

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 5000TCD TO 10000TCD, CO- GENERATION OF POWER FROM 30MW TO 65MW & ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW 5MW INCINERATION BOILER IN THE EXISTING PREMISES AT HIPPARGI - MYGURE VILLAGE, TQ- JAMAKHANDI DT- BAGALKOT OF M/S SHRI SAI PRIYA SUGARS LIMITED.**

**DATE** : 29.08.2015  
**TIME** : 11.00 AM  
**VENUE** : AT PROJECT SITE

M/S Shri Sai Priya Sugars Limited, Hippargi-Mygur village having its corporate Office at 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, WTC Opposite Shereton Hotel, Behind Orion Mall Bengaluru- 560055, has proposed to undertake following projects.

- **EXPANSION OF SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 5000TCD TO 10000TCD**
- **EXPANSION OF CO- GENERATION OF POWER FROM 30MW TO 65MW.**
- **ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW 5MW INCINERATION BOILER**

**DETAILS OF THE PROJECT LOCATION**

Survey Numbers – 148, 144-151 of Mygur Village, Sy No 238, 239 of Hippargi Village & Sy no 26 & 27 of Alabal village of Jamakhandi Taluka, Bagalkot District, Karnataka.

As per the Board Office directions vide letter no. **KSPCB/225/HPI/2015/2601, dated 25-07-2015**, in consultation with Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, a Technical Presentation by the Project Proponent as a pre-requisite necessity before the public <sup>hearing</sup> to enable to know the overall objectives & Environmental issues of the Proposed project. Accordingly Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkot arranged **Technical Presentation** under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot on **27.08.2015 at 4.00 PM** at Deputy Commissioner's Office regarding the expansion of Sugar Cane Crushing from 5000 TCD to 10000 TCD, Co-generation of Power from 30 MW to 65 MW & establishment a new 5 MW incineration boiler in the proposed sugar industry. The chairman of District Environmental Public hearing Committee & Deputy Commissioner of Bagalkot directed the project proponents to submit the Para-wise reply to proceedings of the technical presentation meeting.

The copy of the proceedings of the technical presentation meeting held on **27-08-2015** and the Para -wise reply submitted by project proponents on **29-08-2015** are enclosed as **Annexure-01**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

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

**Public Hearing Panel**

<b>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</b>		
1	Sri P A Meghannavar., I.A.S, Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District	Chairman
2	Sri C M Sateesh, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB Zonal Office, Dharwad	Member
3	Sri M A Maniyar, District Environmental Officer, KSPCB Regional Office, Bagalkot	Member

<b>REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S SHRI SAI PRIYA SUGARS LIMITED (PROJECT PROPONENT)</b>		
1	Sri Murugesh S Nirani	Chief Managing Director, Nirani Group.
2	Sri Siddu Savadi	Director
3	Sri R V Karehonna	Director
4	Sri R S Nuli	Chief Executive Officer
5	Sri C B Patil	General Manager (Process)
6	Sri M P Lalagi	Deputy General Manager
7	Sri C D Angadi	Asst. General Manager(WTP)
8	Sri R V Vatur	Adviser
9	Sri Shivanand M Dambal	EIA Consultant
10	Sri Madhu	Environmental Consultant
11	Sri Santosh Kumar T	Environmental Consultant

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 Expert Appraisal Committee Department of Ecology and Environment Government of Karnataka Bengaluru Letter dated **03-03-2015** and the request of the Project proponent for the Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated: **06-07-2015**, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on **29-08-2015** 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 "**SAMUKTHA KARNATAKA**", English Daily Newspaper "**TIMES OF INDIA**" both dated **28-07-2015** and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "**SATYA SHODHA**" on **30-07-2015**.

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:

- 1) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot
- 2) Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zillah Panchayat, Bagalkot
- 3) District Industries and Commerce Centre, Bagalkot
- 4) The Chief Officer, CMC- Jamakhandi District Bagalkot.
- 5) The Gram Panchayat Office- Hippargi & Mygure, Taluk – Jamakhndi, Bagalkot

- 6) The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- 7) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot
- 8) Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, Bangalore
- 9) Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, 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 KS P C B, Bagalkot received following three written submissions till **28-08-2015**.

1. Complaint letter from Sri Sadashiv S Bagewadi of Hippargi village, Taluk Jamkhandi, received on 18-08-2015 – Enclosed as **Annexure-02**
2. Complaint letter from Sri S M Patil, Ex President, Ghataprbha project Consumers Co-operative Society Ltd of Hippargi village, Taluk Jamkhandi, received on 25-08-2015 – Enclosed as **Annexure-03**
3. Complaint letter from Smt Doddava E Kanashetti, President Gram Panchayat Hippargi village, Taluk Jamkhandi, received on 25-08-2015 – Enclosed as **Annexure-04**

On **29-08-2015**, 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, 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 were videographed.

