

Proceedings of the Public Hearing of proposed establishment of new industry by M/s. Askin Bio Fuels Pvt Ltd., for the production of 60 KLPD (Juice/Syrup based) Distillery, 6 TPD Bio CNG 20 TPD Fertilizer Powder, 42 TPD CO₂, Captive Power Generation of 3 MW/Hr located at Sy. No- 106/2P, 106/3, 109/1, 109/3, Alagwadi-Village, Raibag-Taluk, Belagavi-District, In this regard Public Hearing is conducted on 26-06-2020 at 11.00 am.

Date : 26-06-2020.

Time : 11.00 AM

Venue : M/s. Askin Bio Fuels Pvt Ltd., Sy. No- 106/2P, 106/3, 109/1, 109/3, Alagwadi-Village, Raibag-Taluk, Belagavi-District.

M/s. Askin Bio Fuels Pvt Ltd., proposed establishment of new industry for production of 60 KLPD (Juice/Syrup based) Distillery, 6 TPD Bio CNG, 20 TPD Fertilizer Powder, 42 TPD CO₂, Captive Power Generation of 3 MW/Hr. In this regard Public Hearing is conducted on 26-06-2020. The Proceedings of the public hearing is as under:

Name & Address of the Proposed Industry	:	M/s. Askin Bio Fuels Pvt Ltd., Sy. No-106/2P, 106/3, 109/1, 109/3, Alagwadi-Village, Raibag-Taluk, Belagavi-District
Name of the Officers Present	:	Annexure - 1
Representatives of the Proposed Industry Present	:	Annexure - 2
Details of Public Participated	:	Annexure - 3
Details of publication arranged in the News Papers for public hearing	:	Annexure - 4
Power Point Presentation made in the Public hearing	:	Annexure - 5
Written Views submitted by the public	:	Annexure - 6
Reply given by the industry representatives for the concerns expressed by the public.	:	Annexure - 7

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (amended to date), it is pre requisite for such project to conduct Environment public hearing prior to award of Environment Clearance certificate. Accordingly State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka No. SEIAA 47 IND 2019, has finalized the standards terms of Reference of the said project vide letter dated: 25-02-2020 and informed M/s. Askin Bio Fuels Pvt Ltd., Sy. No- 106/2P, 106/3, 109/1, 109/3, Alagwadi-Village, Raibag-Taluk, Belagavi-District Karnataka State to request KSPCB to conduct Environment public

hearing. The project proponent vide letter Dated 27-02-2020 requested KSPCB to conduct public hearing. Hence the Environment Public Hearing is conducted at the project site by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi.

The project proponent has submitted the detailed EIA report and Executive Summary in Kannada and English to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification 30 days in an advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in English daily news paper dated: 26-05-2020 "The Times of India" and Kannada daily news paper "Kannada Prabha" and Local news paper "Vijay Karnataka" news paper dated: 28-05-2020. The suggestions/ views, comments and objection of the interested bona fide residents, environmental groups and others located at the project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited and project affected people could send their views either orally or in written or through email to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Deputy commissioner, Belagavi, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee.

The Environment public hearing was held on 26-06-2020 under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi District, Belagavi.

Sri Jagadeesh I H, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belgaum-2(Chikkodi) extended warm welcome to Sri Ashok Dudagunti, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi, Sri. Vijaykumar T Kadakbhavi, KSPCB, Zonal Senior Environmental Officer, Dharwad, Tahasildar Raibag and he has also extended the welcome to all officials of the different Departments, representatives of the project, all surrounding villagers, public, media and environmentalists.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental clearance from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka and Environmental Public Hearing as per EIA Notification and explained the procedure of the Public hearing and about the project documents kept for the Public Hearing at seven different offices.

The Environmental Officer requested to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi and also the Presiding officer of the Environment Public Hearing meeting to start the proceedings. Later instructed the industry representative and their consultants to make the presentation about the proposed industry i.e. M/s. Askin Bio Fuels Pvt Ltd., Sy. No- 106/2P, 106/3, 109/1, 109/3, Alagwadi-Village, Raibag-Taluk, Belagavi-District to the public.



