

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UNDERTAKE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF EXISTING SUGAR INDUSTRY SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 3500 TCD TO 7500 TCD, EXISTING CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT CAPACITY FROM 15 MW TO 30 MW AND TO ESTABLISH NEW MULTI FEEDSTOCK DISTILLERY (SUGARCANE JUICE /SYRUP /MOLASSES /GRAIN) OF CAPACITY 300 KLPD TO MANUFACTURE ETHANOL AND 6MW CAPTIVE POWER PLANT AT SY.NO.207/2A, 207/1B, 207/2B, 207/1C, 208/5, 208/2, 210/2A, 210/2B, 208/4, 209/2, 209/3, 215/1, 215/3,215/4, 215/2A, 215/2B, 217/2 & 217/3 OF MALAGHAN VILLAGE, SINDAGI TALUK, VIJAYAPURA DISTRICT BY M/S. MANALI SUGARS LIMITED.

DATE: 11-04-2023.

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.

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

<u>Representatives of the project</u>		
1.	Shri. Basavangoud Patil	Chief Engineer
2.	Shri. Shankar Biradar	Senior Engineer
3.	Shri. K.A.Yadur	Instrument Manager
5.	Shri. S.V.Biradar	DG Process
6.	Shri. Manjunath Pise	Electrical Manager
7.	Shri. S.S.Badharuddini	Co-gen Manager

8.	Shri Suresh Patil	Electrical Engineer
9.	Shri Ninganna Hugar	Civil Engineer
10.	Shri Ramesh Hugar	Civil Engineer
11.	Shri Chdanad Rattal	Assistant Engineer
12.	Shri Mallikarjun Biradar	HR
13.	Shri Neelesh Kallashetti	Assistant Engineer
14.	Shri Veeresh Manaur	Assistant Manager, HR
15.	Shri Ravi Heera	Lab In charge
16.	Shri S.S. Biradar	Senior Engineer
17.	Shri Shreeshail Badiger	Environmental Consultant
18.	Shri Jawahar V. Hunagund	Managing Director

Names of the public participated	Copy is enclosed as Annexure-I
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PREAMBLE:

M/s. Manali sugars limited proposes to extend existing sugar cane crushing capacity from 3500 TCD to 7500 TCD , existing co-generation power plant capacity from 15 mw to 30 mw and to establish new multi feedstock distillery (sugarcane juice /syrup/ molasses / grain) of capacity 300 KLPD to manufacture ethanol and 6mw captive power plant at sy.no.207/2a , 207/1b , 207/2b , 207/1c, 208/5, 208/2, 210/2a, 210/2b, 208/4, 209/2, 209/3, 215/1, 215/3,215/4, 215/2a, 215/2b, 217/2 & 217/3 of Malaghan Village, Sindagi Taluk Vijayapura District. Total land area of the industry is 102.35 acres and as per the document submitted by project proponent, the expansion cost is Rs. 372.88 Crores.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 01-12-2009 of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Government of India, it is mandatory to conduct a public hearing of the above said project. According to F. No. IA-J-11011/409/2022-IA II (I) dated 22-11-2022 & amended TOR dated 10-01-2023 Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Impact Assessment Division), 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

As per the directions of the Board Office letter vide No. 8016 dated 27-02-2023, the Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura accorded the Date, Time & Venue for the Environmental Public Hearing regarding the above said project on 01-03-2023. The date for Public Hearing given was 11-04-2023 at 11-00 AM at Project site.

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 Hosadigantha and leading English daily newspaper Times of India on 10-03-2023 and also issued Paper Notification in District level local newspaper Raja Margha on 12-03-2023 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 the Chairman & Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura District, of public hearing panel.

