

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 25.05.2013 AT 11.00 A.M IN RESPECT OF M/S BASAVESHWARA SUGARS LTD., HAVE PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH AN INTERGRATED SUGAR PLNT WITH SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY OF 3500 TCD, CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT OF CAPACITY 26 MW AND 50 KLD MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY AT SY NO 9/1, 9/3, 18/3, 19, 20, 22, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37/1, 37/2, 38 & 39 OF KARJOL-MULWAD VILLAGES, BIJAPURA TALUK & DISTRICT.

**VENUE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING** : At Sy No 9/1, 9/2, 18/3, 19, 20, 22, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37/1, 37/2, 38 & 39 of Karjol-Mulwad villages, Bijapur T & D.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** : Annexure-I.

**REPRESENTITIVE OF THE PROJECT.** : Annexure-II.

**NAME OF THE PUBLICS PARTICIPATED** : Annexure-III.

**PREAMBLE:**

M/s Basaveshwara Sugar Ltd have proposed to Establish a new integrated Sugar plant with Sugar cane crushing capacity 3500 TCD, Co-Generation power plant of capacity 26 MW and 50 KLD Molasses based Distillery plant at Sy No 9/1, 9/2, 18/3, 19, 20, 22, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37/1, 37/2, 38 & 39 of Karjol & Mulwad villages, Bijapur Taluk & Diistrict.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment notification dated, 14-09-2006 of Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, it is mandatory to conduct a public hearing of the above said project. Accordingly the Deputy Director,

Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi after finalizing the **Terms of Reference (TOR)**, has directed the Karnataka State pollution Control Board to conduct the Environmental Public hearing. The project proponent has also requested the Board to conduct the public hearing as per notification.

The project proponent has submitted the Executive summary of the said project in Kannada and English along with Water & Air consent applications in the prescribed Form-XIII and Form-I to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore as laid down in the procedures of the EIA notification 2006. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has issued paper notification in leading newspapers on 25.04.2013 and also issued paper notification in local newspaper on 27.04.2013 of Bijapura District regarding the proposed project by inviting objections/suggestion from the bonafide residents and general public who are affecting from the proposed project either by attending the public hearing/in writing/by e-mail to KSPCB and Chairman, Environmental public hearing commlttee & Deputy commissioner, Bijapura Dist, Bijapura.

The Environmental public hearing scheduled on 25.05.2013 at 11.00 A.M started with purpose of the meeting and welcome speech by the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Bijapura. The Deputy Commissioner, Bijapura addressed the gathering on the need of conducting environmental public hearing for the proposed project by establishing a new integrated Sugar cane crushing plant, Co-generation power plant and 50 KLD molasses based distillery plant by M/s Basaveshwara Sugar Limited, Mulawad & Karjol Villages, Bijapura Taluk & District and informed the project proponent to present the case before the committee as well as to public.

Mr.Putaswamy, Bengalur is the Environmental consultant of M/S Basaveshwara Sugars Ltd., brief about the history and activities of the company, total extent of land available, availability of raw material, sources of water, capacity of integrate plant, product manufactured & by products

generation, mode of collection & its disposal, waste water generation and its mode of treatment & disposal and air pollution sources & its controlling measures adopted in the unit.

He explained that the proposed project is integrated unit having Sugar plant, Distillery unit and Co-generation power plant. The byproducts of the Sugar plant are being used as the raw materials for the Distillery & Co-generation power plant. The waste water generation from the different units will be treated in the effluent treatment plants and same will be completely recycled back into the process & excess quantity will be used for green belt development & irrigation purposes. Hence there will be zero discharged from the unit.

Further, he informed that the proponents have proposed to establish the two numbers of bagasse fired boilers with scrubber and ESP as Air pollution control measures to mitigate air pollution. The bagasse generated from the Sugar unit is being used as fuel to the boilers within the premises. The fly ash generated from the captive power plant will be used in composting for preparation of the manure. He also informed that the molasses generated from the sugar plant is being used as raw material for manufacturing of alcohol within the premises.

