

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON 18-12-2019 AT 11.00 AM REGARDING THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDUSTRY M/s. POPULAR CHEMICALS MANUFACTURERS & SUPPLIERS FOR THE MANUFACTURE AND FORMULATION OF TECHNICAL GRADE PESTICIDES OF CAPACITY 750 TPA (ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE OF CAPACITY 500 TPA AND ZINC PHOSPHIDE OF CAPACITY 250 TPA) AT SY NO.380, KARAGADA VILLAGE, BELUR TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT, KARNATKA STATE.

VENUE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING		M/s. POPULAR CHEMICALS MANUFACTURERS & SUPPLIERS, SY. NO.380, KARAGADA VILLAGE, BELUR TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT, KARNATKA STATE.
Public Hearing Panel Members Present		DESIGNATION
1.	Smt. Kavita Rajaram, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Hassan	Chairman
2.	Dr. P. Niranjan. Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Mysuru.	Member
3.	Smt. Y.S. Radha, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Hassan	Member Convener
Officers of the Board present:		
1.	Sri. Ravi Chandra.K, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Hassan.	
2.	Kum. Thanzila, Assistant Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Hassan.	
Other officers of the Consultant present		
1.	Sri. Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, Project Co-coordinator, M/s. Wolkem India Ltd., Udaipur, Rajastan.	
2.	Sri . Prakash, Representative, M/s. Wolkem India Ltd., Udaipur, Rajastan.	

Representatives of the industry present	
1	Sri. M.K. Prabhakar, Managing Partner, M/s. Popular Chemicals Manufacturers & Suppliers
2.	Sri. Vedant, Partner, M/s. Popular Chemicals Manufacturers & Suppliers
Details of the officers and general public and who were present in the Environmental Public Hearing meeting is enclosed in Annexure-I & II.	

PREAMBLE :

M/s. Popular Chemicals manufacturers & Suppliers, has proposed to establish the industry for the manufacture and formulation of technical grade pesticides of capacity 750 TPA (Aluminium Phosphide of capacity 500 TPA and Zinc Phosphide of capacity 250 TPA) at Sy No.380, Karagada Village, Belur Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka State.

The project proponent is required to obtain prior Environmental Clearance as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification 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 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 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 18-06-2019. 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 draft Environment Impact Assessment(EIA) Report and Executive Summary both in KANNADA and ENGLISH prepared by M/s Wolkem India Ltd, Udaipur, Rajasthan with a request letter to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing vide their letter dated 18.06.2019.

Considering the request made by the project proponents, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru requested the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan to render suitable date and time for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan accorded approval to conduct the public hearing on 18.12.2019 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 Samyukta Karnataka (Kannada) and Deccan Herald (English) on 17.11.2019 and further for the information of local people the notification was also published in the district level daily news Paper "Janata Madhyama" (Kannada) on 17-11-2019 by informing the public to submit their objections/suggestions /opinions/ if any with regard to the proposed expansion Project.

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

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, Hassan.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Hassan District, Hassan.
- Office of the District Industries Centre, Hassan.
- Office of the Narayanapura Grama Panchayath, Narayanapura, Belur Taluk, Hassan District.
- The Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Hassan,
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru.
- Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Changes, South Zone, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

After observing the statutory formalities as specified in the Notification, the Environmental Public Hearing was commenced on 18-12-2019 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan at the Project site at 11.00 AM.

Proceedings of Public Hearing:

Smt. Y.S. Radha, the Member Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee welcomed the gathering and 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 project. Accordingly, Sri. Prakash, Representative, M/s. Wolkem India Ltd., Udaipur, Rajasthan 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, the environmental aspects viz., land, water, noise, environment, economic and financial status, environment management plan and CSR activities proposed through power point presentation.

After the presentation, Smt. Y.S. Radha, the Member Convener of Environment Public Hearing Committee requested the Chairman & Additional Deputy Commissioner to render permission to commence the Environmental Public Hearing. Smt. Kavitha Rajaram, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hassan 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.

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

1. Sri. K.B. Dayanand, Narayanapura Grama Panchayath Member, Belur Taluk, Hassan District:

- a) He informed that project proponent has shown us some documents to show that they are going to take adequate measures to control environmental pollution from their factory. In our opinion there is a village called Channapura at a distance of 200 meters and there are ponds around Channapura. By the side of proposed site, there are villages called Kodahalli, Bandahalli and several other villages. Because of this plant, is there any chance of getting health hazards like respiratory problems, through air pollution?
- b) What about your guarantee for providing job/employment to the surrounding residents.
- c) Project proponent shall provide water supply, sanitation and medical aid to the surrounding public. Can you give subsidy to the farmers? The ground water level in the area is 7.8 and we are facing water scarcity during summer and hence you are requested to supply water to the villagers through tanker.