On behalf of Environmental Health and Safety Consultants Pvt Ltd Bengaluru, the Environmental Consultants, Sri Madhu, 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-05**.

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-06**.

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 20 persons expressed their views and are as stated below:

**1. Shri. Vardhaman Bhujabali, Yelagudari, Advocate, Jamkhandi**

- He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot that, as per Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, and Section 3, Sub-section (ii), MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS, New Delhi 14th September, 2006 notification, the proceedings of the meeting should be prepared & to be signed on the same day of the public hearing.
- He further read the para 6.4 of the notification & it stated that "Every person present at the venue shall be granted the opportunity to seek information or clarifications on the project from the Applicant. The summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting all the views and concerns expressed shall be recorded by the representative of the SPCB or UTPCC and read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the vernacular language and the agreed minutes shall be signed by the District Magistrate or his or her representative on the same day and forwarded to the SPCB/UTPCC concerned.

- Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot assured the public that, as far as possible, the proceedings will be prepared on the same day however due to various technical reasons it would not be possible to prepare & sign the proceedings on the same day but he assured to complete it in one day & directed the Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkot to prepare the proceedings by 30-08-2015 & to submit to his office without fail. The Deputy Commissioner also assured the public that the summary of the public hearing will be presented in oral at the end of the hearing.

## 2. Shri. Shivanagouda B Patil of Hipparagi Village`

- He objected the expansion of the project stating the salinity problem.
- He informed that the industry is being built in the irrigated agricultural lands & the type of the soil is black cotton soil and the fields in the vicinity of the proposed industry have already been affected by salinity.
- The agricultural lands are already being irrigated by the Ghattaprabha left canal bank, through bore-wells under Government programs & due to Alamatti back water stagnation at Hipparagi barrage.
- The present water level at Alamatti is 519 & considerable agricultural lands have already attained salinity & he expressed the fear of increase in the salinity due to the increase of water level from 519 to 524.
- Considering the above facts the management has to rethink regarding the pros & cons for the proposed expansion.
- He expressed the fear of increase in salinity due to the discharge of effluents by the factory.
- He informed that management has proposed the Effluent Treatment Plant to treat the wastewater & utilizing the treated water for irrigating the agricultural lands & for the green belt development but however some of the industries are not following the same strictly. In this regard he demanded the management to earmark the 33% of land that they have proposed for the green belt development within the industry.
- He illustrated few episodes of the existing industries in particular the Sameerwadi sugar factory from where the seepage of molasses has taken place from the molasses tank & it has polluted the ground water in the nearby village's viz.,

Kesarkoppa, Bisnala, Saidapura. He also said that these issues will not only cause the problem to human beings but it also affects the health of the domestic animals. In view of the above he asked the management to provide the technical specifications of the molasses tank & precautionary / preventive measures proposed.

- He also instanced the fish kill episode that has taken place at Mudhol due to discharge of untreated trade waste in to the Ghattaprabha River by Sankeshwar Sugar Industry. He expressed his apprehension that the same situation may arise at Krishna River.
- He further said that all the upcoming/new industries assure to take precautionary measures but however emissions from the chimney of the existing industries are affecting the yield of the crops & also there is lot of odour nuisance around the factories. He sought information regarding the control measures proposed for odour nuisance.
- He also suggested the management to function the industry at the present capacity i.e., sugar crushing capacity of 5000 TCD & Co-generation of 35 MW for 2 to 3 years & then the management can go for expansion considering the present scenario.
- He demanded the management to provide the employment to the land losers & to the other native villagers based on their educational qualification. He also quoted the example of Sameerwadi sugars where they have given the employment to the land losers only under Class D & for a period of only six months. He insisted that the same should not repeat in this project.
- He informed that the project proponents should adopt latest & sophisticated pollution control equipments & technologies so that dust & other emissions are maintained below the harmful level for the environmental safety & the health of the surrounding villagers.
- He informed that management should take all the necessary steps to implement the Environmental Management Plans sincerely.
- He further demanded that in case of any crop damage, health of the villagers & animals due to the pollution / contamination of the surrounding environment, the management is solely responsible for the losses & damages caused in man & material & shall provide the due compensation.

- If the management strictly adhere & implement the Environmental Management Plans presented in the public hearing, there is no objection for the proposed project.

