

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON 30-05-2016 AT 11.00 AM REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY WHICH INVOLVES CHANGE OF PRODUCT MIX BY DISCONTINUING THE MANUFACTURE OF FOUR EXISTING PRODUCTS OF QUANTITY 200.2MTPA & TO PRODUCE FIVE PRODUCTS(BULK DRUGS & INTERMEDIATES) OF QUANTITY 448MTPA IN THE EXISTING MANUFACTURING PLANT AT M/S SEQUENT SCIENTIFIC LIMITED, SY NO. 253-254, THOREMAVU VILLAGE, NANJANGUD Taluk, MYSURU DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		M/s Sequent Scientific Limited, Sy. No. 253-254, Thoremavu Village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District, Karnataka State.
DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE		DESIGNATION
1	Sri T Venkatesh KAS, Addl Commissioner, Mysuru District, Mysuru	Chairman
2	Sri K.M Lingaraju, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Mysuru	Member
3	Sri M.G. Yathish, Environmental Officer, RO-2, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Mysuru(Rural). Mysuru	Member convener
Other Officers of the Board present		
1	Sri K. Ravichandra, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, RO-2, Mysuru (Rural), Mysuru.	
2	Smt. B K Aswini, Asst.Environmental Officer, KSPCB, RO-2, Mysuru (Rural), Mysuru	
3	Smt. Jayalakshmi M. J. Asst.Environmental Officer, KSPCB, RO-2, Mysuru (Rural), Mysuru	
Others Officers present		
1.	Sri H. Ramappa, Tahashildhar, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District	
2.	Project consultants M/s ABC Techno Labs India Private Limited, Bengaluru.	
Representative of the industry present		
1	Sri. Sanjay Kumar, President	
2	Sri. K.L. Mehtha – General Manager	
3	Sri. Ravikiran Siwala – General Manager (EHS)	
4	Sri. Mohan Sullad – Senior Manager	
The details of the general public who were present in the Environmental Public Hearing Meeting is enclosed in Annexure-1.		

PREAMBLE :

M/s. Sequent Scientific Limited, has proposed to take up expansion of manufacturing activity which involves change of product mix by discontinuing the manufacture of

four existing products of capacity 200.2MTPA & to produce five Active Pharmaceutical ingredients of capacity 448MTPA in the existing premises at Sy. No. 253-254, Thoremavu village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District.

The project proponent is required to obtain prior Environmental Clearance as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notificated dated 14.09.2006 (as amended till date) issued under the Environment(Protection) Act, 1986 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

As the proposed project is classified under Category-A of the Notification, environment clearance is to be obtained from Central Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, New Delhi, constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Accordingly, the project proponents have made an application to the Central Environment Impact Assessment Authority in prescribed format. The Central Level Expert Appraisal Committee comes under the Central Environment Impact Assessment Authority after scrutiny the application made by the project proponents, issued Terms of Reference (TOR) dated 30-04-2015. As per the terms of reference issued, conducting of Environmental Public Hearing is mandatory.

In order to comply with the TOR, the project proponents have submitted Environment Impact Assessment(EIA) Report and Executive Summary both in KANNADA and ENGLISH prepared by M/s ABC Techno Labs India Private Limited, Bengaluru with a request letter to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 29-12-2015.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru requested the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru accorded approval to conduct the public hearing

on 30.05.2016 at 11.00 AM at the project site. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published environmental public hearing meeting notice through paper notification in state level daily news papers namely Prajavani (Kannada) and The Hindu (English) on 29-04-2016 and further for the information of local people the notification was also published in the district level daily news papers Andolana(Kannada) and Star of Mysore(English) on 04-05-2016 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed expansion project within 30 days of the public hearing.

In continuation to the above, the detailed Environmental Impact Assessment Report in English and copies of the executive summary in Kannada and English were kept in the following places for the perusal of the public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru District, Mysuru.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Mysuru District, Mysuru.
- Office of the Tahashildar, Nanjangud, Mysuru District.
- District Industries Centre, Mysuru.
- Office of the City Municipal Council, Nanjangud, Mysuru Dist.
- Office of the Village Panchayath, Immavu Village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District.
- Office of the Village Panchayath, Kempisiddanhundi Village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District
- Regional Office-2, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Mysuru (Rural), Mysuru.
- Ministry of Forest and Environment, South Zone, Koramangala, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bangalore.

In addition to the above, wide publicity was also rendered through public address system and distribution of handbills and same was also kept at local Panchayath Offices (Kempisiddanahundi and Immavu) and surrounding villages of the proposed expansion project area on 28.05.2016.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing was commenced on 30-05-2016 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru at the project site at 11.00 AM.

