

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. UGAR SUGAR WORKS LTD., PROPOSED EXPANSION OF 110 KLPD MOLASSES/CANE JUICE/SYRUP/GRAIN BASED DISTILLERY UNIT WITH 1.5 MW CAPTIVE POWER PLANT IN THE EXISTING 4200 TCD SUGAR FACTORY & 15 MW CO-GENERATION PLANT AT SY.NO.26, 26/A, 26/E, 42, 43/A, 43/AA, 45, 58AA, 59/A, 60/A/2, 60/A/3, 62 & 65/A IN AN EXTENT OF 64.77 ACRE AT NAGARHALLI-MALLI VILLAGE, TQ:JEWARGI, DISTRICT:KALABURAGI, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 12/04/2022.**

**VENUE:** At Project Site, M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd., Nagarahalli - Malli Village, Jewargi Taluk, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

**M/S. Ugar Sugar Works Ltd., has proposed the expansion of 110 KLPD Molasses/Cane Juice/Syrup/ Grain based distillery Unit with 1.5 MW captive power plant. Distillery will be implemented in the existing 4200 TCD Sugar Factory & 15 MW Co-generation Plant at Sy.No.26, 26/A, 26/E, 42, 43/A, 43/AA, 45, 58/AA, 59/A, 60/A/2, 60/A/3, 62 & 65/A in an extent of 64.77 Acre at Nagarahalli-Malli Village, Tq: Jewargi, District, Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.**

The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF & CC, Government of India, Dt. 14.09.2006 and subsequent Amendment dated 01-12-2009. Further, the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted by following existing COVID19 guidelines of Government of Karnataka.

**Public Hearing Panel:**

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1	Shri. Bheemashankar Teggelli, K.A.S Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District	Chairperson

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

1. Shri Madhusudhan, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.
2. Shri C.N. Manjappa, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.
3. Shri Shantgouda Biradar, Tahashildar, Yadrami Taluk, Kalaburagi District.
4. Sri. Adamsab, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Kalaburagi.

**REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S. UGAR SUGAR WORKS LTD., PRESENT IN THE MEETING:**

1	Shri Jatin Kothari	Executive Officer, M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
2	Shri Shreekant C Patil	Asst. Civil Engineer, M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd

3	Shri Shyam Babu Srivastava	Chief Chemist M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
4	Shri M.R.Naik	Chief Operating Officer M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
5	Shri Ashok S. Ghatoge	Dy.Chief Engineer M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
6	Shri S.A Bandgar	CE M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
7	Shri Chhapare Abhijeet Ashok	M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
8	Shri Prasad K. Deshpande	Co-gen Incharge M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
9	Shri Mahesh T Kobu	A.L.W.O M/s Ugar Sugar Works Ltd.
10	Sulakshna V Ajaykar	Joint M.D of Equinox Environments (I) Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur
11	Mrs. Indira Laykar	Consultant, Equinox Environments (I) Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur
12	Shri Sangam S Patil	Consultant, Equinox Environments (I) Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur
13	Shri S.G Joshi	Consultant, Equinox Environments (I) Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur (presenter)

The attendance extract of officers and public participated in the Public Hearing is enclosed as Annexure-I.

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is prerequisite to obtain Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site shall held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or his/her representative not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change), Government of India letter No.IA-J-11011/188/2021-IA.II (I), dated 30.04.2021 New Delhi, for proposed the **expansion of 110 KLPD Molasses/Cane Juice/Syrup/ Grain based distillery Unitn with 1.5 MW Captive Power Plant. Distillery will be implemented in the existing 4200 TCD Sugar Factory & 15 MW Co-generation Plant** at Sy.No.26, 26/A, 26/E, 42, 43/A, 43/AA, 45, 58/AA, 59/A, 60/A/2, 60/A/3, 62 & 65/A in an extent of 64.77 Acre at Nagarhalli-Malli Village, Tq: Jewargi, District, Kalaburagi and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated 15.07.2021, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 12.04.2022 at the project site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board published the paper Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "Prajavani" and English daily news paper "Indian Express" on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. The public hearing notification was also published in the local Kannada daily news paper "Sanjevani" on 12/03/2022. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the

proposed project were invited. Affected people could send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc., either orally or 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/at the time of public hearing.

