

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UNDERTAKE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 4500 TCD SUGAR UNIT, 24 MW CO-GENERATION UNIT AND 200 KLD MULTI FEED (SYRUP/MOLASSES/GRAIN BASED) DISTILLERY UNIT BY MS.GURUDEV BIO REFINERIES AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LTD AT SY.NO. 273, 274/1,274/2, 275 OF TADAVALGA VILLAGE, INDI TALUK, VIJAYAPURA DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE.**

**DATE:** 14-07-2023.

**TIME:** 11 AM

**VENUE:** At proposed site.

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

The public hearing was conducted as per EIA notification of MoEF, Government of India 14-09-2006 & amendment notification 01-12-2009.

<b><u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u></b>		
1	Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi , K.A.S Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur.	<b>Chairman</b>
2	Sri. Gopal Krishna Sannatangi, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Belagavi.	<b>Member</b>
3	Sri. M A Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapur.	<b>Member</b>

<b><u>Sl.no</u></b>	<b><u>Representatives of the project</u></b>
1.	Shri. Anand.S.Biradar – Project proponent
2.	Shri. Hanumant.T.Giraddi– Project proponent
3.	Shri. Shivanand.M.Dambal, EIA Consultant, Bengaluru
4.	Shri. Swetha.S.V. EHSCPL, Bengaluru
5.	Shri. Yashashwini R.N. EHSCPL, Bengaluru
6.	Shri. Sabu Dodamani– Project proponent

## **PREAMBLE:**

M/s. Gurudev Bio Refineries and Allied Industries Private Ltd proposes to establish 4500 TCD Sugar Unit, 24 MW Co-Generation unit and 200 KLD Multi Feed (Syrup/Molasses/Grain Based) Distillery unit, at 273, 274/1, 274/2, 275 of Tadavalga Village, Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District, Karnataka State. Total land area required for the industry is 51 Acres 2 Guntas and as per the document submitted by project proponent, the cost of the project is Rs. 478.79 Crores.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 01-12-2009 of Department of Ecology and Environment, it is mandatory to conduct a public hearing of the above said project. Accordingly the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi after finalizing the **Terms of Reference (TOR)**, has directed the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing. The project proponent has also requested the Board to conduct the public hearing as per Notification.

The project proponent submitted the Executive Summary of the said project in Kannada and English along with draft REIA to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru as laid down in the procedures of the EIA Notification (as amended on 01-12-2009). The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board issued the Paper Notification in State level leading Kannada daily newspaper **Vijaya Karnataka** and leading English daily newspaper **Indian Express** on 14-06-2023 and also issued Paper Notification in District level local newspaper **Sathya Kranthi** on 15-06-2023 regarding the proposed project by inviting objections/suggestions from the bonafide residents, NGO's, Environmentalists and general public who are affected from the proposed project, either by attending the public hearing/in writing/by e-mail to KSPCB and Chairman & Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura District, of public hearing panel.

The Environmental Public Hearing commenced at 11.00 AM on 14-07-2023 and welcome speech was made by the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapura. He began with explaining the purpose of the meeting and informed to the public that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board issued Paper Notification in the leading newspapers on the proposed project establishment by inviting objections/suggestions from the public. So far, nobody had filed objections/suggestions on the proposed project to the State Pollution Control Board as well as to the District Administration There after he informed the project

proponent to present the case before the committee and the public present, before suggestions/objections could be invited.

Sri. Shivanand M. Dambal on behalf of M/s. Environmental Health & Safety Research & Development Centre, Bengaluru who is been hired by M/s. Gurudev Bio Refineries and Allied Industries Private ltd, to conduct Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study of the proposed activities as a prerequisite to preparation of appropriate Environment Management Plan (EMP) explained the need of the project by highlighting the contribution of this project in letting India to compete with world in terms of industrial Infrastructure and how beneficial this project is going to be in generating income and employment to the people. Land requirement, Water availability, Source of the water, and thorough description of baseline environment (Physical Environment, Ambient Air Quality, Ambient Noise Level, Soil Characteristics, Hydrology , Surface & Ground Water, Land Use Assessment), Biological Environment (Flora & Fauna, Protected Areas, Forest Land, Aquatic Ecology ), Anticipated Environmental Impacts & Mitigation Measures (Ambient Air Quality, Ambient Noise Level, Water Environment, Land Environment, Biological Environment & Evaluation Impacts), Analysis of alternatives, Environmental Monitoring Programme, Social Impact Assessment (Project affected villages, Impact of the project), Project Benefits, Command Area Development Plan (Water Users Association, Greenbelt Development Plan, Agro forestry activities in command area),

After the detailed presentation on the proposed project, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapura invited the public who were present at the meeting to express their comments/views/suggestions on the proposed project.

Accordingly, the following persons came ahead and expressed their views on the proposed project activity;

1. **Sri.Ravi Hosmani, Tadavalaga Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by expressing his happiness to witness this gathering and he says they are being observing all the analysis work from the concerned people to assess the impact on air, water & soil in particular and the environment in general.
- He mentions that the establishment of this factory in this region gives him immense happiness as it provides the employment opportunities to the people of this region and also helps farmers in saving their transport expenses, as this factory will be established 10

km away from the village, they need not to travel 70 kms like before to hand over their crops to other industries.

- He concludes by reiterating that he is immensely happy and he believes that this factory will bring great fortune to the people of the village.

**2. Sri.Laxman Alur, Tadavalaga Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by expressing that he is immensely happy that this factory is being setup in this region.
- He says that like before the harvested crops will not be required to taken to other places by farmers, as this factory will be close to this region and he say this factory will lead to prosperity in this region in all sections such as economy, social upliftment & education etc.
- He concluded by expressing his belief that establishment of factory in this region will benefit immensely to the people of this region.