Proceedings of Public Hearing:

Sri. M.G. Yathish, the Member Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee welcomed the gathering and requested the Sri K.M Lingaraju, RSEO, ZO, Mysore, Member of Environment Public Hearing Committee to brief the background and procedure of conducting of Environmental Public Hearing.

Sri K.M Lingaraju, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Mysuru and also member of Environmental public hearing meeting, informed the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated 14.09.2006 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. It was informed that the proposed project proponents have to obtain Environmental Clearance and also informed that all required procedure mentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006(as amended till date) before conducting environmental public hearing have been followed with.

Further, the chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel informed the project proponents to present the technical details of the proposed expansion .

Accordingly, Sri. Rajendra, M/s ABC Techno Labs India Private Limited, Bengaluru representing the industry explained the details with respect to Environmental Impact Assessment Report taken up which comprises of Local Map, Study area Map, Salient features of the site, land use details, infrastructure demands, rain water management, the environmental aspects viz., land, water, noise, environment, economic and financial status, environment management plan, environment

management programme, income and expenditure and total environment management plan and CSR activities proposed through power point presentation. The salient features put forth in the presentation are as follows:

- The industry has proposed to manufacture 5 new products by discontinuing 4 existing products and thereby increase the capacity from 200.2 MTPA to 448 MTPA.
- The proposed project consist of 14.59 acres total area out of which 4.81(33%) acres has been reserved for green belt development.
- The proposed project will provide another 25 direct employment in addition to the existing strength of 90 workers.
- They proposed to get Electricity from CHESCOM of capacity from present 300 KVA to 1000 KVA.
- The present total water consumption is about 20 KLD which will be increased to 64 KLD and treated effluent is proposed to be reused.
- To support development of nearby villages, the project proponent have proposed to submit plans to invest about Rs. 1.2 crore on various initiatives under CSR over the next few years and this fund will be utilized for education, skill development, health care/Hygiene water management.
- The waste water generated from the proposed project will be treated in house using state of the art technology and the treated effluent is proposed to be completely re-used within the plant. There shall not be discharge of effluent outside the premises.
- Proposed to provide rainwater harvesting system and utilize the same for different purposes.
- Proposed to invest 431 Lakhs for the pollution control systems as per the proposed Environment Management Plan for controlling environmental pollution.

- After the presentation, Sri. M.G Yathish. The Member Convener of Environment Public Hearing Committee requested the Chairman & Additional Deputy Commissioner to render permission to commence the Environmental Public Hearing, Sri. T.Venkatesh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru and Chairman of the Environmental Public hearing meeting requested the public gathered at the site to express their views / opinions / objections/Complaints, Suggestions, if any and informed to restrict their views to environmental issues only.
- Sri M.H Madhubabu. Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society, submitted a suggestion in writing through e-mail. ^{He} It has informed the industry to take suitable measures on the suggestions received.

Accordingly, the public expressed their views/opinions/objections/Complaint/Suggestions as below:-

1. **Sri Puttanayaka, Sindhuvalli Village, President, Raitha Sangha** : He Informed to provide employment for nearby villagers.
2. **Sri Puttaswamy, Kempisiddanahundi, Nanjangud**: He informed to Take suitable pollution control measures in order to mitigate foul smell discharge of polluted Air and effluent or otherwise they protest against the proposed project in future.
3. **Sri Linganna, Hallikerehundi, Nanjangud**: Proper action shall be taken so that surrounding environment will not be polluted from the proposed activity and also urged to provide employment for local people.
4. **Sri Shanthegowdaru, Malluruhalli, Nanjangud**: He informed that Environment in this area is not good and informed that the industries shall take suitable pollution control measures.
5. **Sri Shivaram, Kempisiddanahundi, Nanjangud**: He informed to provide employment for local people.

6. **Sri Madappa, Kathwadipura, Nanjangud:** He informed to provide employment for nearby villagers.
7. **Sri Mahadevappa, Hallikerehundi, Nanjangud:** Suitable measures shall be taken without causing any problems to the surrounding villagers from this expansion project & also informed to provide employment for local people.
8. **Sri Basavannachar, Sindhuvalli, Nanjangud:** He informed that more employment to be given to the local uneducated youths also.
9. **Sri R Sathish Rao, Kasaba Sindhuvalli, Nanjangud:** As the industry has proposed to manufacture 5 additional products in place of existing 4 products. Additional manpower has to be created. He informed also to provide employment to uneducated youths of surrounding villages on top priority. Further he also informed to operate the industry without causing any problem to the surrounding villages.
10. **Sri Vidyasagar, President of Raitha Sangha, Thandavapura, Nanjangud,:** He informed that not to remove the existing employees due to Stoppage of four existing products & production of five new products & informed to provide employment of more than 25 numbers for newly created posts to the surrounding villagers like Kempisiddanahundi, Thandya, Chikkayana Chatra. Further he informed that they will not tolerate the environmental destruction and they are against the illegal environmental developmental activities. He also informed that the solid waste has to be disposed in scientific manner, if so we don't have any objection to start 5 new products.
11. **Sri Siddappa, Shiramalli, Nanjangud:** He informed that there shall not be any ground water pollution and air pollution from this proposed expansion activity and also informed to provide employment for the local people.
12. **Sri K.M Kumar, Kempisiddanahundi, Nanjangud:** He informed that he is unsuccessful in getting a job since 2 years and requested for employment, as he is unemployed.

