

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF MOLASSESS BASED DISTILLERY OF CAPACITY 100KLD CAPACITY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF 05MW CAPATIVE POWER PLANT (FROM SPENT WASH INCINERATION BOILER) AT – YADRAVI VILLAGE, TQ- RAIBAG, DT- BELAGAVI OF M/S HERMES DISTILLERY PRIVATE LIMITED.

DATE : 20-01-2016
TIME : 11.00 AM
VENUE : AT PROJECT SITE

M/s. HERMES Distillery Private Limited, Yadravi - village having its corporate Office at B.C-92, Church Road, Camp, A/p. Belagavi, Dt Belagavi- 590009, Karnataka State, has proposed to undertake following projects.

- ESTABLISHMENT OF A MOLASSESS BASED DISTILLERY OF CAPACITY -100KLD
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPATIVE POWER PLANT OF CAPACITY - 5MW FROM SPENT WASH INCINERATION BOILER.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECT LOCATION

Survey Numbers 96/5A, 96/5B, 96/5C, 96/3A/2, 98/1B/3, 98/1B/4, 98/1B/5 Yadravi village of Raibag Taluka, Belagavi District, Karnataka State.

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

Public Hearing Panel Members Present		
1	Sri. N. Jayaram. I A S Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District	Chairman
2	Sri. M A Maniyar, District Environmental Officer, KSPCB Regional Office, Belagavi-2(Chikkodi Centre)	Member

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S HERMES DISTILLERY PRIVATE LIMITED. (PROJECT PROPONENT)		
1	Sri Amit Kore	Chairman
2	Sri Gridhar Galande	General Manager
3	Sri R V Karehonna	Director
4	Sri N M Haragapure	In Charge- Stores
5	Sri C M Banakare	In Charge- Stores
6	Sri A C Rachappanavar	In Charge- Accounts
7	Sri Dr. Hemant	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 Environment, Forest & Climate change New Delhi Government of India Letter No. J-11011/143/2014-1A/II(i) dated 22-09-2014 and the concurrence of The Deputy Commissioner Belagavi letter dated: 13-11-2015, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 20-01-2016 at the Project Site, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Belagavi.

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 "DECCAN HERALD" both dated 20-12-2015 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "KANNADAMMA" on 25-12-2015.

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:

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zillah Panchayat, Belagavi
- District Industries and Commerce Centre, Belagavi
- The Chief Officer, CMC- Raibag, District Belagavi.
- The Gram Panchayat Office- Yadravi, Taluk – Raibag, Dt- Belagavi
- The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belagavi-02, (Chikkodi Centre)
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, Bangalore
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel Belagavi 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, Belagavi-2(Chikkodi Centre) received one E-mail application till 19-01-2016.

- Suggestion letter from Vootkuri Sunanada Reddy, Environmentalist, Nalgonda district, Telangana State on 16-01-2016 – Enclosed as Annexure-01

On 20-01-2016, the day fixed for public hearing, Sri M.A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belagavi - 02, (Chikkodi Centre) extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner Belagavi, 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 video graphed.

On behalf of M/S Mantras Green Resources Limited Nashik, the Environmental Consultants, Sri Dr Hemanth, 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 11 persons expressed their views and are as stated below:

1. Sri. Appasaheb Soundalge. R/o: Desai Ingali Village.

- The project proponents proposed to manufacture the Rectified Spirit (ENA/AA) from the molasses and 5MW power generation from spent wash incineration.
- Due to which the economical Status of the industry will increase and in turn they will be in position to provide better cane price to the farmers.
- He requested the project proponent to take steps for overall development of the farmers & surrounding villages.
- In view of the above, he urged the Government to accord the permission for the establishment of the industry.

2. Sri. Anil Hanji. R/O: Soundatti Village.

- He is of the opinion that, the proposal is beneficial to the surrounding villagers, as it creates employment to the people of surrounding villages.
- The preference should be given to local unemployed people according to their qualifications, skill and experiences.

3. Sri. Malikarjun Hiremath. R/O: Kerur Village.

- He said that, this project would be beneficial to farmers & also the villages around the industry will develop socially & economically.
- He demanded that, the Government should accord permissions to the proposed project.

4. Sri. Jaykumar Annapa Khemlapure. R/O: Yadravi Village.

- He sought the clarification from project proponents regarding the collection, storage, treatment and disposal of the liquid and solid waste generated during the process.
- Air pollution control measures proposed for the emissions generated during the process.
- How the waste materials will be converted in to useful products?
- Whether the farmers benefitted by this useful products?

