being supplied to the sugar cane farmers.

CLARIFICATION:-

- The factory authorities informed that, 500 Cubic Meters/day of effluent is being treated in the Effluent Treatment Plant.
- The 100 Cubic meters/day of treated effluent is reused in the process and the remaining 400 Cubic meters/day of treated effluent will be supplied to the sugar cane fields.

2. Sri Dhareppa Naik of Sankonatti.

- He sought the clarifications on the employment opportunities after expansion.

CLARIFICATION:-

- The factory authorities informed that, more than, 80 job opportunities can be created.

3. Sri A.B.Thakkannavar of Nadi Ingalagaon.

- He requested to clarify the benefits incurred to the farmers by undertaking the expansion that is increasing the sugar cane crushing capacity from 4000 TCD to 5000 TCD and increasing the Co-gen capacity from 12 MW/Hour to 24 MW/Hour.

CLARIFICATION:-

- From the proposed expansion the sugar cane crushing capacity will be more than the current capacity due to which the sugarcane can be harvested at right time and supplied to the

industry in a short duration. Due to which recovery of the sugar will be increased, which inturn benefits the farmer more.

- The proposed expansion of Co-gen capacity is best way to gain the profit and can be utilized in the upliftment and welfare schemes of the farmers.

**4. Sri Anand Kulkarni of Khavatakoppa.**

- He expressed his concern over the climate change due to the increase in the concentration of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere. And discussions and deliberations are under going to combat the ill effects of Carbon-Dioxide concentration.
- He requested the factory authorities to clarify the following:
  1. Details of the emissions generated from the industry, which are contributing the climate change?.
  2. During the summer season there will be scarcity of the water in the river and what are the alternative measures proposed by the industry to meet the water demand during the season.

**CLARIFICATION:-**

- The project proponent informed that the, suspended particulate matter and the hydrogen sulphide are the major air pollutant generated by the industry during the process. The concentration of Carbon-dioxide is very minimal. Hence its contribution in the prevailing climate change is very less.
- The suspended particulate matter and other gases will be prevented and controlled by adopting air pollution control equipments such as Electrostatic precipitator. The concentration of air pollutants in the emissions will be maintained well within the stipulated norms let down by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board from time to time.
- Since already 70% of the water demand is being met through sugar cane and the remaining water requirement is being met by reusing the treated effluent and though the existing bore wells in the premises.

**The Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi sought clarifications from the project proponent on the following issues.**

- Total cane command area and the approximate quantity of sugar cane available.

- Whether the proposed expansion of sugar cane capacity is feasible in the existing condition.

**CLARIFICATION:-**

- The project proponent informed that, 14 villages are falling under the jurisdiction of the cane command area.
- At present 18 Lakhs Tonnes of sugar cane is available. Even if industry under take the expansion from 4000 TCD to 5000 TCD, still more quantity of sugar cane is available.
- In order to utilize the extra available sugarcane, which is transported to other states, the factory authorities proposed to undertake the expansion of the sugar cane capacity.

SHRI. N JAYARAM, I A S, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BELAGAVI HAS SUMMED UP THE PROCEEDINGS AFTER PERUSING THE DOCUMENTATION, LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC AND RECORDING, WHAT IS IN PUBLIC INTEREST AS UNDER.

- The demands, views, grievances & suggestions submitted by the local people in the public hearing meeting will be viewed seriously.
- To undertake stringent dust control measures & dust suppression system to combat the dust emissions generated during the operations. The emission levels in the surrounding areas shall be maintained well below the stipulated standards
- KSPCB shall ensure that the project proponents adopt the best available technologies in revelation & control of the emissions. The stack & Ambient Air Quality monitoring values are to be maintained within the stipulated standards
- Rain water harvesting and water shed management plan should be implemented
- The Company has provide employment, education, health facilities and other amenities as promised by them and in case of any violations shall be viewed seriously and appropriate action shall be taken
- The company will ensure the zero discharge from the plant which ensure that, there will be no contamination of the water bodies during the process
- The company will undertake Socio-economic development schemes and programs in the surrounding villages

- The CSR costing should be as per actual and should not include a separate line item, etc for deliberate buffering to take care of inflation in the CSR time bound action plan submitted. Also, wherever explicitly increase in contribution or execution has been delineated with regards to inflation year on year on a compounding bases, this has to be scrupulously followed and in this CSR should not include existing item/Assets. The action plan includes implementation after public hearing report submission date.
- Plantation of tress in factory and nearby areas-10000 sampling per year over next 5 years and maintained the green belt, and maintain the tress in association with gram panchayat and Forest department
- The appeals, suggestions, complaints and grievances of the public have been recorded through video and same would be made into CDs and the proceedings of the meeting, as it has to sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate change, Government of India for further action.

Based on the remarks and views received from the public, who have attended the environmental public hearing, the recommendation will be sent to Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, while considering permission to proposed projects with conditions that the project proponents shall take all precautionary measures during the establishment and operation of the Unit by following guidelines / norms / conditions / directions / standard stipulated by Karnataka State pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and other competent authorities.

At the outset Shri M A Maniyar. Environment Officer, KSPCB, Regional office Belagavi-2( Chikkodi Center) has extended his thanks to Deputy Commissioner, Belagvi, Other Departmental Officers, management, Staff of industry He also extended his thanks to the public, other dignitaries, Press, Police personnel for the support extended during the course of the public hearing and concluded the meeting.

  
(N Jayaram., I.A.S.)

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,  
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,  
Belagavi, Karnataka.



The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

Furthermore, it is noted that regular audits are essential to identify any discrepancies or errors in the accounting system. By conducting these audits frequently, potential issues can be resolved before they become significant problems.

The document also highlights the need for clear communication between all parties involved in the financial process. This includes providing timely updates to stakeholders and ensuring that all team members understand their roles and responsibilities.

In conclusion, the document stresses that a strong foundation of accurate record-keeping and regular audits is crucial for the long-term success and stability of any organization. It encourages a proactive approach to financial management to prevent any unforeseen complications.

