

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 30-05-2016 AT 11:30 AM IN RESPECT OF M/S. BILAGI SUGAR MILLS LTD, SY. NO. 7, 92, 93, 195, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203 & 206 OF BADAGANDI VILLAGE, BILAGI-TALUK, BAGALKOT DISTRICT FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 2500 TCD TO 5000 TCD AND CO- GENERATION OF POWER PLANT FROM 8 MW TO 30 MW IN THE EXISTING SUGAR INDUSTRY PREMISES.

Venue of the Public Hearing : Premises of M/s. Bilagi Sugar Mills Limited, Badagandi Village, Bilagi-Tq, Bagalkot-District.

Panel Members present :

1. Sri P A Meghannavar., IAS
Chairman- Environmental Public Hearing Panel
Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District.
2. Sri.Vijaykumar.T. Kadakhavi,
Senior Environmental Officer (I/C)
Zonal Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Dharwad (Representative of Member Secretary, KSPCB, Bangalore)
3. Sri. M P Mullai Muhiglan, IAS
Assistant Commissioner, Jamakhandi Sub Division, Jamkhandi
4. Sri.E. Prakash
Environmental Officer
Regional Office
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board,
Bagalkot

Representative of the project Annexure-I

List of the public participated: Annexure-II

PREAMBLE:

M/s. Bilagi Sugar Mills Ltd has proposed to expand Sugar cane crushing capacity from 2500 TCD to 5000 TCD and Co-generation of Power from 8 MW to 30 MW power plant in the existing sugar industry premises at Sy. No. 7, 92, 93, 195, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203 & 206 of Badagandi Village, Bilagi-Tq, Bagalkot-District.

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 the Deputy Commissioner or an officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Department of Ecology and Environment Government of Karnataka, Bangalore letter dated: **03-03-2016** and the request of the Project proponent for the Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated: **14-03-2016**, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on **30-05-2016** 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**", English Daily Newspaper "**DECCAN HEARLD**" both dated: **30-04-2016** and in local daily Kannada News paper "**SAVINUDI**" on **13-05-2016**.

The suggestions / views / comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the Project site and are likely to be affected by the establishment 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, Town Panchayat Bilagi, Bilagi-Tq, Bagalkot.-District
- 5) The Gram Panchayath Office- Girisagar and Badagandi Village, Bilagi-Tq, Bagalkot-District
- 6) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot
- 7) Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Bangalore.

As per the Board Office directions vide letter No. : KSPCB/130/HPI/2016-17/452 Dated: 28-04-2016, in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot a Technical Presentation by the Project Proponent as a pre-requisite necessity before the public hearing to enable to know the overall objectives & Environmental issues of the proposed project. Accordingly, the Regional Office KSPCB, Bagalkot arranged the Technical Presentation under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot on 26-05-2016 at 11.00 AM in Deputy Commissioner's Office regarding the expansion of

Sugar Cane Crushing capacity from 2500 TCD to 5000 TCD and Co-generation of Power plant capacity from 8 MW to 30MW.

During the course of the technical presentation, the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot has expressed deep concern regarding the impact of the proposed expansion project on the environment and raised the following points.

- Source of water for the existing and for the proposed project with water balance sheet.
- The project proponents shall furnish the permission letter obtained from the concerned to draw the quantum of water from the River Krishna. The project proponent's informed that, they have obtained the permission from the irrigation department & promised to submit the copy of the same.
- The ETP capacity of the existing and to the proposed expansion with feasibility report.
- Treated trade effluent management plan including extent of land available with the unit and their survey numbers. If there are any agreement made with the neighbour farmers land for utilisation of the treated effluent.
- The measures taken to avoid any discharge of effluents towards the nallas, water bodies and river.
- Details of storm water management in the plant.
- Details of existing and proposed green belt development in the unit.
- The project proponents were informed to submit the details of solid wastes generation and mode of disposal.
- Details of proposed Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

The Chairman of District Environmental Public Hearing Committee and the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot has informed the project proponent to incorporate the above points during the Public Hearing presentation.

On **30-05-2016**, the day fixed for public hearing, Sri. E. Prakash, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot, the Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Dharwad, all the public, all the officials of different departments, elected representatives and Directors and the staff of the industry & media persons were present.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Govt. of Karnataka 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. So far, no body had filed objections on the proposed project; however a suggestion was received through email from Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society, Hyderabad. The copy of the letter is enclosed as **Annexure- III**. He then requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing and invited the Public to interact and to give their views/opinion about the expansion of the project and to present all their submissions either in writing or orally. The proceedings of the meeting will be photographed and videographed.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel Bagalkot, verified the Notifications issued in the news papers and ascertained whether sufficient publicity has been made as required under the statute.

On behalf of the M/s MITCON Consultancy and Engineering Services Ltd, Pune, the Environmental Consultant, 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 in Kannada & English is enclosed with this proceeding as **Annexure-IV**.