13. **Sri. Shivananju, Kempisiddanahundi, President of Grama Panchayath:** He informed to provide information about the reason for stoppage of 4 products, specify the 5 new products & chemicals used & their ill effects and preventive/precautionary measures for any gas leakages. He further informed to take measures that there shall not be any damage from this project to the environment, Flora & Fauna.
14. **Sri K Siddu, Ex-Gram Panchayath President, Kempisiddanahundi, Nanjangud:** He asked about the profit and loss from the stoppage of 4 products and manufacturing of 5 new products. He Informed that the existing employees from the unit shall not be removed. He informed that it is common that public hearing is conducted before establishment of any new project. But from the already existing industries in the area are emitting noise, dust, emission, etc., and hence proper precautions to be taken to avoid these problems. Even though complaints are lodged against the existing industries on the smoke, emissions and noise during the night time. The concerned departments have rendered their replies only. It was requested to provide information about the new 5 products and their advantages and disadvantages. Employment to be provided for the farmers and their family members who losses their land to the industries based on RTC documents and also requested to provide employment for the close relatives of the person who loses land and does not have any family members by getting permission from the land loser. Many industries have removed their employees in the part hence in the proposed project this should not happen once again. There shall not be odor nuisance and harm to the employees.
15. **Sri Kempanna, Taluk Kurubara Sangha, Kempisiddanahundi, Nanjangud:** It is known that public hearing is being conducting in view of the dropping of 4 existing products and production of 5 additional products. The villagers of Hulimavu & kempisiddanahundi panchayath limits apprehend that there will be a lot of problems from the proposed expansion project. As per the presentation, the industry has proposed to spend Rs. 30.0lakhs per year towards environmental

pollution control measures & the same shall be used for the designated purposes. It was informed to provide employment to local people only. M/s. Sri Sai Lakshmi Industries is now closed & at the time of allotment of land to M/s. Sai Lakshmi Industry, the land rate was Rs1,45,000/- and now it has increased to Rs.32Lakhs and hence it was requested to appraise the KIADB to give this rate & to provide employment to land losers.

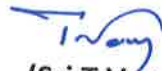
16. **Sri Nanjaiah, President, Kempisiddanahundi, Nanjangud:** He informed to Provide drinking water facility to the villagers. Under CSR activities, M/s United Breweries has repaired Govt schools food and also they have distributed Uniforms to the children. He informed that this work is done by the Government itself and also informed that they haven't provided drinking facility even though they have the committed earlier. It was informed to provide drinking comprehensive drinking water facility to the nearby villagers viz., Hejjige, Thoremavu, Kempisiddanahundi from the river.

Chairman informed the project proponent to reply the queries raised by the publics. After wards Sri Lakshmi Mestha, AGM, M/s Sequent Scientific Limited, has clarified the queries and informed that they have proposed to stop the existing 4 products due to market demand and has proposed for 5 new products by utilizing existing equipments/Machineries and also informed that they do not remove the existing employees. Further he assured that newly created 25 post will be given to local people.

Chairman informed the project proponents to provide employment for unskilled people on priority and continue the existing employees. Since it is a Pharmaceutical industry, the public feels that it may cause pollution to public, villagers & environment & hence suitable pollution control measure are to be taken. Further he informed to utilize the funds for common utilities (i.e., drinking water supply, etc) under CSR program. He informed the officers of the concerned department to take

suitable actions against the industries causing pollution. He informed that all the statements given by the public were recorded and the same will be forwarded to the Central Government through Karnataka State Pollution Control Board for further needful.

Sri M.G. Yathish, Member convener of the Environmental Public Hearing rendered vote of thanks and declared that the environmental Public Hearing has process has been completed.



(Sri T Venkatesh KAS)

**ADDL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN
ENVIRONMENTALPUBLIC
HEARING MEETING, MYSURU**

