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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. SIDDHASIRI SOUHARD SAHAKARI NIYAMIT PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 5000 TCD SUGAR PLANT, 30 MW CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT AND 423 KLPD MULTI FEED DISTILLERY UNIT AT SY.NO.239/A, 240/A, 249, 250 (KIADB ALLOTTED LAND) & SY.NO. 21/2, 21/3, 22, 23, 246/1, 247/A, 248/1, 248/2 OF CHINCHOLI, CHINCHOLI TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 10/12/2022 AT 11:30 AM.

VENUE: At Project Site, Sy.No.239/A, Chincholi, Tq: Chincholi, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

M/S. Siddhasiri Souhard Sahakari Niyamit has proposed establishment of 5000 TCD Sugar Plant, 30 MW Co-generation Power plant and 423 KLPD Multi Feed Distillery Unit at. Sy.No's 239/A, 240/A, 249, 250 (KIADB allotted land) & Sy.No. 21/2, 21/3, 22, 23, 246/1, 247/A, 248/1, 248/2 of Chincholi, Tq: Chincholi, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State in an area of 213 Acres 18 Guntas.

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.

Public Hearing Panel:

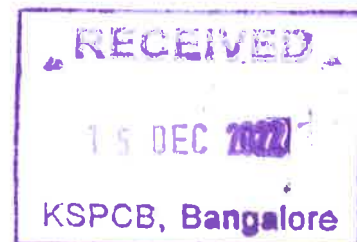
Public Hearing Panel		
1	Shri. Bheemashankar Teggelli, K.A.S Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District	Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

1. Shri Madhusudhan S, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi
2. C.N. Manjappa, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S. SIDDHASIRI SOUHARD SAHAKARI NIYAMIT, PRESENT IN THE MEETING,

1	Shri Anil Kalagi	Project Head, M/s. Siddhasiri Souhard Sahakari Niyamit
2	Shri Shivkumar Patil	Unit General Manager, M/s. Siddhasiri Souhard Sahakari Niyamit
3	Shri Hosmani C.S	Co-gen Unit Head, M/s Siddhasiri Souhard Sahakari Niyamit
4	Shri Jagadish Chattri	M/s Siddhasiri Souhard Sahakari Niyamit
5	Shri Prabhu Desai	Director, M/s Siddhasiri Souhard Sahakari Niyamit
6	Shri Shivanand M Dombal	Consultant-EHSCPL, Bengaluru



7	Shri Srinivas	Kartik Studio, Chincholi
8	Shri Gayathri	Consultant-EHSCPL, Bengaluru
9	Dr. T.M Santosh Kumar	Consultant-EHSCPL, Bengaluru
10	Suhasini	Consultant-EHSCPL, Bengaluru

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 get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is 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 (I.A Division), Government of India, Terms of Reference (TOR) letter No. J-11011/64/2012-IA-II (I), dated 23.02.2022 for proposed establishment of 5000 TCD Sugar Plant, 30 MW Co-generation power plant and 423 KLPD Multi Feed Distillery at. Sy.No's 239/A, 240/A, 249, 250 (KIADB allotted land) & Sy.No. 21/2, 21/3, 22, 23, 246/1, 247/A, 248/1, 248/2 of Chincholi, Tq; Chincholi, Dist: Kalaburagi, in an extent of 213 Acres 18 Guntas and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated 15.10.2022, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 10.12.2022 at 11:30 AM at project site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave 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 "**The New Indian Express**" on 9th November, 2022. The public hearing notification was also issued in the local edition of "**Udayavani**" Kannada daily news paper on 10/11/2022. 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. Hand pamphlets of the meeting have been distributed in the proposed project surrounding villages/Town Municipal limits.

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 references 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. Town Municipal Council, Chincholi, 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 Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, all the public, the officials of all departments and others who were present on the occasion. He has 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 has requested the Addl. Deputy Commissioner, to preside over the Public Hearing. He has 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 EHSCPL, Bengaluru representative - Dr. T.M Santosh Kumar 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, waste water management, 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, Environment Management Cost, Environment management after establishment of the plant 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 Vaijanath Konda, Pastapur, Chincholi Taluk;

He told he is very happy to hear that the factory is coming up in this area. Chincholi Taluk is very backward area. We have to control air and water pollution, in the mean time development is very important. Everybody should give important to the environment. Environment is our god gift and it should not be damaged. Farmers are leading difficult life. In this situation employment has to be given. We have to work for the farmers. Farmers are back bone of our Nation. Farmers to be helped to grow sugar cane. He referred quote of Kuvempu "Raise your hand for Kannada, your hand will become a tree" So we all have to help the farmers to uplift their life. We all are getting food from the farmers. We have to work and support for the farmers.

2) Shri Srinivas Pujari, Chinmai Idalayi Village, Chincholi;

He said it is proud to say that we are giving sugar cane to our local factory. It is presented that the plant is working on the basis of zero liquid discharge concept. For this we are very happy. We will get employment from this factory and there is no pollution from this activity. We are happy and welcome this project to this area.