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**3. Shri. Ramanna Gurusiddapa Hipparagi of Muttur Village**

- He informed that though no industries & water reservoirs are located in the radius of 30 to 40 km of Sarawad Village of Vijapura Taluk & District but still considerable agricultural lands have attained the salinity. It means that the industry is not one of the factors for causing salinity.
- Hence he is of the opinion that the proposed project should be implemented immediately.

**4. Shri. Malangouda Channapagouda Patil of Mygur Village**

- He is of the opinion that the plant shall be of 15000 TCD instead of 10000 TCD since the availability of cane in the village is in abundant. Sugar Cane is being cultivated in 3000 Acres out of 3600 Acres of land. He also said that, it is the common opinion of the villagers that the project should be implemented at the earliest.
- He further stated that however the management should take precautionary measures in order to keep the surrounding environment clean & he repose faith in the management that they will undertake all the precautionary measures to combat the environmental pollution.

**5. Shri. Bommana Balappa Muggananavar of Mahishawadagi Village**

- He is of the opinion that the proposal is beneficial to the surrounding villagers as it creates employment to the people of Jamkhandi Taluk.
- He informed that, it is the boundent duty of the management to maintain the pollution free environment during operation.

**6. Shri. Devendra Shripati Madarkhandi of Maigur Village**

- He expressed that he is a small farmer & belongs to backward class & requested to treat all the people equally without making any discrimination on cast & creed



- He is also of the opinion that the proposed expansion is of good intention & also the management should assure to give the employment to the land losers & preference to the surrounding villagers.

#### **7. Shri Paragouda Patil of Maigur Village**

- He quoted the example of people lining up in queue in front of the Sameerwadi factory for their turns. He also stated that many a times due to early harvesting, they have burnt their own crop because of aging.
- He further said that this project would be beneficial to them & also the area around the industry will develop socially & economically.
- He also said that this proposal would create rural employment.

#### **8. Shri Somanath Iswargouda Patil of Alabal Village**

- He stated that the chances of further salinity from the proposed expansion are negligible.
- The Alabal Village farmers have given 90 Acres of land to the management & they have no objection on the proposed expansion.
- He further stated that since the village is near to the factory, hence it is most convenient for them to transport the sugar cane to the industry.
- Since the Alabal village is nearest to the industry, the villagers are more affected due to environmental pollution during the operation of the industry. Hence the concerned authority should take necessary preventive & control measures so that health of the people, their agricultural lands & domestic animals are not affected.
- He demanded the management to give employment to the people of Alabal village as per their educational qualification & requested the management to implement all the Environmental Management Plans as proposed in the public hearing.
- He requested the Government to take steps to reduce the salinity of the agricultural fields.

#### **9. Shri Basappa Khebbani of Siraguppi Village**

- He has no objection on the proposal & the factory should start its operation as early as possible.

#### **10. Shri Laxman Shivagond Bannur of Shiraguppi Village**

- He has no objection on the proposed expansion because irrespective of the capacity i.e., whether it is 5000 TCD or 10000 TCD, there would be some pollution.
- Sugar cane is the major crop in the area & other crops are not profitable & hence the expansion of the project would be beneficial.
- He informed that due to salinity, the farmers having the large agricultural lands, getting high yields reduced to small farmers with reduced agriculture lands hence the Government should take some remedial measures for the salinity of agricultural lands.

#### **11. Shri Prakash Kale of Shiaraguppi Village**

- He has no objection on the proposed expansion since his village is 1.5 Km away from the industry & it would be easy for him to supply the sugar cane to the industry.
- He informed that the problem of salinity exist since his childhood. Keeping in view of this salinity reason the proposed project should not be objected.

#### **12. Shri Lakkappa Ramappa Kambar of Hipparagi Village**

- What will be the contribution to the Hipparagi village under the Corporate Social Responsibility?

#### **13. Shri Basavaraj Shivappa Patil of Mygur Village**

- He has no objection on the proposed expansion. The villagers are ready to give extra lands in case of any land requirement for the proposed expansion.

#### **14. Shri Chidanand Yalagon of Hipparagi Village**

- He has no objection on the proposed expansion.

#### 15. Shri Siddappa Gali of Hipparagi Village

- He supported the proposed expansion.
- He demanded that industry should function environmental friendly.
- The project proponents & concerned authorities should strictly monitor the status of the water, Air & Soil pollution & maintain the environment pollution free.
- If the system does not work, they will be affected. So he requested the management not to give any room for such eventualities during operation.
- He requested the project proponents to earmark some percentage of amounts from the profit for the development of the farmers.

