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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 31.08.2013 AT 11.00 A.M IN RESPECT OF M/SM S PATIL SUGARS LTD., SY NO 348 OF NIMBAL B.K VILLAGE, INDI TALUK, BIJAPURA DISTRICT HAVE PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT FROM 19 MW TO 25 MW AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW 45 KLD MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY IN THE EXISTING SUGAR INDUSTRY PREMISES:

VENUE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING : At Proposed Sugar Industry Premises.

MEMBERS PRESENT : Annexure-I.

OFFICERS PRESENT : Annexure-II.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROJECT. : Annexure-III.

NAME OF THE PUBLICS PARTICIPATED : Annexure-IV.

PREAMBLE:

M/s M S Patil Sugar Ltd have proposed to increase the Co-Generation Power Plant from 19 to 25 MW and to establish a new 45 KLD Molasses based Distillery plant in the existing Sugar industry premises at Sy.No348, Nimbal B K Village, Indi Taluk, Bijapura 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 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 01.08.2013 and also issued paper notification in local newspaper on 03.08.2013 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 committee & Deputy commissioner, Bijapura Dist, Bijapura.

The Environmental public hearing scheduled on 31.08.2013 at 11.00 A.M started with purpose of the meeting and welcome speech by the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Bijapura. The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bijapura addressed the gathering on the need of conducting environmental public hearing for the proposed project by increasing the production capacity of Co-generation power plant and establishing new 45 KLD molasses based distillery plant by M/s M S Patil Sugar Limited, Nibal B K Village, Indi Taluk, Bijapura District and informed the project proponent to present the case before the committee as well as to public.

Mr.Prithvi H.J, Dharwad is the project consultant of M/S M S Patil Sugars Ltd., brief about the history and activities of the company, total extent of land available, availability of raw material, sources of water, existing Sugar and Co-generation power plants, product manufactured & by products generation, mode of collection & it 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 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 1620M3 per day of water for the manufacturing and domestic purposes when the integrated plant operate for 210 days (Sugar, Co-generation & Distillery plants in operation) . The water is procured from the Bhima River and bore wells located within the premises. 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.1003.00 lakhs as initial cost and Rs.53.20 lakhs as recurring cost in each year from the date of commencement of production activities.

After brief presentation on the proposed project, the Additional 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.

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

Sri Madeevappa Hereekurubara, Nivaragi:

Public participated in the hearing informed that, the sugar factories are located in this district are about 30 to 40 kms distance from our villages & farmers are transporting the sugarcane to a longer distance, due to establishment of this unit it will going to help to the surrounding farmers us also it is going to create the employment opportunity to our youths and he informed in the meeting that factory authorizes have to give the employment opportunity to the local peoples. Further he informed that the Sugar factory authorities have to adopt 3 or 4 nearby villages and take up the socioeconomic activities.

Sri B.D. Patil, Hanjagi:

Public participated in the hearing informed that we don't have any objection about the proposed factory, due to establishment of this factory the surrounding farmers get benefited by this factory. The factory authorities have to take proper preventive measures to control both water & Air pollution problems. Further he requested in the public hearing that Government has to take action to fill up the Nimbhal tank from Almatti dam through the irrigation canal and also extend the irrigation canal up the Nimbhal village there by it going to irrigate more agricultural land in this area.

Sri BabuRao Maithry, Nimbhal:

Public participated in the hearing informed that the surrounding villager may get benefit from this Sugar Plant, but the farmers are facing the major problem due less water in the Nimbhal water tank, he requested the Chairman of public hearing to recommend the government to release the water from Almati dam to Nimbhal tank through irrigation canal and also requested to allow the irrigation canal have to pass through the surrounding villages there by it going to help to our surrounding village farmers.

Sri AllaBhaksh, Hanjagi:

Public participated in the hearing informed that we don't have any objection about the proposed factory, but first we need the water for irrigation purposes and then factory .Further he requested in the public hearing that Government has to take action to fill up the Nimbal tank from Almatti dam through the irrigation canal and extend the irrigation canal up the Nimbal village there by it going to irrigate more agricultural land in this area. Also informed that the factory authority have to give the employment opportunity to the localities.

The Additional 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 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.



(SIDDAPPA, K.A.S)

 ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER &
CHAIRMAN, ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE, BIJAPUR DISTRICT, BIJAPUR.