

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. N.S.P. DISTILLERY PVT LTD FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 60KLPD GRAIN BASED DISTILLERY PLANT, 30KLPD ETHANOL AND CAPTIVE POWER PLANT OF 2.5MW AT SY. NO. 45/1A/1, 45/1A/2, 49/4, 49/5 OF BADAGANDI VILLAGE, BILAGI TALUK HELD ON 16/11/2022 AT 11.00AM AT PROJECT SITE, BADAGANDI VILLAGE, BILAGI TALUK, BAGALKOT DISTRICT.

Public Hearing Panel Members Present		
1	Shri. Mahadev A Muragi, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	Shri. Syed Khaja Mohiddin, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad.	Member
3	Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.	Member
M/s. N.S.P. Distillery Pvt Ltd industry representatives and M/s. Samrakshana Consultants present		
1.	Shri. Dayanand N Patil	Managing Director
2.	Shri. G Suresh	General Manager
3.	Shri. G S Goudar	Civil Engineer
4.	Shri. G G Dixit	Draft Man
5.	Shri. S Nanda Kumar	CEO, Samrakshana
6.	Shri. Shreshail Badiger	Engineer, Samrakshana
7.	Smt. Mangala Mahalaxmi	Engineer, Samrakshana
8.	Smt. Rachana J	Engineer, Samrakshana

Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District, the Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Dharwad, the Tahasildar, Bilagi Taluka, Bagalkote District and all the participating

villagers from surrounding area & public, elected representatives who were present in the public hearing. Further, he briefly explained the needs for Environmental Clearance and public hearing for the said project as follows:

M/s. N.S.P. Distillery Pvt Ltd proposes to undertake establishment of 60KLPD Grain based Distillery Plant, 30KLPD Ethanol and captive power plant of 2.5MW at Sy. No. 45/1A/1, 45/1A/2, 49/4, 49/5 of Badagandi village, Bilagi Taluk, Bagalkot District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment 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 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI and Conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division), GOI, the project proponent has made application for Environmental Clearance and got the Terms of Reference from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka vide Letter dated: 13-07-2022 and accordingly the draft EIA report is prepared. The project proponent submitted the request letter to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote, the Public Hearing is scheduled on 16-11-2022 at Project site, Badagandi village, Bilagi Taluk, Bagalkot District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Vijay Vani" and English Daily Newspaper "Deccan Herald" dated: 15-10-2022 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshan" on 19-10-2022. In the said Notification, 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 proposed project were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. in 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 the notification.

The copy of the draft EIA report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places 30 days in advance for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th floor, E&F Wings, 17th main road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.

- Gram Panchayat office, Badagndi village, Bilagi-Tq, Bagalkot-District.
- Web site of KSPCB "<http://kspcb.gov.in>"

The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote has received one E-mail application from **M/s. Shakthi Environment Rural Development Society, Ballari** enclosing support letter to the proposed establishment project with suggestion to Project Proponents to:

- ❖ Give top priority to local people in employment opportunities,
- ❖ Follow CPCB & CREP guidelines,
- ❖ Take-up village plantation and avenue plantation & develop 33% greenbelt within the industry premises,
- ❖ Conduct medical and health camps for local public and for the employees.
- ❖ Take-up CSR activities in the local area which will improve the socio economic status of the local people,

The copy of the said application letter is enclosed with this proceeding as **Annexure- 1**.

Other than this, The Regional office KSPCB, Bagalkote and other offices mentioned above have not received any E-mail or any written applications with comments or objections from public as on 15-11-2022 in respect of said project. This Environmental Public Hearing is organized for hearing the suggestions/ views/ comments and objections of the interested public and villagers on Environmental related issues.

He informed the representatives of the Environmental Consultant, M/s. Samrakshana, Bengaluru to make a Power Point Presentation on environment study conducted on Air, Water, Soil & noise environmental impact assessment and the environmental management plan of the proposed project proponent to the public gathered;

Shri. S Nanda Kumar, CEO, M/s. Samrakshana, Bengaluru made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project, the Environmental base line data and present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impacts of the project on the environment, The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection, environmental monitoring etc by the Project Proponent. The hard copy of the presentations made in the public Hearing is enclosed with this proceeding, as **Annexure-02**. List of participants/villagers & others who attended the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-03**.

The Environmental Officer requested the public present in the hearing to express their suggestions / views / comments if any about the said project. Accordingly the following villagers/public are expressed their views in the hearing:

1. Shree. Sangappa Kandagal of Bilagi town

- He informed that, he is pleased from proposed establishment of distillery project as it creates direct and indirect employment opportunities from which surrounding youths will be benefitted.