**3. Sri. Chandrashekar Rugi, Tadavalaga Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by saying that the establishment of the factory in the Tadavalaga region will benefit immensely to many villages surrounding this region.
- He mentions that they had to send their harvested crops to M/s. Bheemashankar sugar factory which is 50 kms away from this region, so the transport expenses would increase a lot, he says.
- He concludes by expressing his happiness that establishing factory in this region would benefit the farmers a lot.

**4. Sri. Babushekar Metri, Gundu Tanda, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by saying that factory being established in Tadavalaga region will benefit immensely to many villagers.
- He says there might be scarcity of water and it will be immensely successful to harvest crops after canal construction.
- He opines that along with establishing factory, pollution control measures has to be incorporated, he feels that no factories would stick to their assurances, if they manage according to the plans and assurances made, this factory will be a boon the people of this region. He concluded by thanking everyone.

5. **Sri. Ashok Miraji, Tadavalaga Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by expressing his belief that establishment of this factory would provide employment opportunities in this region.
- He concluded by assuring that this factory would bring immense benefits to the villagers of this region.

6. **Sri. Basavaraj Indi, Tadavalaga village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by expressing the old times where yielded crops were being transported to various place and also mentions that they would incur losses.
- He adds that as time passed by setting up of factories started to happen in nearby region, but this factory being setup in this region does benefits a lot, he says and concludes.

7. **Sri. Rajashekar Hosamani, Benakanahalli Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by saying that establishing a factory in this region will benefit immensely to the farmers.
- He says that before the farmers had to transport their yielded crops to Mulwad region, but now it will be a great benefit as the factory is setup in this region.
- He concludes by saying that irrigation facilities are improving in this region and hence cultivation of sugarcane is also being increased, so setting up a factory in this region will benefit immensely he opines.

8. **Sri.Prabhugoud Biradar, Indi ,Vijayapura District:**

- He began by saying that establishing a factory in this region will benefit a lot to this region and leads to development of various sections.
- He further adds that employment opportunities will be created in this region and he concludes by saying that this factory will bring lots of benefits to the people of this region.

9. **Sri.Shrinath Masali, Tadavalaga village Vijayapura District:**

- He began by expressing his belief that establishing a factory in this region will benefit immensely, as it will create employment opportunities in this region.

- He further mentions that irrigation facilities is being improved in this region and due to which he says it will lead to better cultivation of sugarcane crops and he concludes by saying that the sugar factory in this region will benefit immensely to the villagers.

**10. Sri. Somanath Mayageri, Rugi Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by expressing his belief that setting up a factory in this region benefits equally to both the farming section and other section of people who owns tractors.
- He further mentions that this factory will be prominent in shaping future of unemployed youths, by providing employment opportunities.
- He concluded by requesting the wealthy and industrialists to take up decision to establish more factories of this kind and thanked the proprietors of this factory for making the decision to set up a factory in this region.

**11. Sri. Ramchandra Kambli, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by mentioning about the project report that was explained by the consultant. He says as madam explained the project report, the efforts should be made to follow it without diverting from the plan.
- He further adds that the nearby villages will be under you and unemployment issues will addressed too because of setting up of this factory.
- He cites an example of a factory which assured that employment will be provided to the people of the same region where factory was established, in the beginning, but he says they have failed to keep their promise and hired staff from Maharashtra, he therefore requests the factory authorities to not to follow such an example and mentions that employment should be provided to the people of this region.
- He concluded by expressing his belief that setting up a factory in this region will benefit immensely to the people of this region.

**12. Sri. Mallikarjun M.B.Banthalal, Tadavalaga Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by expressing that he is immensely happy with knowing the fact that a factory will established in this region. He says that farmer's kids use to follow their footsteps that is working in their felids, so he requests the factory authorities to provide employment opportunities to them. He concluded by thanking everyone.

**13. Sri. Chidanand Sheganapur Nandaragi, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by thanking the proprietors of the factory for deciding to set up a factory in this region. He says that there is no factory in this region for around 50 to 60 kms, he says heartfelt thanks to them for choosing this region for setting up the factory.
- He feels that setting up a factory in this region benefits a lot to the people of this region and also to the youth of this region who are unemployed. The 90% of people in this region are farmers, so this factory provides them great benefits.
- He concludes by thanking everyone.

**14. Sri. Allu Bagawan, Vijayapura District:**


- He began by requesting the people to applaud M/s. Gurudev sugar factory authorities. He further offers his heartfelt thanks to the factory authorities.
- He says that he saw establishment of industries in industrial areas of cities like Bengaluru or Hubli, a factory being established in this region is great thing to happened, he opines.
- He further mentions that the Terms and condition mentioned here is appreciable and like others it is not to deceive farmers he feels.
- He also adds that the establishment of industries not only benefits the villagers or farmers it also contributes to the GDP of the Nation.
- He concludes by expressing that he and the people from his village supports the establishment of this factory.

**15. Sri. Sharanu Kattimani, Shirakanli village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by assuring that farmers of this region i.e of 20 villagers are united for this cause. He also mentions that they are being assured of adequate water supply too, and hence he says on behalf of the people of this region that they are extremely happy with the establishment of this region and they will stand as backbone for the establishment of the factory by growing sugarcane utilizing the irrigation schemes.
- He concluded by reiterating that people of this region stands united and everyone offers their support to this factory.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel while addressing the meeting said that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

  
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