5. Sri. Anil Kumar Patil. R/O: Naslapur Village.

- He welcomed the upcoming project at the village.
- He urged the Government that, the permission to establish the industry shall be granted at the earliest.

6. Sri. Mahadev Rendale. R/O: Examba Village:-

- He informed that, the spent wash generated from the process is being incinerated in the boiler and reduced to ash.
- The bottom ash generated from the spent wash incineration boiler. Whether it is useful by-product for Agriculture?
- If so how it is utilised and whether the industry will convert into manure and supply it to farmers?

7. Sri. Kadagouda Gundkale R/O: Nandikurali village.

- He stressed that; employment should be given to local unemployed youths of the surrounding villages.
- They should educate and impart trainings to deserving candidates according to requirements and needs of the job.

8. Sri. Shivappa Mahadev Naik. R/O: Kempatti Village.

- He demanded that, in the welfare of the farmers, the soil Testing laboratory and Agricultural Research Centre should be established at the site.
- It will help the farmers to increase and boost their agricultural yields & productivity. Which in turn benefits the industry too.

9. Sri. Shashikant Mali. R/O: Yadravi Village.

- He informed that, M/S Shivshakti Sugars established in our Yadravi village. Now it is being recognised by all in both state and National level.
- Existing industry provided 2100 employments to surrounding villagers.
- The social and economical status of the villagers improved by the existing industry.
- He further said that, this proposed project would be beneficial to them & also the area around the industry will develop socially & economically.
- He also said that, this proposal would create further more rural employment.
- In view of the above benefits, he strongly extended his support to proposed project and thrust upon to grant permission for establishment of proposed project.

10. Sri. Shankar Pawar. R/O: Ingali Village.

- He informed that, M/S Ugar Sugars industry is in operation at UgarKhurd village, it is manufacturing Alcohol, Rectified Spirit, Ethanol and co-generation power using the molasses.

- The spent wash and ash were generated during the process and also air emissions from the chimneys.
- But still it has not caused harm to the environment & health of villagers not affected much.
- He informed that, the project proponents should adopt latest & sophisticated pollution control equipments & technologies so that dust & other emissions are maintained well 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.
- Since the proposed project is similar kind in process and manufacturing. They have proposed and committed to mitigate pollution loads to greatest possible extent by adopting the latest modern best available technologies.
- Hence the permission should be granted to proposed project by the Government.
- He requested the project proponents to provide the basic amenities, like Good network of roads, Bus stand, Drinking water facilities, Educational Institutions and soil testing laboratory in the villages.

11. Sri. Shidram Gadade. R/O: Kerur Village.

- He said that, the project proponents have proposed to adopt the Electro Static Precipitator as Air pollution control equipment and chimney of height 50 meter above ground level. The air emissions will not cause air pollution.
- The spent wash generated during process will be stored in impervious tanks to prevent the surface & ground water pollution.
- The spent lees is treated and completely recycled in the process.
- The spent wash is incinerated in the boiler and reduced to ash and 5MW power will be generated. There will be zero discharge from the industry.
- Hence there will be neither Surface and Ground Water contamination nor soil pollution from the proposed project.
- For the above said reasons, the permission shall be granted to the proposed project.

12. SHRI. N JAYARAM, I.A.S, The Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi & Chairman Of The Environmental Committee Sought Following Clarifications From The Proponents.

- The percentage increase in the cane price after establishment of the industry.
- The quantity of water consumption during on and off seasons.
- The quantity water drawn from the Krishna River per day and availability of water in the river during summer season.
- The quantity of waste generated per day and how much quantity will be re used in the process.

- During no demand i e during (Rainy Season), how waste water is collected, stored treated and disposed?
- Noise levels during the operation of the industry, what are due precautionary and preventive measures adopted to reduce noise levels?
- Measures proposed to avert the occupational hazards on the labours during operation.

SHRI. N JAYARAM, I.A.S, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BELAGAVI 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 of the local people in the public hearing meeting will be viewed seriously.
- 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.
- 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.
- Rain water harvesting and water shed management plan should be implemented.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Belagavi, 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, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India 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 Ministry of Environment, Forests and 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/standards stipulated by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and other competent authorities.

At the end, Shri M A Maniyar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office Belagavi-2 (Chikkodi- Centre) has bid the vote of thanks to Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi, 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.


(N. Jayaram.)

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman
Environmental Public Hearing Committee
Belagavi, Karnataka.