The copy of the EIA draft report and executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the reference to the general Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi.
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Kalaburagi.
3. District Industries Centre, Kalaburagi.
4. Grampanchayat Office, Malli Village, Tq: Jewargi, Dist: Kalaburagi.
5. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.
6. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Bangalore.
7. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church Street, Bangalore.

Sri C.N. Manjappa, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi welcomed the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, the public, the officials of all Departments and others who were present on the occasion. He briefed the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification. He informed that accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public Hearing and the documents kept for the public reference at different places. He requested the Additional Deputy Commissioner, to preside over the Public Hearing. He informed the public to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of this hearing. Entire proceedings was Video graphed and audio. Environmental Officer informed the project proponent to present their project proposal to the gathered public.

Accordingly, Environment consultant of the project proponent M/s Equinox Environments (I) Pvt. Ltd., Kolhapur representative -Sri. Sadanand Joshi has presented to the public the salient features of the project viz the executive summary, manufacturing process, base line studies, background of the project, Socio Economic status of the area, Land requirement, proposed activity, monitoring details, solid and Hazardous waste management, Water requirement, production details, Air Pollution sources and Control measures proposed, Ambient air quality, Noise environment, Odor management plan, Water environment, Surface water quality, Ground water quality, Land environment, Biological environment, anticipated environmental impacts, Occupational Health & Safety Management, Green belt development, Project benefits, CSR and environmental management plan of the proposed project. The presentation made by the project proponent in the public hearing is enclosed in Annexure -II.

After the detailed presentation made by the project proponent, the public were asked to present their views and comments on Environmental issues of the proposed project.

The stage was open to public for their hearing.

The written suggestions/ objections submitted to the Board and submitted at the time of the hearing are enclosed as Annexure-III.

Further, the persons/public expressed their concerns/views in the public hearing are as follows:

**1) Shri Shankar Nimbaji Chouhan, Nagarahalli Village;**

He said that the place where they are conducting function is his land, which was given to the Sugar company in 2006. While giving lands, the company has committed to give one job to one Sy.Number. Now, 14 years over by starting this factory, but till date they have not given job. His children went to other places in search of job. They have come to the streets and they have no lands. His one son has given job, but he is in home due to accident. They have given their land for just Rs. 40,000/- per acre. They given their lands to the factory with a hope that their children will get jobs in the factory. Since 16 years they are fighting to get job in the factory and went to the court also. He has requested to give justice for him and said that for this purpose only he came to this public meeting.

In response to the above, the representative of project replied that they will verify the details and action will be taken accordingly.

Additional Deputy Commissioner said that the company shall take request of the above person and action taken report shall be submitted within week time. Company representative agreed for the same.

**2) Shri Rudragouda Belavara, Nagarahalli Village;**

He said that they are having land Sy.No.24 adjacent to the factory. He had more expectations of employment will be generated due to this factory. But there is an increase of unemployment after establishment of this factory, because they have not given employment to local people. Their ancestors have given lands to the factory just for Rs. 40,000/- per acre with intension to get jobs for their children. But farmers are suffering due to this sugar factory. They are not allowing farmers to meet the factory management. They are not giving compensation to surrounding farmers. They are not following uniform rules to give compensation. Far away farmers even more than 10 km away are also given compensation. But they are not giving compensation to local farmers. All their agriculture crops depends on rain. Company said due to distillery, employment will be generated, but they have not told anything about environment impacts. About 30% damage occurs to the environment. Because due to establishment of this factory, ash is going to fall in villages and in farmer lands. Unemployed youths should be taken to the company. Local language is not spoken by the management, hence they are not able to correspond with them. Not much publicity was

