

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 06.02.2015 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Bangalore Urban District on behalf of Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee conducted at the site of M/s. Noble Exchange Environment Solutions, Bangalore Pvt. Ltd., Sy.No.85, Kannahalli village, Seegehalli Cross, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560091 in respect of following proposed project.

<b>Name of the Company &amp; Address:-</b>	M/s. Noble Exchange Environment Solutions Bangalore Pvt. Ltd., Sy.No.85, Kannahalli village, Seegehalli Cross, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560091
<b>Proposed location of the Project:-</b>	Sy.No.85, Kannahalli village, Seegehalli Cross, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560091.
<b>Details of Activity</b>	The proponents have proposed to install a "Sustainable waste Management and renewable Energy" Municipal Solid Waste processing facility of capacity 250 tons per day. They proposed to collect the Food waste generated by all the Hotels registered with Bruhath Bangalore Hotels Association. It is reported that 1500 no. of Hotels have been registered with Bruhath Bangalore Hotels Association.
<b>Officers and Dignitaries Present</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sri R. Venkatachalapathy, ADC, Bangalore Urban District</li> <li>2. Sri. Mahesh Babu, Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore North</li> <li>3. Sri Shivappa Lamani, Tahashildar, Bangalore North</li> <li>4. Sri A.B. Hemachandra, Joint Commisioner, BBMP, South Zone</li> <li>5. Dr. Surendra R. Deputy Health Officer. BBMP, Dasarahalli Division, Bangalore.</li> <li>6. Sri C. Karthikeyan, Project Management Expert, KUIDFC, Bangalore</li> <li>7. Sri B. Arasegowda, Industrial Promotional Officer, District Industrial Centre, Bangalore Urban PIA.</li> <li>8. Sri. P Gopalakrishna, Executive Engineer, BBMP, Jayanagar</li> <li>9. Sri, HJ Shivashankar Murthy, AEE, SWM-1, BBMP</li> </ol>

- Sri. Madhusudhan S., Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Dasarahalli & Member Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing welcomed the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bangalore Urban District, Officers from BBMP and various other departments, elected representatives & public participated in the hearing.
- Sri. Madhusudhan S, Environmental Officer & Member Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing addressed the public hearing and said project shall obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 and it is also required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the request letter from project proponent the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board is conducting Environmental Public Hearing & in this regard Paper Notification was published in News Paper 'Prajawani' daily & 'Deccan Herald' daily on 05.01.2015. After giving a brief introduction about the project the Environmental Officer requested the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bangalore to address the gathering about the project.
- The Additional District Commissioner & Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bangalore addressed the public and said that it is privilege to have this kind of project in Bangalore as it is said to be first of its kind in India. Further he requested the gathering to raise any kind of queries/ problems associated with the project if any.
- Sri Madhusudhan, Environmental Officer informed gathering that, the Project Consultants **M/s. Aqua Tech Enviro Engineers (Environmental Engineers and Consultants) #3391, 6<sup>th</sup> Main, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagara 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Bangalore -40** who prepared the feasibility study report on behalf of **Project proponent for the said project M/s. Noble Exchange Environment Solutions Bangalore Pvt. Ltd** will make the technical presentation before the public regarding the proposals in the captioned project and environmental issues involved & then the interested public can come forward & put forth their views, comments and objections if any before the Public Hearing Committee and all the proceedings of the hearing will be video & audio recorded & submitted to

Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and he requested the project consultants to give technical presentation. He said the presentation would be in Kannada and for those who find difficulty in following it up, the presentation would also be explained in English.

- Mr. Puttaswamy, representative from the project proponent started the technical presentation and briefed about the outline of the project, introduction of the project, Survey of India Maps, Google maps, project maps, Land use patterns, process flow chart, Effluent treatment plant details ,total investment of the project, Water and Air Pollution details and their control measures, Greenbelt details, baseline study data in and around the project site pertaining to Ground water, surface water, air quality, soil quality with markings on Google map well within the stipulated standards, environmental management plan, usefulness of the project. The presentation concluded with the summary of the project.
- Sri. KS Girish Kumar from M/s. Nobel Exchange Environmental Solutions Pvt. Ltd. thanked the Additional Deputy Commissioner for conducting the public hearing. He also thanked BBMP authorities for permitting them to start the project and extending an overall support to initiate the project. He also thanked Sri.Vasudeva Adiga, President, Hotel Association and Sri Chandrashekhar Hebbar and his core committee members and all the other representatives of Hotel Association for their support. He also said that they are trying to bring down the problem of garbage issue which is prevalent in Bangalore and also requested everyone to support for the successful completion of their project.
- Sri Shantharaju, Vice President, Bangalore District Congress from Kannahalli Village pointed out that the same premises was used for dumping of manure 18 years ago which was permitted by (Mahanagara Palike) BBMP, and at the same time portion of the land was allotted for Cremation ground in the Order. But soon after the permission from the BBMP, there was huge uncontrolled dumping of garbage in this premise. This caused the death of fishes in 7-8 lakes and also the Borewell water started to contaminate and deteriorated in its quality because of which the local residents of nearby 10-12 villages opposed this dumping very seriously. Though the proponents raised high walls and fences around the dumping site, strong opposition from the villagers made the BBMP to