Further the company consultant has highlighted the geology of the area, proposed land use plan, afforestation, manufacturing process of sugar, Co-generation power plant, and distillery units. In continuation of the presentation the consultant explained about the likely impacts arising due to proposed integrated unit on the environment through prediction studies and by compiling the base line data collected in a distance of 10.00 KM radius on Air, Water and Noise qualities, ecology of the area and socio-economic details. He briefed that the proposed integrated plant need about 1896 M3 per day of water for the manufacturing and domestic purposes when the integrated plant operate for full capacity. The water is procured from the Krishna River (Almatti Reservoir). The

project proponent is planning to take up the preventive measures on water & Air pollution control measures, green belt development and socio economics activities for which a budget estimate has been made available in the budget allocation and planning to spent Rs.2000.00 lakhs as initial coat and Rs.200.42 lakhs as recurring cost in each year from the date of commencement of production activities.

After brief presentation on the proposed project, the Deputy Commissioner as the chairman of the environment public hearing informed to the public that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board issued paper notification in the leading newspaper on the proposed project establishment by inviting objections/suggestions from the public. So far no body has filed objections/suggestions on the proposed project to the State Pollution Control Board as well as to the District Administration.

Further the Deputy Commissioner invited the publics to express their comments/ views/suggestions on the proposed project.

**Sri S.S Garasangi, Malaghan Village:**

Public participated in the hearing welcome the public hearing panel members and factory authorities, he informed that Karjol, Mulwad and other surrounding villages agricultural lands are barren lands and considering this aspect M/S Basaveshwara Sugar Ltd., management has taken the decision to establish the a Sugar, Co-generation power plants and distillery unit in this area, this is mainly for the benefit for the surrounding villages farmers to grow the sugar cane crops in there agricultural land. He also informed that that all the farmers of the surrounding villages' are expected that the said sugar plant is going to come up about 3 to 4 years back, now we came to know the delay in the setting of the sugar plant, he requested the public hearing panel members to forwarded the required proceeding to the Government and issue the necessary clearance for Basaveshwara Sugar Ltd.,. He also requested the factory authorities take

proper environmental pollution control measures in the sugar plant and start the production activities in the current financial year itself.

Further he expressed that considerable numbers of farmers has lost their irrigation land for this factory and he requested the management to provide the suitable employment opportunity to the land looser and localities.

Reacting to this Mr.Delip Desai of M/S Basaveshwara Sugar Ltd., has clarified that the once the necessary clearance obtained from the component authority the management will set up the sugar plant as early as possible and he also clarified that employment will be given to the land losers and localities.

**Dr.H.S Hoogar, Kalkurki:**

Public participated in the hearing express that we expected that the said sugar plant will start the production activities very long back, but as on.date they have not commissioned unit. He requested the public hearing panel members to give necessary clearance to the said unit and Factory authorities shall to start the sugar plant as early as possible. Further he informed that all the surrounding villagers are going to tolerate any kind of pollution issue of the industry and we need the sugar industry in this area.

Reacting to this Mr.Depil Desai of M/S Basaveshwara Sugar Ltd., has clarified that plant will be commissioned immediately after obtaining the necessary clearance from both State & Central Governments.

**Sri Sharanappa Kalasagooda, Mulwad:**

Public participated in the hearing express that Mulwad village is very near to the proposed sugar plant and there might be chances of air pollution problems to Mulwad village and he informed the Project proponent to adopt advance technology air pollution control equipment to control air pollution and he also informed the factory authorities to start the production activity at the earliest.

**Sri V.V Arkere DeevaraGonnur:**

Public participated in the hearing requested the public hearing panel members to forward the proceeding of the public hearing to concerned authorities with a recommendation to issue Environmental Clearance to the said unit at the earliest.

Finally, Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur has enquired about the action plan on the afforestation activities to be carried out in the proposed project


Reacting to this factory environmental consultant has clarified that industry has proposed to take up afforestation in the plant in the phase manner and planning to have 20,000 sampling in & around the unit.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bijapur, while addressing the meeting said that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting, would be sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for further action.

After hearing the above discussions, the Chairman informed that based on the suggestions, remarks and views received from the public, who have attended the environmental public hearing, the recommendations will be sent to Government of India, while considering permission to the proposed projects with the conditions that the project proponents shall take all necessary precautionary measures during the establishment and operation of the unit by following the guidelines / norms / conditions / directions / standards stipulated by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and other Competent authorities.

The meeting was concluded with a Vote of Thanks.



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