

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UNDERTAKE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF SUGARCANE CRUSHING PLANT CAPACITY OF 5000 TCD, CO-GENERATION PLANT 30 MW & B-HEAVY MOLASSES/SUGAR JUICE BASED DISTILLERY PLANT OF 220 KLPD ALONG WITH 8 MW POWER GENERATION THROUGH INCINERATION BOILER AT SY.NO. 57/4, 57/3A, 57/3B, 57/5, 730/1, 730/2, 730/3, 730/4, 730/5, 577/1, 577/2, 577/3, OF KANNUR VILLAGE, VIJAYAPURA TALUK AND DISTRICT, KARNATAKA BY M/S. PRATIBHA PATIL SUGAR INDUSTRIES PVT.LTD.

DATE: 15-07-2023.

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.

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi , 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>Sl.no</u>	<u>Representatives of the project</u>
1.	Shri. Sanjeev N. Patil- Project Proponent
2.	Shri. Shivanand.M.Dambal, EIA Consultant, Bengaluru
3.	Shri. Swetha.S.V. EHSCPL, Bengaluru
4.	Shri. Yashashwini R.N. EHSCPL, Bengaluru
5.	Shri. R.Shrinidhi EHSCPL, Bengaluru
6.	Shri. Devaraj.N.Patil- Project Proponent

PREAMBLE:

M/s. Pratibha Patil Sugar Industries Pvt. Ltd proposes to establish Sugarcane Crushing plant capacity of 5000 TCD, Co-Generation Plant 30 MW & B-Heavy Molasses/Sugar Juice Based Distillery Plant of 220 KLPD along with 8 MW Power Generation through Incineration Boiler at Sy.No.57/4, 57/3A, 57/3B, 57/5, 730/1, 730/2, 730/3, 730/4, 730/5, 577/1, 577/2, 577/3, of Kannur Village, Vijayapura Taluk and District, Karnataka. As per the document submitted by project proponent, total land area required for the industry is 72 Acres 39 Guntas and, cost of the project is Rs. 470 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 **Hosa dingantha** and leading English daily newspaper **Times of India** on 14-06-2023 and also issued Paper Notification in District level local newspaper **Sathya Kranthi** on 16-06-2023 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 15-07-2023 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 M/s. M/s. Pratibha Patil Sugar Industries Pvt. 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.Badresh Narayan Mahesh.C, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by welcoming the dignitaries on stage and the farmers gathered at the event.
- He opines that factory in this region is not very near to the village to cause pollution of any sort. The factories these days are planned at a safe distance from the villages, all factories are of 10 to 15 km he says, so pollution issues will not be faced by the villagers.

- He lauds factory authorities for establishing crushing capacity of 5000 tonnes in this region as it will benefit the people of this region immensely.
- He mentions that this kannur belt will be having better facilities with respect to irrigation in coming days and there will be adequate growing of sugar cane in this region.
- He expresses his heartfelt thanks to Patil family for establishing the factory and for organizing this program.
- He says that establishment of this factory benefits many people of this region.
- He concludes by expressing his belief again that there shall be no pollution related problems due to an establishment of this factory and requested all the authorities to help with all the permissions required to establish the factory.

2. Sri. Mallikarjun Loni, Vijayapura District:

- He began by introducing himself and he informed about the total acres of fertile land he holds.
- He expresses that sugar factory in this region was wish of everyone in this region.
- He says after the improvement in the irrigational facilities, people have shifted towards sugarcane cultivation, as the expenditure is less for growing the sugarcane crop in comparison to the other crops.
- He mentions that there is no factory nearby in this region the factories that are available are at a distance of 50 kms or more and people will be benefitted immensely if the factory is in close proximity as this, as lot of them in this region are dependent on agriculture.
- He requested the authorities to expedite the process of granting permissions and to help the concerned, in order to establish a factory in this region.
- He concludes by mentioning that it is evident that survey report by the consultants indicates that there shall be no pollution whatsoever by establishment of this factory and so everyone supports this cause.

3. **Sri. Rajendra Patil, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by welcoming the dignitaries on stage and all the farmers gathered at the event.
- He expresses that there will be no pollution of any kind in this region because of the factory; he further mentions even if more number of factories are established, there will be nothing but only benefits to reap.
- He also adds that sugarcane cultivation is widespread in this region because of the canal construction and he also mentions that sugarcane is immune to many diseases and it is the best crop to grow.
- He says this region has to transport the cultivated sugarcane crops to other factories that are 60 kms away from their village, due to which he says farmers had to go through lots of obstacles in order to transport the yields to the factories like M/s. Basaveshwara Sugars and he says they will be exploited in many occasions by not being paid for their crop in time or by not getting desired price.
- He requested the authorities to permit the concerned to establish a sugar factory in this region at any cost as it benefits the lives of people immensely.
- He concluded by saying that if the permission is granted without any hassles the farmers of this region would offer prayers to the authorities and considers them as their deities.

4. **Sri. Ashok Uppar, Kannur Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by welcoming the dignitaries on the dais, and all the people for gathering to this event.
- He expresses that establishment of this factory in this region is been a long awaited dream of Sri. Shivan goudru, Nana goudru patil, with an intention to be able to help the farmers of this region & to provide employment opportunities to the people of this region.
- He concluded by expressing his belief that this sugar factory that is being established for this noble cause cannot trouble the people of this region by pollution related problems and, so he humbly requested the authorities to expedite the permission granting procedure and to help the concerned to be able to start the establishment of sugar factory in this region immediately.

5. **Sri. Rahaman Bagawan, Kannur Village, Vijayapura District:**


- He began by saying that for the establishment of this sugar factory Sri. Shivan Goudar Patil and Pratibha Patil have been working hard from past two years.
- He concludes by requesting the Additional Deputy Commissioner to grant the requisite permissions required for the establishment of this factory, and he expressed his belief this factory causes them no trouble.

6. **Sri. Anna Rao Lakhsman Gourpade, Kannur Village, Vijayapura District:**

- He began by saying that establishment of the factory benefits immensely to the people of this region.
- He expresses his belief that no pollution will be caused by this factory.
- He concludes by requesting the Additional Deputy Commissioner to expedite the process of establishment and to grant proprietors with requisite permissions so that the factory will be established very soon.

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.


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