After the detailed presentation on the proposed expansion project, the Deputy Commissioner invited the public who were present in the meeting to express their comments/views/suggestions on the proposed expansion project. Accordingly, the following persons came ahead and expressed their views on the proposed expansion project.

1. Sri. Nandabasappa Sangappa Choudhari, Baluti Village, Basavanbagewadi Taluk, Bijapur District

- He demanded the technical words used by the presenter are to be translated in to Kannada since the villagers are not aware of the English technical words.
- He requested to announce the water requirement of the industry in TMC unit.
- He sought the details on the management of wastewater & solid waste disposal.
- He questioned the project authorities that what measures / steps have been taken by the industry for avoiding the wastewater reaching the River.

- He suggested adopting new technology for the reuse of wastewater which enhances the development.
- He suggested the industry authorities to carry out plantations of at least 10 guntas per 10 Acres.

2. Shri. Shrishail Meti, Sunaga Village

- He welcomed the expansion of project & he demanded the industry authorities to provide saplings to the farmers.
- He also demanded the industry authorities to strictly follow systematic cane harvesting system.
- He insisted the factory authorities to construct rest room for the farmers bringing cane during crushing season.

3. Shri. Shankrappa Itagi, Heggur Village

- He expressed his concern for the green belt development which in turn controls the pollution.
- He also questioned the industry authorities that how this project would be beneficial to general public.

4. Shri. Shrikanth Sandimani

- He welcomed the proposed expansion project. This proposal is beneficial for the farmers.

5. Shri. Nagaya Chandrashekar Mathapati, Badardini Village.

- He asked the project proponents to provide good education system for the farmers children like CBSC Schools etc.
- He informed that there is lot of noise generating from Thermal Power Plant, Kudagi Villagi, Bijapur District. He insisted the project proponents to take appropriate measures to control noise pollution from the industry.
- He questioned that, whether the amount of Rs. 40 Lakhs earmarked for CSR activity is already spent or the industry is going to spend in the future.

6. Shri. Sangappa Rayappa Kuri, Tolamatti Village.

- He demanded the explanation on the management & handling of bagasse & ash generated from the industry.

7. Shri. Mahantesh Basappa Bijapur, Badardini Village

- He questioned the industry authorities that how compost will be given to farmers & in which form whether in bags or packets.

8. Shri. Chandrashekar Sangappa Kakandiki, Rolli Village.

- He welcomed the project & informed that the expansion will help in increasing the economic status of the farmers. He also requested the Industry authorities to help the farmers in providing the basic facilities.

9. Shri. Maliyappagouda Shankargouda Patil,

- He has no objection on the proposed expansion of the Project.

10. Shri. Venkanna Rangappa Gadad, Korthi Village.

- He said that the proposal is beneficial to the villagers & requested the factory authorities to widen & asphalt the cane transporting road.

11. Bheemangouda Rangangouda Patil, Takkalaki Village

- He raised the issue of marshy lands in the area & thus it is creating the problem to the farmers land. He questioned the project proponent that what action will be taken for protecting the marshy land.

12. Parsappa Yellappa Junnur

- He expressed his concern regarding the previous year bill payment.

13. Sangamesh Shekariah Gantimath, Janmatti Village

- He said that the sugar price in the market is Rs. 40/- & the factory is paying Rs. 1800/- as cane price ex-field. He requested the management to pay the cane price arrears.

Shri. P. A. Meghannavar, the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot directed the consultant to answer few of the queries raised during the hearing by the farmers. The consultant in his reply said that 0.02 TMC of water is required for the proposed expansion. He also informed that the industry will setup 1000 m³ capacity of ETP to treat the wastewater generated from the industry. Further, the project consultant informed the public that massive plantation will be taken around the industry to suppress the noise within the factory premises. He then answered few of the public queries regarding the management of bagasse & ash. He informed that bagasse will be used as a fuel in the boiler & the ash has rich potash & Nitrogen content & it can be used as manure.

The Executive Vice President of the industry Mr. Aziz, gave his explanation for few of the queries raised in the public hearing. He informed that the saplings will be provided to the farmers as far as possible. He further explained that the sugar price will be finalized in consultation with the state Government and matter regarding the SAP is now in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. He also informed the industry has taken initiation on asphaltting of approach roads. He further informed the public that the press mud will be given to farmers as manure at a low cost & will be transported through tippers. He also informed that, they have a proposal for a 60 KLPD Distillery unit in the year 2017-18.

Shri. P. A. Meghannavar, the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot then gave his explanation regarding the marshy land. He informed that due to the excessive application of water to the fields, the lands have become marshy. He also insisted the farmers to practice crop rotation. He also informed that, measures are taken to control the same & will be implemented year by year.

The Deputy Commissioner summed up the meeting & thereafter, the Environmental public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks & hence the proceedings.



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

Chairman- Environmental Public Hearing Panel
Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District