3) Shri Vijaykumar Chimati, Hosalli village;

He said Government has already given permissions for many cement factories in this District and they are likely to affect our environment. But this factory is not like cement plant and but this will help the farmers. Due to growing of Sugarcane in this area, the air pollution will be reduced. It is presented that there is no discharge of any effluent outside the industry premises. Due to this project, our farmers and surrounding people life will be uplifted. There is no air, water and sound pollution from this project as compare to other projects.

4) Shri Mahadeva Naranal village, Chincholi Taluk;

He said due to this factory there is no air pollution to the surrounding villages as presented by the officers to the public in this meeting. He is very happy that as the factory is coming up in this local area. Income of the local people will be increased due to this project. Farmers are the back bone of the Nation. Education in this area will help the success of this factory and also life of the people will be improved. Education has to be developed in this area. All farmers shall be benefitted due to this project. There should not be any damage to the environment. All officers have to work for the uplift of the farmers..

5) Shri Nagendra Badigera, Benchur village, Chincholi Taluk;

He started with quote "Guru Brahma Guru Vishnu Guru Devo Maheshwara Guru Sakshat Param Brahma Tasmai Shri Guruve Namah". This is one of the old proposed and we are happy that factory is coming up new in this area. Education is very important for development of any nation. Chincholi Taluka has highest forest coverage. Factory should be operated neatly without damaging the surrounding environment. He expressed that the local people and farmers future days are good due to this factory.

6) Shri Doddappa, Malkhed, Sedam Taluk;

He said he is the social worker. He said coming up of this factory is very happy news to the Chincholi and Sedam people. Due to this factory, the surrounding farmers will be benefitted. Proper rate shall be given to the farmers for their sugarcane. He urged that the factory should not let out any of its waste water in to the nearby Mullamari River.

7) Shri Divakar, Director, KMF Unit, Chincholi;

He said he is also farmer growing sugarcane in an area of about 200 acres. He said that they use to give sugarcane to Aland, Hallikhed, Humnabad and Bhalki Sugar factories. Now, locally the sugar factory is establishing which will help all the surrounding farmers. Everybody in this area need of this factory and for this waiting for the past 25 years. It is very essential to have this factory in this Chincholi area. It is presented that there no much air, water and noise pollution due to this proposed factory. He requested that the factory should be established here at the earliest.

8) Shri Goutham, Chincholi, Chincholi Taluk;

He said the proposed project is manufacture of Ethanol and he urged to clarify on the land proposed for this project. He said here in public hearing meeting everybody is welcoming this project but it is not correct because in Mysore the factory has established for 60 KLPD Ethanol production, and it has proposed to increase it to 150 KLPD. But court has stayed for this project. Here they have proposed 450 KLPD capacity which will definitely give problem to the general public. The actual farmer is one who is really working in the field. He urged not to give permission for this higher capacity distillery plant as it will create problem to the general public. He said he is submitting representation in this regard.

9) Shri Chennakeshava, Social Worker;

He urged to give better price to the sugarcane. This project is essential in this area. This project zero pollution project. He urged to establish the project at the earliest. The project has to establish ETP for treatment of effluent. Due to this project there should not be public health effects and pollution.

10) Shri Patil, Chincholi;

He said this is good sign for the farmers. Farmers are not getting good price to the sugarcane. India may get independence in 1947 itself, but Chincholi has got independence today because, Chincholi is getting this project today. Chincholi has fertile lands and has potential for growing of sugarcane. Farmers shall be helped to bring sugarcane from the fields to the factory without any problem.

11) Smt. Manjula, G.K Education and Rural Urban Development Society (R)
Chitradurga;

She welcomed this project. She requested the project proponent to give employment to local people, help the farmers and local public. She said she is submitting representation by advising providing of personal protective equipments to the workers, green belt development etc.

Finally, Addl. Deputy Commissioner while concluding the Environmental Public Hearing said that even though this area has sufficient water resource, but it was unable to grow sugarcane as it has to be transported to far away, places like Afzalpur, Yadgir and Jewargi. there is no sugar factory in this area. This project proposes sugar factory and 423 KLPD capacity Distillery with multifeed as it uses sugarcane and other organic husk of Tordal also. Hence, torddal husk also can be given to this factory. Due to this farmers can grow sugarcane, Tordal and also Jower in this Chincholi area. This will help the economic development of the farmers. 10 KM surrounding people will get employment due to this project. There is development of economy as well as increased employment potential in this area in future due to establishment of this factory. The project has proposed advanced technologies adoption in this project. Hence there is less chances of air and sound pollution. This is zero pollution concept technology and no discharge of liquid waste from the industry, hence there is no chance of discharge of waste water into nala and river. He said proceedings of all the opinions and representations submitted in this meeting will be forwarded to Central Government for further decision on the proposed project. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and concluded the meeting.

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