Reply from the industry:

- a) Two products are produced in our unit and phosphoric acid is a byproduct. when the main products are being manufactured, the waste goes out of the boiler in liquid form is treated and used for gardening within the industry premises. No waste gas going out of the factory it is converted to the Phosphoric acid. The waste is converted into acid and it has got its own value. It can be sold in the market. It is used in the making of agricultural chemicals. There is zero discharge from the premises into the environment; it is not hazardous at any time or at any season. The water from domestic use of the employees and waste accumulated is managed aptly, by constructing septic tanks and percolation pits. Pits are also created to allow the water to quench. We won't do any harm to any of the natural resources. The study conducted by us so far, pertaining to ground water, air, soil and its

resources, etc. We have proposed a chimney along with control measures as per KSPCB norms. Hence, there is no discharge of toxic chemicals to the environment. Therefore there are no harmful effects to the surrounding villagers.

b) We have already presented our capacity. We are in need of 80 to 100 people at primary stage. Among them, we will be in need of unskilled labors. There is work for such people. There is also provision for skilled labors. You have already told about the graduates. At the time of functioning, they are needed for administration work. Company will assured providing occupation for the graduates to management work. Thus if a company grows it will provide opportunity for flourishing of several other sub industries. There will be a need of a hotel which leads to development of hotel industry. Lot of self employments like petty shops, repair centers will start. These opportunities are results of a thriving industry. As far as this factory is concerned, it needs people to sell its products. At that stage, graduates or skilled persons will be appointed or accepting agencies by them will reduce unemployment problem in the surrounding villages.

c) Further, the project proponent has proposed to provide water supply, sanitation and medical aid to the surrounding villagers and earmarked separate funds for the same. The request for providing subsidy will be submitted to the Government.

2. Sri Anjaneya Nagena Halli, Samagra Parivartana Samudaya(SPS), Sri Valmiki Kuteera, Airani Post, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District:

I am rendering service as a public actively pertaining to environment since 22 years. There is vast difference between this public hearing and others which I have witnessed so far. I am intending to offer my gratitude to this meeting and the administrative body because there is no opposition, it is my opinion. There is unemployment problem in the village as per the say of the villagers. You have cleared their doubts and advised them in a good manner. I am grateful to that gesture. We are the activists generally oppose installation of chemical factories, upon seeing this we have to change

our opinion, because it is not possible for all to be educated and secure Government jobs. At the same time, all cannot stick on to agriculture. So installation of such factories will solve unemployment problem. Along with it, progress is achieved in villages through C.S.R. funds which benefits State and country. According to me, we have to support the setup of one or two such industries in every Taluk. It is my opinion that unemployment problem will be decreased. At first I extend my gratitude to the company management. I request all on behalf of this body to show their gratitude by clapping hands. You may attribute it as my 'request' or 'prayer' reason is clear; give first preference to the poor families in and around the village. Acquire love and faith among the villagers in and around. The profits acquired by the company bring good results to the village, State and Nation. We give our co-operation and support to the goods deeds of popular company management. Nature is as important as God. Let us take measures to check water pollution, air pollution by growing plants/trees along with the help of the public, Government, non-governmental organization, social service organizations, me and you. I finish my few words and intending to send a written copy to New Delhi through madam. We render heartfelt thanks on behalf of the company management.

3. Sri. Navin, Narayanpura Grama Panchayath Member, Belur Taluk Hassan District:

- a) The person seated next to me hinted or raised a question that Whether the waste released by the unit cause hazards during the rainy season. There is no problem during summer but what about monsoon?
- b) I submit that many useful activities are done by Sri Prabhakar, the Head of this company. I prefer my grateful thanks to him for his several social activities. As already told by Dayanand, they must give much prominence to the locals. On the basis that there is no side effect by this unit, we extend full support to this project wholeheartedly.

- c) What is the impact of the chemical factory on the existing agricultural land and properties found in and around us?
- d) Here there are many farmers. They seek a clarification that whether their crops fail by the chemical factor. They are seeking assurance.