given to this meeting. Very few farmers have come. He urged not to give permission for this distillery plant. Environment Department should assess the impacts of this project, then only permission can be given. Because it is having more impacts on Environment. He submitted that Shri Shankar told they have given lands to the company and not given jobs also. What is their future life. Many have given lands by hope that their children will get jobs. If the worker is accidentally died, their children are not given jobs in the company. He questioned the project proponent why they are not offering jobs to the farmer who had earlier sold the land. He further expressed that instead of local people they are giving jobs to outsiders. Company should take responsibility of family of employees. If company support and help the farmers, company will be developed. Company is giving more problems to the local people. There is famous ancient historic place is located 4 km away at Kulageri village. This place was not reflected in your presentation. Company not spent any amount for development of Kulageri and Nagarahalli villages. Nagarahalli villagers have lost their land. Farmers problems should be heard before taking decision on this project. During 2014, the lands were damaged due to flooding. As per the commitment, the company should give one job to one Sy.Number and should give compensation. Affected farmers should be given compensation.

### **3) Shri Mallanagouda Patil, Kulageri Village;**

He said that he is a farmer and ex-member of Taluka Panchayath. He has grown sugarcane in 10 acres. This company will be benefitted to the farmers. There is availability of water in this area. Now the company has proposed to establish distillery unit and farmers shall be benefitted more due to this project. The benefit should reach the farmers. The company presented that there is no historical places in the surrounding area. This is wrong. Because within 10 km radius there is historical place at Kulageri village. This is town of Kunthala Rajya and Capital of Chandrahasa. For development of this historical place, they have submitted requests to Deputy Commissioner, through village and Taluka Panchayaths and so far no development work has been taken up. There are rare features like 21 wells, Narasimha Statue, Elephant grazing field, etc., are still existing. He requested the factory management for development of this ancient historical place located within 5 km from the factory. The company has presented the activities carried out in the surrounding villages. But company has not taken up any development works in the surrounding area. They have not helped for education. Company is giving contributions during festivals and giving sugar. There are about 6-7 people on duty have died, but they have not given jobs to their children. Eligible candidates shall be given jobs. Company is not helping the farmers by giving fertilizers for cane development in this area. This was done 5-6 years back, then it was stopped. He urged to restart this scheme again. The farmers are facing problem of cane cutting. There is shortage of labours. Hence, they are unable to send the sugar cane in time to the factory for crushing. After 13-14 months, the farmers will be in loss as there is wait loss of sugar cane. If the sugar cane is cut within 11-12 months, then they will get 30-35 Tons per acre. Sometimes, it may go up to 50 Tons. Today also there is about 25 acre standing crop is there and company should give check against the standing crops. Company can do the new project, but they have to give employment to the educated youths in the surrounding 20 km radius and local people shall be employed. Due to any factory, both

benefits and affects will be there. Due to this factory, some impacts may on the Environment, but farmers will be benefitted. Hence, farmers also to be benefitted and environment should also be protected. Company presented that about 15,000 trees have been grown, but actually not developed much trees. He said that other factories have developed surrounding village roads. There is shortage of drinking water in the villages. Earlier this was paddy growing area. Due to over application of fertilizers and pesticides, the water and lands were destroyed. There is RO plant in Kulageri & Allapur villages. But no RO plant in Nagarahalli, Malli, Nagarahalli Tanda and Biral villages. Hence, there is problem of water in each village and company should provide drinking water facility. For cutting sugar cane, the labour charge is Rs. 21,000/- per Hectare. Cane development section should follow the cane cutting time schedule. Dairy farming shall be increased in the surrounding villages. Fertilisers shall be distributed to farmers. There is bus facility problem in this area. Children have to go to Sindhagi or Shorapur for college. College has started in Malli, two years back, but it is not in good condition and not maintained properly. There is no power and water supply to college. Company should help the farmers to grow more cane sugar in this area. More than 5000 acre land is available for sugar cane crops. They have given lands to the factory and they have to work in this area. There is large Nalla in Malli village, it flows from 46 km away Talikote and no bridge for it in 3 places. Bridge is required for this Nalla. They have submitted their demands and these demands should be fulfilled by the company.