#### 16. Shri. Dayanand Darigon of Hipparagi Village

- He has no objection on the proposed expansion.
- He informed that he is having the agricultural land bearing Sy No. 247 & developed the sugar cane in the entire area but due to water logging in the field no factory has come forward to harvest the sugar cane, but Nirani Sugars limited came forward & harvested his sugar cane.
- Hence <sup>ed</sup>strongly support the expansion of proposed project.

#### 17. Shri. Sangappa Laxman Malakappanavar of Hipparagi Village

- He informed that the baseline data of Air, Water, Soil & the Noise levels monitored & presented in the public hearing shall remain unaltered & unaffected even after the operation of the industry.
- He questioned the management that present environmental status remains same even after the operation of the industry?

#### 18. Shri. Ramu Balappa Bandiwaddar of Savalagi Village

- He extended his support on the proposed expansion.
- Since there are no industries in this vicinity the sugar cane was being transported to the sugar industries located in the Mudhol Taluk. During transportation loss of material & damaged to the vehicles incurred.

- If the proposed unit comes up, such loss & damages can be avoided.

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#### **19. Shri. Basappa Siddappa Konappanavar of Kaddapati Village**

- He demanded that the project proponent should take steps to provide improved seeds & technologies for the development of the sugar cane.
- He requested to arrange the awareness programs for the farmers on scientific cultivation, water conservation, increasing the yield of the crops.
- He suggested the management to provide agricultural officers / advisers to each village & to give suggestions to the farmers to improve the agricultural techniques & quality.

#### **20. Shri. Shambulingayya V Mathad of Hipparagi Village**

- He stated that even though 8 to 9 factories are operating in this region, but still abundant quantity of cane is available & remained unharvested.
- All the units are working well.
- Proposed expansion of the existing unit will be beneficial to all the surrounding farmers.
- He requested the project proponent to take steps for overall development of the farmers & surrounding villages.

#### **Shri. Murugesh Nirani, Chief Managing Director, Nirani Groups, Mudhol**

- The environment will be taken care by installing the latest technology pollution control equipment and implementing the environmental management plan.
- The appropriate job opportunity will be given for the land losers and local people depending upon their education qualification.
- He also assured that Sarojini Mahishi report on employment will be implemented.
- 2 % of the Net Profit of the Company will be reserved for road, medical facility, development and education of the surrounding villages.
- Factory will be providing seed, fertilizer and training to adopt the techniques for higher yield for cane suppliers.

**SHRI. 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,**

1. The demands, views, grievances & suggestions submitted by of the local people in the public hearing meeting will be viewed seriously.
2. Undertake stringent dust control measures & dust suppression systems to combat the dust emissions generated during the operations. The emission levels in the surrounding areas shall be maintained well below the stipulated standards.
3. KSPCB shall ensure that the project proponents adopt the best available technologies in prevention & control of the emissions. The stack & Ambient Air Quality monitoring values are to be maintained within the stipulated standards.
4. Rain water harvesting and water shed management plan should be implemented.
5. He informed that the Company will 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.
6. The company will ensure the zero discharge from the plant which ensures that, there will be no contamination of the water bodies during the process.
7. The company will undertake socio-economic development schemes and programs in the surrounding villages.
8. 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.
9. Plantation of trees in factory and nearby areas – 10000 sampling per year over next 5 years and maintain the green belt, and maintain the trees in association with Gram Panchayat and Forest department.
10. The emissions discharges from both point and non point sources generated during the operation should not affect the reserve forest at any point of time.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkot, while addressing the meeting said that the appeals, suggestions, complaints and grievances of the Public have been recorded through video and the same would be made into CDs and the proceedings of the meeting, as it is, would be sent to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Karnataka for further action.


After hearing the above discussions, the Chairman informed that based on the remarks and views received from the public, who have attended the environmental public hearing, the recommendations will be sent to Government of Karnataka 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 / standards stipulated by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and other competent authorities.

At the end, Shri Anil Kumar G, Asst. Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office Bagalkot has bid the vote of thanks to Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, Asst Commissioner Jamakhandi, Senior Environmental Officer, other departmental officials and to the Management and staff of industry. He also extended his thanks to the public, other dignitaries, press and police staff for the support extended during course of meeting.

Thereafter, the public hearing was concluded & hence the proceedings.

  
(P A Meghannavar., I.A.S.)

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman  
Environmental Public Hearing Committee  
Bagalkot, Karnataka

  
30.8.2014