

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. SUPREME SUGARS PRIVATE LIMITED, PROPOSED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF 200 KLPD DISTILLERY BASED ON SUGARCANE JUICE/SYRUP/"C"/"B" HEAVY MOLASSES AS RAW MATERIAL TO PRODUCE RECTIFIED SPIRIT/ENA/ETHANOL ALONG WITH 9 MW CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT AT PANDEGAON VILLAGE, POST-KHILEGAON, ATHANI-TALUK, BELAGAVI-DISTRICT, HELD UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, CHIKKODI AT THE PROJECT SITE ON 29-03-2023 AT 11.00 AM.

Date : 29-03-2023.

Time : 11.00 AM

Venue : M/s. Supreme Sugars Private Limited, Pandegaon village, Post-Khilegaon,
Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District.

M/s. Supreme Sugars Private Limited, has proposed for Establishment of 200 KLPD Distillery Based on sugarcane juice/Syrup/"C"/"B" Heavy Molasses as raw material to produce Rectified Spirit/ENA/Ethanol along with 9 MW Co-generation power Plant at Pandegaon village, Post-Khilegaon, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District. In this regard Public Hearing was conducted on 29-03-2023.

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 this project to conduct Environment public hearing prior to award of Environment Clearance certificate. Accordingly Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India vide letter No. IA-J-11011/310/2022-IA-II(I) has granted Terms of Reference (TOR) on 16-08-2022 and informed M/s. Supreme Sugars Private Limited, Pandegaon village, Post-Khilegaon, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District, Karnataka State to request KSPCB to conduct Environment public hearing. The Project proponent vide letter Dated 04-01-2023 requested Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct public hearing. Hence the Environment Public Hearing was conducted at the proposed project site by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble **Shri. Gitte Madhav Vitthalrao, IAS, Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division, Belagavi-District.**

The Proceedings of the Public Hearing is as under:

Name & Address of the Industry	:	M/s. Supreme Sugars Private Limited, Pandegaon village, Post-Khilegaon, Athani-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

The project proponent had submitted the detailed Environment Impact Assessment (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 paper Notification 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in State level Kannada news paper "Vijay Karnataka" and in English news paper "New Indian Express" dated: 25-02-2023 and the suggestions/ views, comments and objection of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located at the project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited.

The Environment public hearing was held on 29-03-2023 under the Chairmanship of **Hon'ble Shri. Gitte Madhav Vitthalrao, IAS, Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division, Belagavi-District.**

Shri V Ramesh, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belagavi-2 (Chikkodi) extended warm welcome to **Hon'ble Shri. Gitte Madhav Vitthalrao, IAS Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division, Belagavi-District** and **Shri. Gopalkrishna B Sanatangi, KSPCB, Zonal Senior Environmental Officer, Belagavi.** He also extended the welcome to all Officials of the different Departments, representatives of the industry, surrounding villagers, public, Media and Environmentalists.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Department of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India 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** of Belagavi District.

The Environmental Officer requested the Chairman of the committee Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi, Belagavi-District and also the Presiding Officer of the Environment Public Hearing meeting to start the proceedings. Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner, Chairman of the committee informed the project proponent to make the Power point presentation of the upcoming project. Accordingly the Environmental consultant of industry Sri.Sanjeev Patil of M/s **Mantras Green Resources Ltd, Nashik** explained about the Environment impacts and mitigation measures recommended for the proposed Distillery industry.

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. **Sri. Dodirama Sakarama Sutar, Pandegaon-village:--** Ex Gram Panchayat Member Sri Dodirama Sakarama Sutar,R/o. Pandegaon, Social Worker, welcomed M/s. Supreme Sugar Private Limited, Pandegaon, Taluk Athani, Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi, Deputy Commissioner on behalf of all the villagers of pandegaon. He expressed gratitude for the arrival of the Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division, Belagavi District. He expressed, Ajitrao Shankarrao Ghorpade Sarkar from border area of Karnataka and Maharashtra, responded to the problems of the local farmers and proposed to build a Sugar Industry. Sri Ajit Rao Shankarrao Ghorpade Sarkar put his effort for 10 years and purchased the land in this area to set up a new Sugar factory. The farmers have to bear the transportation cost, labor cost since Sugar industries are faraway. Sugarcane grown was sent to factory at a cost of Rs.40 to Rs.50 thousand rupees per ton of sugarcane. Hence he requested to build a new sugar factory at this place to cater the livelihood to the villagers and youth. It will be very beneficial for the farmers, for which I request Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division (On behalf of Deputy Commissioner), to give permission to start the factory as soon as possible. He concluded his speech. Shri. V. Ramesh, EO,KSPCB, Chikkodi informed the assembled public to speak that if anybody anything related to proposed industry. The Assistant Commissioner, Shri Madhav Gitte Vitthalrao, Chikkodi Sub-

division, urged in the public to speak whichever language they know and can ask, .What will happen if industry will set up? There may be a bad impact on the community; Hence, everyone has a chance to get clarification on the proposed project. This meeting is for your sake, for the sake of villagers. For example existing industry M/s. Ugar Sugars located at Ugar Khurd, but now there are some Environmental problems happening and people are also making complaints to me and to the Pollution Control Board. There is a lot of smell in the town, There is complaints that pollution is happening. Hence you have to ask impact of this industry to your people and domestic animals like cattle and goats. What is the problem with respect to ground water. If there is any problem, what is the solution, what are the mitigation measures, You can speak in common language. We all officers have come are here to listen to your views and to solve grievances.