#### **4) Shri Mallikarjuna Biradar, Nagarahalli Village;**

He said that since the establishment of the factory, no officer has come to the area to listen the problems of farmers and villagers. What is the status of environment in this area. Officers has to take action to protect the environment. No doubt this factory has come to their village as god. But today situation is different. Company is not giving importance to environment. Company is adopting British policy and guidelines shall be followed by the company. He said that the company should help the farmers and trouble should not be given to the farmers. Officers have not conducted any meetings with farmers. Again they have proposed another plant and hence meeting is conducted today. There are many faults in the presentation made by the company. They have worked for establishment of this factory. 15,000 trees are not grown here. Company has left vacant lands without any plantations. The farmers who have given lands to the factory have come to the streets. The company is discharged waste water and is not treated properly. Due to rains, their lands will be flooded. Company is not giving jobs to the children of died employees. Company has given more trouble to him. They have damaged his lands and not giving compensation. He opposed to give permission to another plant. They are opposing this factory, as their lands have been damaged and not getting employment. All employees working here have come from outside places. No employment to local people. Officers are from Maharashtra and Belgaum & all are speaking in Marathi. There is several problems due to new plant. He urged not to give permission for establishment of new plant.

**5) Shri Prashanth Chouhan, Malli Village;**

He said that he has completed B.Com Degree. Company is taking 100 new employees for this new project. He asked how many people company has taken for the existing factory. They have their land in the nearby area. The roads are damaged here. His father use to grow more crops. Now, due to industry waste water and dust, crops are not growing. They have to beg the company to get compensation. Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- will be given to the farmers which is not sufficient. Company has not given job to him, so he became reporter to the paper & kept his mobile shop. Company has not made the employees permanent. Outsiders will be given job here. Company is cheating the local people.

**6) Shri Ashok Halladakere, Malli Village;**


He said that he is BA, MA graduate and said that he knew what is environment pollution and why it is caused. Establishing the company in their village, they have to help the villages for their development and help the farmers. Company presented they are going to establish another unit and 100 people will be given employment. There are about 300 people are working in the existing plant and about 100 local people are working. Other 200 people are from outside places. Company has to see the education and technical skills during appointment. Many educated youths are available in their area, they have to be appointed. The youths completed Technical Courses shall also be appointed. Company should not bring the people from outside. Company have to give employment to local people & they can lead happy life. His brother was working in this company & he died during his service in the factory. They have requested to give job to his son. But company has not given job. Company has to create jobs when new unit is proposed. Due to this company, only business people are benefitted. When the new plant is established, employment will be generated and educated youths will get jobs. He urged the company to give jobs only to the educated youths within 10-15 km radius of the factory.

At the end of the meeting, Shri Bheemashankar Teggelli, Additional Deputy Commissioner said that today public hearing of establishment of 110 KLPD distillery unit & 1.5 MW power plant by M/s Ugar Sugars Ltd has been conducted. He said that public views have been recorded and all issues like employment to local people will be included in the proceedings. There is generation of grain cake after extracting process in the Distillery. This cake is utilised as food in the dairy sector. This will help the development of dairy sector in this Gulbarga and Bijapur Regions. If this unit comes in this area, this will help for dairy sector in this area. Public have told many issues like employment, jobs to the family holder of diseased employees, crop loss compensation, in time sugar cane cutting, these issues will be discussed by calling industry management at District Centre meeting and problems will be solved. District Administration is always with farmers. There were many problems in Aland and Afzalpur sugar factories & solved farmers problems in these area. The company has prepared scientific report for establishment of new project and it will be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Company has studied Noise pollution, Air pollution, Water pollution, & Soil pollution aspects by MoEF approved

agency and submitted report. MoEF will study all these Environment aspects and take the decision about the proposed project. All other necessary clearances are required to be taken by the company before its establishment. All public views and opinions will be included in the proceedings before forwarding to Central Government.

At the end, Environmental Officer informed that all of them have attended Environmental public hearing of M/s. Ugar Sugar Works Ltd., and heard the environmental management plan of the industry. He informed that the opinions of the public have been videographed and proceedings will be forwarded to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, for further action. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and concluded the same.

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