

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UNDERTAKE EXPANSION OF MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY PLANT FROM 60 KLPD TO 70 KLPD THROUGH PROCESS MODIFICATION IN THE EXISTING DISTILLERY PLANT OF M/S. SIDDAPUR DISTILLERIES LTD, AT EXISTING PREMISES AT SY. NO. 49/2B/1 AND 2, 57/2D AND 2E, 58/1B, 58/1A/3, 66/4D, 85/2, 87, 93/2/3, 95/1, 107/2, SIDDAPUR VILLAGE, JAMAKHANDI TALUK, BAGALKOT DISTRICT.

DATE : 22.11.2017

TIME : 11.00AM

VENUE : AT PROJECT SITE

As per the Board office directions, vide letter No. ಮಾನಿಮಂ/94/ ಹೆಚ್‌ಪಿಐ/2017-18/3422, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20-09-2017 in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, a Technical Presentation by the project proponents as a pre-requisite necessity before the public to enable to know the overall objectives and Environmental issues of the proposed project. Accordingly Regional Office, KSPCB, Bagalkot arranged the Technical Presentation under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot on 21-11-2017 at 3.00PM at the Deputy Commissioner's Office regarding the proposed Project.

The Deputy Commissioner sought clarification from the Distillery authorities on the following issues:

1. What are the precautionary and preventive measures adopted by the industry to prevent the contamination of the surface and ground water system.
2. The details of the rain water harvesting system adopted by the industry.
3. The details of the green belt development undertaken and the detailed action plan for meeting the 33% of the total area as per the condition stipulated by Pollution Control Board.
4. The details of the collection, storage, treatment and disposal of the solid waste management.
5. The details of the mode of collection, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of the spent wash and spent lee generated during the distillery operation.

M/s. Siddapur Distilleries Ltd., Siddapur-village having its corporate office at Siddapur village, Jamakhandi-Tq, Bagalkot-Dist, Karnataka State has proposed to undertake following projects.

- To undertake expansion of molasses based distillery plant from 60 KLPD to 70 KLPD of through process modification.

#### DETAILS OF THE PROJECT LOCATION

Survey Numbers 49/2B/1 AND 2, 57/2D AND 2E, 58/1B, 58/1A/3, 66/4D, 85/2, 87, 93/2/3, 95/1, 107/2 of Siddapur village, Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot 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

Public Hearing Panel Members Present		
1	Shri P A Meghannavar, I.A.S., The Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District.	Chairman
2	Sri. M A Maniyar, District Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkot.	Member

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/s. Siddapur Distilleries Ltd.,(PROJECT PROPONENT)		
1.	Shri. Jagadish Gudagunti	Chairman
2.	Shri. Dharmalinga Gudagunti	Executive Director, SPSCl
3.	Shri. Sudheer S Gudagunti	Vice President
4.	Shri. M I Ghankumarmata	Director
5.	Shri. C D Haragapure	C.E.O.
6.	Shri. S Nandakumar	C.E.O., Samrakshan.
7.	Shri. C T Puttaswamy	Adviser, Samrakshan.
8.	Shri. M G Alalamata	Plant Manager
9.	Shri. Jyoti K M	Manager
10.	M P Kulkarni	(WTP)SPSCL
11.	Shri K I Korti	Senior manager(F&A)

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 to be held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or an officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, as per the EIA notification dated: 14-09-2006(amended on 01-12-2009) and the concurrence of The Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot letter dated: 06-10-2017, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 22-11-2017 at the Project Site, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot.

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 "Vijay Karnataka" and English Daily Newspaper "The Deccan Herald" dated: 21-10-2017. And in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshan" on 22-11-2017.

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.

- The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot
- The Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zillah Panchayat, Bagalkot
- The District Industries and Commerce Centre, Bagalkot
- The City Municipal Council, Jamakhandi, Bagalkot- District.
- The Gram Panchayat Office, Siddapur village, Jamakhandi- Taluk, Bagalkot-District.
- The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad.
- The Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot.
- The Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, KendriyaSadan, 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 Bagalkot 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, Bagalkot received two E-mails till 21-11-2017.

- Suggestion letter from Vootkuri Sunanada Reddy, Environmentalist Nalgonad, Telangana State through mail on 06-11-2017.
- Suggestion letter from Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society through mail on 19-11-2017.

Above cited letters are enclosed as **Annexure-01**.

On 22-11-2017, the day fixed for public hearing, Sri M. A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot, the Assistant Commissioner, Jamakhandi, 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, Government 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. Samrakshan Ltd., Bengaluru, the Environmental Consultants, Sri S Nandakumar., 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 05 persons expressed their views and are as stated below:**

**1. Shri. Shankar S Ningasani, Siddapur village.**

- He extended his gratitude to the panel members of the District Environmental Public Hearing Committee for conducting this public hearing for the expansion project.
- He stated that, the industry is in operation from the last 13 to 14 years.
- Since, the inception of the industry to till today they are not facing any adversities and scarcity of water.
- He expressed his pleasure on ongoing welfare schemes/programs implemented by the Factory Authorities and also informed that, the industry authorities have undertaken many schemes and programs in the benefit of the surrounding villagers. They have established the educational institution in the nearby village with maximum facilities & imparting quality education at very minimal fees as compare to the fees charged by the other nearby convent schools.
- He informed that, the existing industry already provided the adequate employment to the youths. By undertaking the proposed project further more employment opportunities will be generated.