2. **Sri. Mahadev Patil, Pandegaon-village:**-- Mahadev Patil, Gram Panchayat member, Pandegaon welcomed the Chairman and the Board members and every one present here. He said Pandegaon village is located in Karnataka and Maharashtra state border, which is a drought prone area and is deprived. Water is coming from Maharashtra state 10 year ago it was very difficult for us to get drinking water during summer season. Later when irrigation system was established in this part, about 70% of our villages of Pandegaon and Shirur have grown Sugarcane crop and we have faced a lot of trouble in transportation of sugarcane crop of this area to the sugar factory which are located at a longer distance. A small farmer has to spend 5 thousand rupees per acre for sugar cane cutting, transportation. For hiring tractor and JCB, bullock carts charges have to be paid from farmers. We have to spend about 10 thousand rupees to send the sugar cane grown in an acre of land to the factory. If new Sugar factory is established here, it will be very convenient for the people here to bring sugar cane to the factory through their own vehicles and bullock carts and the expenses will get reduced. This is a backward village located in the border of Karnataka and neglected area. Recently new roads have come up. If a sugar industry is established, it will become an industrial area and local people will get jobs. He asked how will industry control the Air pollution and sewage if it is built in the said place. Industry authorities informed that they will adopt modern technologies to mitigate water and air pollution. He informed there will be 100% willingness to support to establish such a factory. Neither I nor the farmers have any disputes in this matter.

Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division addressed farmers to speak in Hindi or Marathi if you are getting difficult to understand Kannada. Some of the farmers who were present requested that we do not know Kannada and if they present it in Marathi, then everyone will understand. We have No objections to setup the new Sugar industry.

Then Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division, informed the Project Proponent some people do not know Kannada, Hence make presentation in Hindi/Marathi.

Dr. Prashant Banne made presentation in Marathi language, so that the farmers can understand. Dr. Prashant Banne, introduced himself as a Industry Environmental consultant. He thanked M/s. Supreme sugar private limited for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Dr Prashanth Banne informed that the proposed project is 200 KLPD Rectified Spirit/ Extract Neutral Alcohol/ Ethanol manufacturing industry. In addition, there is a 9 Megawatt Co-generation power plant. About 622 cubic meters of water is required for the process every day. For water supply, permission is sought from the Minor Irrigation department. The water that comes as percolation from Mhaishal irrigation will recharge the groundwater and will be a source for sugarcane production. The Sugar factory effluent will be treated in Effluent treatment plant and used for agriculture purpose. The dust particles emitting from boiler stack 100% are collected in the Electro Static Precipitator(ESP) The Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner raised what will be the efficiency of ESP and the project proponent informed that we will provide best technology available to maintain the particulate matter emission from the stack will be less than 150 ug/Nm^3 . The Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner informed that the industry should give commitment in this regard. If it fails to implement, action will be initiated against the industry. The project proponent informed that they will obtain the Consent for Establishment and Consent for Operation from the Board and the conditions stipulated in the order will be fulfilled. Further Shri, Sanjay Patil on behalf of M/s **Mantras Green Resources Ltd, Nashik** informed that, after obtaining the Environmental Clearance(EC) they will give commitment to implement the conditions of EC and if industry fails to fulfill the commitment, the authorities can initiate any action.

Dr Prashanth Banne informed that there will be Water and Air pollution from the industry. the waste water generated from the industry will be treated in the Effluent treatment plant and utilized for agriculture within the industry premises and there will be no discharge of effluent. Zero liquid discharge will be adopted in the Distillery section. About 36 % of the area greenery will be maintained in the industry. As per Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds will be allocated for development of the village (2%) and a committee will be formed with local leaders for implementing the CSR.

The Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner asked if anyone else had any objections can submit. All the farmers who were present in the said they have categorically said that there is no dispute on the upcoming Sugar industry.

Shri. V. Ramesh, Environmental Officers. KSPCB, Chikkodi informed the farmers, If there is any doubt they can seek clarification from Project Proponent.

3. **Sri. Vishwas Pawar, Shirur-village:**--The people of Shirur, Pandegaon, Khilegaon, Ajur etc. have requested for establishment of new Sugar industry. Apart from this, if the farmers are interested there representative will be included in the local committee as a member, for which Project Proponent agreed to give the commitment in the form of affidavit.
4. **Sri. M. Kedari Nagarale, Pandegaon-village:**-- A farmer of the village, also spoke about the construction of the sugar factory will create opportunity to the local tractors and many people will get job opportunities. He insisted industry should follow the rules as made in the power point presentation. He requested that the factory should be set up, taking care of Environment and not to cause water pollution and air pollution.
5. **Sri Sitaram Aiwale, Pandegaon-village:**-- Informed that industry will provide employment to the local villagers. Vehicles gets rent. So he requested that there is no objection in establishing the said factory.

Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner asked the project proponent about measures to control the smell from the industry. Since there are many complaints in existing Sugar and distillery.

Miss A.I. Kavitha Jog, Mantras Green Resources Ltd, Nashik who is a consultant, Informed that distillery will have closed system and no generation of odour. Spent wash generated from the distillery will be sent to the spray dryer to convert into fertilizer. There is no generation of waste from the process. The fermentours will be regularly maintained/cleaned and house keeping will be frequently done to avoid the odour nuisance .

As per the direction of Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner, Chikkodi Sub-division, V Ramesh, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chikkodi addressed the gathering that the public hearing will be concluded the Public Hearing proceedings and informed the gathering that, the proceedings along with vidéo will be submitted to MOEF & CC, New Delhi for further deliberation.

Gitte Madhav
20/04/2013

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Environmental Public Hearing Chairman