- The farmers will get good price to their grains like maize & rice as it is grain based industry and it is very helpful for the surrounding villagers in up liftment of their economical condition.
 - Hence, he extended his support for undertaking the proposed establishment project.
2. **Shree. Hasan Dongri Kudri, Town Panchayat Member of Bilagi town & resident of Sonna village of Bilagi Taluka**
- He informed that, since the surrounding farmers are not getting good price for their grain crops, they are growing sugarcane crop more than any other crop.
 - From establishment of proposed grain based distillery unit, the surrounding farmers will be inspired to produce more maize and rice grain crops as they will get good price for it.
 - More number of industries are established in South Karnataka region compared to North Karnataka region.
 - There will not be any environment related problems proposed from the establishment of said project.
 - Hence, he stated that, he has no objection for undertaking proposed establishment project.
3. **Shree. Ashok Channappa Badaradinni of Badagandi village, Bilagi Taluk**
- More number of industries are established near Bangalore and in South Karnataka region. Hence, the job opportunities created for North Karnataka youth are very less compared to South Karnataka.
 - There is need of establishment of more factories in this Region to reduce unemployment problems.
 - The farmers will get good price to their grains as it is grain based industry and it is very helpful for the surrounding farmers and villagers in up liftment of their economical condition.
 - Hence, he requested to recommend to grant necessary permissions required for proposed establishment project.
4. **Shree. Chandrashekhar Chalavadi of Takkalaki village, Bilagi Taluk**
- He informed that, from the presentation made by the representatives of the industry, it very clear that, the establishment of proposed project will be beneficial for surrounding villagers.
 - He stated that, he is concerned about the river water pollution problems due to discharge of effluents into Krishna River & Ghataprabha rivers by the industries and he requested the project proponents to take care that, there should not be

any effluent discharge to the said rivers after commissioning of proposed industry.

The following 12 No's of NGOs from outside the Bagalkot District have submitted the supporting letters to the proposed expansion project. The details are as follows:

- a. M/s. Chitradurga Zilla Angavikalara Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha, Chitradurga,
- b. M/s. Haritha Educational Rural Welfare Society, Uravakonda, Ananthapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh State,
- c. M/s. Keerthy Environment Society, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh State,
- d. M/s. Gnana Jyothi Rural Development Society, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh State,
- e. M/s. Sadguru Ramakrishna Paramahansa Rural Development Society, Ballari,
- f. M/s. Sneha Bandhavya Andhara Seva Trust, Manchenahalli, Gouri Bidanuru Taluka, Chikkaballapur District,
- g. Shri Arundhati Samskrutik Kala Sangha, Challakere, Chitradurga District
- h. M/s. G.K.Education & Rural Urban Development Society, Chitradurga,
- i. M/s. Mother Teresa Education & Charitable Trust, Chitguppa, District Bidar,
- j. Dr. B R Ambedkar Sahitya Samskrutik Kreedha Kala Yuvakar Sangha, Molakalmuru, Chitradurga District,
- k. M/s. Mother Dreams Rural & Urban Education Development Society, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga Tq & District,
- l. M/s. Ashraya Rural & Environment Development Society, Holalkere.

All above 12 No's of NGOs have submitted the supporting letters with suggestion to Project Proponents implement the following:

- ❖ Give top priority to local people in employment opportunities,
- ❖ Follow CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board) & CREP (Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection) guidelines,
- ❖ Take-up village plantation and avenue plantation & develop the greenbelt within the industry premises,
- ❖ Conduct medical and health camps for local public and for the employees.
- ❖ Take-up CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activities in the local area which will improve the socio economic status of the local people,
- ❖ Take precautionary measures to control dust pollution,
- ❖ Develop the agricultural area around the villages,
- ❖ Provide education, health, economical activities for local people and also provide roads and street lights.

- ❖ The project has positive impact on the socio-economic condition of the people in area like growth of industrial sector and infrastructure development in and around the agricultural area.
- ❖ Personal protective equipment will be provided as per norms.
- ❖ They will improve facilities like transportation, hospital, educational institutions. Hence, they support for this project.

The copies of the said 12 No's letters are enclosed with this proceeding as Annexure- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15.

Finally, Shri. Mahadev A Muragi, the Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District adressed the public hearing as follows:

- Already the Environmental Consultant of Samrakshana, Bengaluru made the Power Point Presentation. He explained about the objectives of the proposed project. The Environment Management Plan and measures proposed to control/mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection by the Project Proponent.
- Almost everyone from the public who have expressed their suggestions/ views/ comments are in favour of proposed establishment project and are positive about it.
- One person has expressed his concerned about the problems occur to surrounding villagers due to discharge of effluents to Krishna River & Ghataprabha rivers.
- He has also worked in District Urban Development Cell, he informed that, no industry and urban local body is discharging the trade effluent/ sewage generated from industry or local body directly to any river/ lakes. They have provided Effluent Treatment Plants/ Sewage Treatment Plants with latest best technology available for treatment of waste water generated.
- He directed the industry authorities to take care that, there should not be any effluent discharge to the said rivers after commissioning of proposed industry.
- He informed that, the industry authorities should take all the CSR activities as mentioned in the presentation.
- The appeals, suggestions & apprehensions of the public have been recorded through video and the proceedings of the meeting will be sent to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka for further needful action.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.


 (Shri Mahadev A Muragi)
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 Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
 Bagalkote, Karnataka