Reply from the industry:

- a) Two products are produced in our unit and phosphoric acid is a byproduct. When the main products are being manufactured, the waste goes out of the boiler in liquid form. The same is treated and used in gardening. No waste gas going out of the factory it is converted to the Phosphoric acid. The waste is converted into acid and it has got its own value. It can be sold in the market. It is used in the making of agricultural chemicals. There is zero discharge from the premises into the environment; it is not hazardous at any time or at any season. The water from domestic use of the employees and waste accumulated is managed aptly, by constructing septic tanks and percolation pits. Pits are also created to allow the water to quench. We won't do any harm to any of the natural resources. The study conducted by us so far, pertaining to ground water, air, soil and its resources, etc. There will be no harmful affected to the people at any season be it monsoon or summer.
- b) We render out heartfelt gratitude to you on behalf of the company. As told earlier in the presentation and assurance, we give first preference to the locals. By using the implements available here or utilizing the human resources the unemployment problem will be reduced. This is the priority of our company.
- c) Our aim is to provide the chemicals for the agricultural produce and enhance the quantum of agriculture. Some time necessity may arise for phosphate or Nitrogen, urea, etc. You use N.A.D.P. means Nitrogen and phosphate etc in your agricultural land. Our pesticide products are like that which provide protection to crops. It is beneficial to crops not harmful if used the right way. The products will be manufactured locally in your area and the farmer may benefit by getting it in favorable price.

d) A humble request with this audience. No dangerous harm will be caused by the factory to the environment. The waste generated is at zero level and it is negligible. We assure that the waste generated out of the factory won't cause sound pollution, air pollution or never allow chloride, fluoride residues into ground water. There will be no chance to mix any chemicals to water sources. We assure that we produce good products of good quality to the crops of farmers, there will be remarkable produce.

4. Sri. B.V. Reddy, Shakthi Environment Rural Development Society, Plot No. 19, Raghavendra Colony, 2nd Stage, Ballary-583 103:

Today I welcome and render best wishes to Madam Kavitha Raj, the chairman, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Niranjana sir, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Environmental officer, Radha Madam, Tahisaldar Natesh, Proprietor of Popular Chemical Manufacturer and Supplies- Prabhakar, Vedanth Gowda and the mass gathered who came here to grace this meeting .

Main purpose of today's meeting is to ascertain whether there occurs any problem by installing a chemical factory -Popular chemical manufacturers and supplies in Sy.No.380 to the villagers, residing in and around the village. Villagers have supported that there is no problem. Both Dayanand and Naveen raised doubts & it has been clarified M/s Wolkem consultancy Rajasthan have surveyed the matter Mr.Prakash convinced them in Kannada. I am convinced as there is no harm in it. There is 33% main green belt. We press them to follow the compulsory guide lines issued by the Central Government. I thank you all for giving me a chance to stand before you all. Jain Hind, Jai Karnataka.

5. Smt G.K.Manula, G.K.Education and Rural Urban Development Society®, Chitradurga:

I thank you all who are present here. I wish and thank you all to attend here to hear the outcomes for the commencement of Popular Chemical Manufacturers and

Supplies. At first I submit my best wishes to Popular Chemical Manufacturers and Supplies.

To the company I say if you follow the conditions i.e., rules and regulations put forth by the Government of India and run the company, surely the Government will recommend you should grow more plants and trees, around the factory premises. Latest technology and advanced new machineries are available now a days, that should be used so there is no doubt. Every chance is there to check the minor damage by using such of these latest machineries. Again I stress the need to give much prominence to the locals. Also direct the employees working in your unit to make use of the Helmet, marks boots, hand gloves etc., once again I thank you all. Written letter is submitted to the dignitaries.

6. Sri. Devaraju, Yakkasetthalli, Belur Taluk, Hassan District:

- a) I say my best wishes to all the officers who came here. Our madam said the employees to work here to use shoe, mask, helmet, to give employment to locals etc., The company may appoint Assamees on the pretext that the local know nothing of the work and the locals suffer for want of employment. In case you don't employ locals, what should we do?
- b) The people will come tomorrow and sign a petition. The factory installed here will send heat waves to environment and is harmful to coffee plantations. If such things happen, what will you say? What measure will you take to prevent such havocs?
- c) We all have come here and affixed our signature in support of the company. Suppose we oppose the factory in future, what will you do? You won't hear us. We go to V.I. VI.S. tell us to approach R.I. R.I.s direct us to go to Tahasildar. What the Tahasildar do. He tells us to submit a petition to D.C. and what do you say for these things?

Reply from the industry:

- a) The business classifies various categories of employees. If they are skilled we provide them with employment. If they are unskilled, we conduct training

programmes in the company with sample field works we develop their skill and after experience only, we appoint them. You shall not let lose your heart, there is a training program to develop your skill. The company itself will arrange it, we are bound to appoint trained personnel. As per the direction of Madam, using mask, shoe etc., are the preventive measures to fight against fire and safety of workers being assured. We hope there will be no place for any fear for employees.