- Due to the existing distillery unit of capacity 60KLPD, the surrounding villagers are not facing any pollution problems till date. Hence, by undertaking the expansion of the existing distillery capacity from 60KLPD to 70KLPD, will not affect by any means to the surrounding villagers.
- He informed that, due to existing industry, the surrounding villagers are leading happy and peaceful life.
- In view of the above, he sought the co-operation of all the people for the upcoming expansion project and requested the Deputy Commissioner to accord approval for the expansion project of the factory.

## **2. Shri. Ningappa G Mandagani, Hulyal village.**

- Due to the existing distillery unit of capacity 60KLPD the surrounding villagers are not facing any pollution problems till date. Hence, by undertaking the expansion of the existing distillery capacity from 60KLPD to 70KLPD will not affect by any means to the surrounding villagers.
- He requested the factory authorities to undertake steps to produce more ethanol, which is used as one of the ingredient in the petrol along with the existing production of the sugar, power and rectified spirit. This will help in checking the price rise of the petrol.
- He informed that, they have established the educational institution in the nearby village with maximum facilities & imparting quality education at very minimal fees as compare to fees charged by the other nearby convent schools.
- He informed that, the surrounding villagers will be more benefitted in the all the aspects of the life by proposed expansion project. The villagers will not face any kind of problems in future.
- In view of the above, he requested the Deputy Commissioner to recommend the expansion proposal at the earliest in the benefit and up liftment of the farmers.

## **3. Shri. Vishwanath D Math, Mareguddi village.**

- He informed that, the surrounding villagers are not affected by any kind of environmental pollution due to the existing distillery unit.

- He further added that, the proposed expansion project will incur the maximum benefits to the surrounding villagers.
- The factory authorities have established the healthcare centres in the surrounding villages and also, arranging the health camps.
- The Factory authorities providing the quality education to the children of the surrounding villages and also provided the transportation facilities to the children from the institution to their respective villages.
- He informed that, there will be upliftment in social and economical status & in all other aspects of life by undertaking the proposed expansion project.
- He requested the Deputy Commissioner to recommend for the expansion proposal of the factory at the earliest.

#### 4. Shri. V Sunandareddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad.

- He informed that, he is an environmentalist and advocate by profession and expressed his views and comments on the behalf of the industry.
- He informed that, 01 crore educated youths will come out every year. But, the organised sectors and other institutions will provide hardly 04-05 lakhs employments to them and the remaining the employments will be catered by the industries.
- He congratulated the industry for assigning the task of preparing the environmental assessment report to the highly qualified, experienced environmental consultants.
- He informed that, the detailed study has been carried out on Air, Water and Soil while preparing the environmental assessment report.
- He demanded that, the industry should take up the study on health status of the surrounding villagers, crop yield and ground water recharge within the 10 K.M. radius of the industry.
- He sought the clarification on the precautionary measures taken by the industry for the prevention of the surface and ground water contamination from the pollutants and a detailed report on the rain water harvesting system adopted by the industry.
- He suggested that, industry should economically consume the ground water in par with its availability and recharging capacity.

- He demanded that, the technical institutions shall be established by the industry to train the local people as per the requirements of the industry and provide the employments in the industry.
- He demanded that, to meet the needs of the surrounding people on demand basis and to supervise and review the C.S.R. activities undertaken by the industry, the committee shall be constituted comprising of the Government nominee, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board representative and member from the management.

The memorandum submitted by Shri. V Sunandareddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad during the environmental public is enclosed as Annexure-4.

#### 5. Shri. Malleshappa Geddeppanavar, Hulyal village.

- He informed that, the surrounding villagers are not affected by any kind of environmental pollution due to the existing distillery unit.
- He informed that, the surrounding villagers will be more benefitted in all the aspects of life by the proposed expansion project. The villagers will not face any kind of problems in future.
- The Factory authorities providing the quality education to the children of the surrounding villages and also provided the transportation facilities to the children from the institution to their respective villages.
- The factory authorities established the healthcare centres in the surrounding villages and also, arranging the health camps in regular intervals.
- He informed that, there will be upliftment in the social and economical status & also in all other aspects of life by undertaking the proposed expansion project.
- In view of the above he requested, the Deputy Commissioner to accord his approval to the expansion project at the earliest.

SHREE. P A MEGHANAVAR, I A S, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BAGALKOT 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.

- 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 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-1000 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 will be submitted 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 end Shree M A Maniyar. Environment Officer, KSPCB, Regional office Bagalkot has extended his thanks to Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, 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.



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Environmental Public Hearing Committee,  
Bagalkot, Karnataka.