The Environmental Public Hearing commenced at 11.00 AM on 11-04-2023 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. Shreeshant Acharya Badiger on behalf of M/s.Samrakshan, Bengaluru who is been retained by M/s. Manali Sugars, 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. Shri.Yashwant Gouda Revappa Gouda Rugi, Malghan Village, Vijayapura District:

- He began by thanking the authorities, for conducting this event in Malghan Village under the chairmanship of the respected Additional District commissioner of Vijayapura.
- He remembered the past 10 years of his life, where he mentions how really hard it was for them, when desirable price for manufactured sugar was not paid in the market. It was affecting the payments of farmers in severe manner.
- He thanks Manali sugars for helping them, especially for past 2 years. He says that Manali sugar industry, for all the villages in this region is almost like a incarnation of God, as it is from time and time is very successful in making timely payments to the farmers, thus making their lives better than ever.
- He further adds that the good things that are being said about this industry are not out of any greed or fear of money and power. No one whatsoever compelled him to speak so.
- He spoke well about the industry because, this factory has contributed immensely in making their lives better.
- He further informed that this region is successful in growing 700 to 800 tons of sugarcane, only because of the hope that this factory exists.
- This was not the case in past, in the year 2005 and 2006 he informed that, they had to burn the Sugar Cane because of not timely harvesting and existing of the industries in the nearby vicinity of the farmers.
- He thanked authorities for permitting this industry to be setup in this region. He added that the amount of Rs. 2500/- that is being paid now has made all the farmers to switch to harvesting the sugarcane alone, from harvesting the other various crops.

- He opines that the farmers & the villagers have no problem whatsoever, if authorities permit the industry to increase crushing capacity. This industry causes no harm to people or to the environment.
- He adds that this industry apart from planting innumerable trees and plants has also incorporated much advancement technologies that had only made their lives better.
- He further adds that the villages in this region previously had only 2 to 3 tractors, and after the establishment of the Manali Sugars industry one could see manifold increase in tractors numbers to almost 50 to 60.
- This industry has always been a boon to the farmer's lives and to their children lives too, as the graduates of our villages were also provided with ample employment opportunities.
- He concluded by saying that, this industry has brought immense benefits and comforts to their lives.

2. Sri.Srikanth Beerlingappa Biradar, Somjal Village, Vijayapura District:

- He began by expressing that, the establishment of this factory has benefited their lives tremendously.
- He further added that, prior to this factory it was a humongous task for the sugarcane cultivators to sell the crops, but this factory has made their lives really better in many aspects.
- He personally has toiled hard and ended up owning 4 tractors, without having anything in the beginning.

3. Sri. Srishail Guttappa Wadageri, Malghan Village, Vijayapura District:


- He said that establishment of the factory has benefitted them immensely.
- He informed that, in this region they were not growing sugarcane before. Only after the construction of the canal and the Sugar Industry in this region, the farmers have started to grow sugarcane. The harvested crops were being sent to Maharashtra with lots of obstacles and it was almost like harassment.
- He concluded by requesting authorities that this industry shall be permitted to increase the crushing capacity so that it will be beneficial for them, as it will be not required to transport their Sugar Cane to other industries located different places.


4. Sri. Shamraj Chauvan, Malghan village, Vijayapura District:

- He began by saying that, before the establishment of industry they had to take the harvested Sugar Cane to various faraway places mainly Bilagi, Mudhol and Bagalkot from their Villages.
- He expressed that, he actively participated in this group that helped the factory authorities to procure land of 120 acres for the establishment of industry.
- He further added that, the people including him were consistent in requesting the factory authorities to increase the crushing capacity and to establish new Distillery unit and adopt latest advanced technologies for treatment and disposal of the waste generated without affecting the people particular and environment in general.
- He expressed his happiness for industry taking up the expansion projects and requested the authorities to grant permission to the industry and to let this expansion happen.
- He concluded by expressing his happiness for establishing a factory in this region as it can contribute a lot in the making people's lives better.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner & 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 for further action.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.


(Sri. Mahadev A. Murugi, K.A.S)
Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Panel,
Vijayapura District.


15/4/2023.