- b) We have already shown you some slides regarding this. The Government authorities will issue some rules and regulations. Take for example either Karnataka Pollution Control Board or Central Pollution Control Board may give a prescribed formation and direct us to follow the instructions they frame, the company won't violate any rule prescribed in it. Hence there will be no room for accidents to happen. We take adequate measure to prevent any such havoc related to air, water, etc from time to time and see that no harm shall be affected to them. We will conduct test by concerned agencies for every fort night, for six months, etc and assure you all that the safety is confirmed in our limits.
- c) We are stepping forward; we will take all precautionary measures and steps. There will be no harm and there shall be no harm to surroundings future. Hence there is no room for fear. You can come openly at any time before the company's management for open discussion and clarify the issue through discussion. There are socio-friendly activities in plan for compensation. There is provision for that under this project. If the surrounding people are friendly to the industry then only it stands firmly on the grounds. If the industry is standing firmly on its feet, then only the dependent employees get a good life style and capable of lead a good life. Finished products will be made accessible to the farmers which will come from this firm. Products will be distributed and sold and there will be marketing facility for the industry. Life style of the common worker shall be elevated by the industries told earlier such as sample industries like Hotel industry, shops and commercial establishments, the repair shops, engaged repair work by skilled workers. If there is no industry, life will remain as it is. Your co-operation is of utmost importance, I request this on behalf of the company.

The public gathered in the meeting were submitted the written letters to the Chairman of the meeting. The written letters are enclosed as **Annexure-III**. They are

1. Sri. B.V. Reddy, Shakthi Environment Rural Development Society, Plot No. 19, Raghavendra Colony, 2nd Stage, Ballary-583 103.
2. Smt G.K.Manjula, G.K.Education and Rural Urban Development Society®, Chitradurga.
3. Sri Kripakar, Founder President, Motivational Career Stars Association, H.No.6-1-74, Near Rythu Bazar, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad. Telangana.
4. Sri. A. Sudarshan, Cheyutha NGO Director, Cheyutha Rural and Environment Development Society, Telangana State, Sri. Sateesh, Sakshi Rural & Urban Development Society, Warangal, Telangana State.
5. Sri. A. Bhaskar, Abhinav Youth & Environment Development Society, D.No. 1-57, Peddamadduru Village, Amaravathimandal, Guntur District Andhrapradesh.
6. Sri. Naveen Kumar Palle, President, United Social Services Society, Plot No. 298, Near Water Tank, Sura Nagar, Turkayajmal, Hyderabad, Telangana.
7. Asha Jyothi Society, No.3-74/12, Lakkaram Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri District, Telangana State.
8. Sri. Danial, President, Chaitanya Environment Development Society, Yellareddipalli Village, Yarraguntapalem Mandal, Prakasham District, Andhra Pradesh.
9. Sri. Anjaneya Nagenahalli, President & Founder, Samagra Parivartana Samudaya, Sri Valmiki Kuteera, Airani Post, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri District.

The Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing informed that all the statements given by the public were recorded and the same will be forwarded along with photo and video to the expert Appraisal Committee through Karnataka State Pollution Control Board for further needful.

Smt. Y.S. Radha, Member convener of the Environmental Public Hearing rendered vote of thanks and declared that the environmental Public Hearing has process has been completed.

Inference:

1. There is a village in the North Eastern direction which is at a distance of around 500m from the proposed site.
2. There is a lake(Devi kere) at a distance of around 600m in the southern direction.
3. The river Yagachi is at a distance of 1500m from the proposed site in the South Western direction.
4. The Hassan- Chikmagaluru Main Road is at a distance of 500m from the proposed site in the eastern direction.
5. The participation was mainly from NGO's of Ballary, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana along with few locals.



(Smt. Kavita Rajaram)
ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND
CHAIRMAN ENVIRONMENTALPUBLIC HEARING MEETING,
Hassan

ANNEXURE

(Two Sets)

1. A Copy of extract Register containing signatures of officials participated in the public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-I**
2. A copy of extract of registers containing addresses and signature of public participants are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.
3. One written statement/objection from public participants is enclosed as **Annexure-III**
4. The copies of photograph in a file of the Public Hearing Proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.
5. The photographs of public announcement through loud speakers is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.
6. The copies of handbills circulated to public on 17.12.2019 for vide publicity on public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.
7. The DVD's containing Audio and Video on public hearing proceedings is enclosed as **Annexure-VII**.


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