stop the activity. He further stated that the land was vacant for 15 years from then until Sri Girish approached them with this project of "Sustainable waste Management and renewable Energy" Municipal Solid Waste processing facility of capacity 250 tons per day. He also said Mr. Girish briefed about the project and said that similar kind of project has already set up in Hyderabad and if interested he would be taken there for having a general overview of the project and also pointed out that so far it has not come on practical grounds. During the process of project coming up in these premises, he along with the local villagers opposed the project and presented their problems and objections to Local MLA and also BBMP Commissioner. The outraged villagers were not satisfied by the answers/clarifications given by of the local representatives and they vacated the labours from the premises. He went on to add that he provided the shelter for the labours and provided space to keep machineries related to the project in his land for about 2 months apart from convincing the local residents about the benefits of the project. He also added that this project is functioning in planned manner unlike another Mandoor and **he further stated that this project is a part of Kempegowda Layout, and should be treated as a part of Bangalore City and if the villagers, are not troubled in any kind including that of odour nuisance from this upcoming project, he along with local residents would appreciate the project and facilitate and appreciate the project proponents. He extended all kind of support required for the smooth functioning of the project.**

- Sri. Makaanahalli J. Girish, President, Karnataka State RTI Activists Association, Bangalore raised the following issues pertaining to the project:
  1. The newspaper Notification was signed by Member Secretary, KSPCB but he is not present in the public hearing
  2. Any representatives from KSPCB present in the Public Hearing?
  3. He also told Sri. Girish, M/s. Nobel Exchange that there was no clear cut information about the public hearing either to the local people or media.
  4. He said that he had filed objection to Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 17.01.2015 at Head Office, KSPCB regarding the

effect of the project on nearby villagers, flora and fauna, ground and surface water?

5. Whether the said project proponents have obtained necessary No Objection Certificate from the concerned Departments?

6. Whether the said project falls in TGRCA Zone?

Mr. Girish went on to add that he has not received any reply to his queries so far.

7. Documents pertaining to expert views on the side effect of project if any have not been submitted by the project proponents so far.

- Sri Girish, project proponent explained that before executing the project, the project was explained in details and presented before the panel of experts from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, who did an extensive study on the project by even visiting the Pune Plant and wrote to BBMP authorities to consider the project. Same Project was also presented before Karnataka Biofuel Board Panel constituting the experts from Indian Institute of Sciences and they also sent a positive report to BBMP Commissioner regarding the Project. He further clarified that here only the hotel waste will be processed in a closed system and not the garbage from the city hence no problem of odour nuisance would arise.
- Sri Venkatachopathy, ADC, Bangalore Urban said that the information which has been asked by Mr. J Girish would be made available from the concerned Departments and asked him to submit the grievances in writing and the matter would be sorted out.
- Sri J Girish further went on to ask about details of water consumption and discharge for the said Project. Sri Madhusudhan, Environmental Officer said that 2000 LPD of water is required for initial phase of the project whereas approximately 1,48,000 LPD water will be generated once the facility operates regularly and this water will be treated in Effluent treatment plant and will be given to the farmers from nearby villages.
- Mr. Girish also asked to give the details regarding employment to local people, usage of methane gas, project proponent Sri Girish replied to these queries.

- Sri Siddhalingaswamy, member of Kodigehalli village Panchayath said that the project proponents had not informed about the project. He also asked about the details of employments given to the local people and wished good luck for the project.
- Sri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist from Hyderabad congratulated the project proponents and explained the benefits of such an eco-friendly project to the public and emphasized the PP to give importance to local appointment.
- Sri Chethan, local resident, asked project proponent to stress on the benefits that the local villagers would be getting from the Project. To this query Sri Girish, Project Proponent said that the employment will be given to local people on top priority and also added that coming up of such an eco-friendly project would benefit the society on whole.
- After hearing to the grievances from the local people, Sri R. Venkatachalapathy, ADC, Bangalore Urban District said that the matter regarding the allotment of land for Cremation ground will be looked into. He also asked the project proponents to work for the development of nearby villages.
- Sri. Sri. Mahesh Babu, Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore North asked the project proponents to maintain transparency regarding each and every details of the project.
- Sri A.B. Hemachandra, Joint Commisioner, BBMP, South Zone asked the project proponents to provide the justification to all the queries raised during Public hearing.
- Finally Sri R. Venkatachalapathy, ADC, Bangalore Urban District said all the grievances/ complaints/objections raised in the public hearing will be addressed before going ahead with the project.
- Finally, the public hearing concluded at 2.20 p.m.



**Additional Deputy Commissioner  
Bangalore Urban District.**