Industry representative and Environment Consultant of M/s Environmental Health & Safety Consultants Pvt. Ltd Bangalore for the project explained about the environment impacts and mitigation measures recommended for the proposed industry of the M/s. Askin Bio Fuels Pvt Ltd., Sy. No- 106/2P, 106/3, 109/1, 109/3, Alagwadi-Village, Raibag-Taluk, Belagavi-District. The copy of the power point presentation is also enclosed with the proceedings vide **Annexure-5**.

The views expressed by the public are as follows:

1) Shri. Shiddappa Naganur: Resident of Harugeri.

Mr. Madhusudhan has already mentioned about the impacts on environment by establishing this industry and pollution control measures proposed. Commissioning this industry will benefit to the farmers. They have helped us by procuring sugar cane during drought season to their jaggery unit and by giving bill at the right time to farmers. The surrounding area farmers are living happily due to this existing industry. Since there are no complaints regarding the industry from surrounding areas like Harugeri, Raibag and Alagwadi to your office, I request officers to issue permission to this unit as soon as possible. If the proposed unit is established with license, two hundreds of families can lead their lives along with thousands of farmers. This factory is useful for many farmers and production of additional products will benefit to many families. Hence permission to be given to this industry.

2) Shri Basappa Moradi: Resident of Shiragur.

I can say that I have a personal attachment towards this industry. This is because the owner and I have travelled southern region before starting jaggery unit. This factory is doing very well and taken to this high level. They have proposed to establish many units and for which the permission from pollution control board is essential. This meeting was arranged to hear opinion of the surrounding people. This eco system is an integral part of humanity, we cannot survive without the environment; we must protect the environment, by planting more trees. This factory is useful to not only Raibag taluka but also to adjoining talukas. I request you to grant the permission to this Industry.

3) Shri. Ravasab Patil: Resident of Gundwad.

If the permission is given to this Industry from Environment Department, this part of Raibag Taluk and Athani Taluk will be benefited. I request kindly grant the permission as all will be benefited.

4) Shri. Vivek Naragond, Harugeri


This project proposed by Askin is a happy thing and an appreciable by the people of Harugeri, because the son of an ordinary farmer is making such a project which is very grateful thing. It is my request to the Aaskin family is to ensure that all the things to be implemented in the proper manner as explained, so that it cannot harm the environment. More saplings to be planted and to ensure that ground water is not



affected. This project will create employment opportunities in this area and hence request to give permission to this project.

Sri Vijaykumar T Kadakabhavi, Zonal Senior Environmental Officer expressed that they have submitted proposal to the Government to establish 60KLPD or 60000 liters per day (Juice/Syrup based) Distillery, 6 tonnes of biogas per day, 20 tonnes of organic compost and 42 tonnes of carbon dioxide, along with a 3 MW co - generation unit. After getting the Environmental clearance certificate as per EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006 from Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, these projects will be permitted. In this background, they need to carry out an impact assessment studies. The entire impact assessment studies will be completed by giving the details of the project to the public at the local level and then obtaining the opinion, consolidating it and submitting the report to the Government. After verifying the same, the Environmental clearance certificate will be issued. For this reason, today we have arranged an environmental public hearing meeting to collect your opinion. The news paper notification was published before 30 days about conducting this environmental public hearing at this project site. Our Environmental Officer, Mr. Jagadeesh has already explained us about the relevant documents kept in different offices. The main purpose of this environmental public hearing meeting is to ensure that those who have failed to submit the written opinions, shall also participate and express your opinions in an impartial manner. The opinion expressed by all of you is being video and audio recorded. We have taken care of all this and have made arrangements to send everything expressed by you to the Government through proceedings. Express your opinions without any fear or any other external pressure. M/s. Askin Bio Fuel Pvt. Ltd has already informed you about environmental pollution and how they intend to deal with it through a Power Point presentation. About four locals / public expressed their views. Siddappa Naganur, Basappa Moradi, Ravsaheb Patil and Vivek Naragond have opined that Industry should be established quickly and this will improve the economic status of the people of this area and create employment opportunity to the locals. Most importantly, we have arranged this public hearing meeting to know about the impact on the environment in the future and proposed pollution control measures from this Industry. The public could have expressed opinion about the said measures proposed by the Industry. The main responsibility is collecting the opinion of the public through this meeting and to submit to the Government. The views expressed by the four people will be included in the proceedings and same will be sent to the Government.

The hearing is concluded with vote of thanks.


(Sri. Ashok Dudagunti, K.A.S.)
Additional Deputy Commissioner &
Additional District Magistrate &
Environmental Public Hearing President