

Proceeding of the Public Hearing of proposed establishment of new industry by M/s. Savson Distil Private Limited for the Production of Ethanol/Extra Neutral Alcohol of capacity 100 KLPD (grain based), Co-generation Power plant of 3 MW/Hr & 5 TPD corn oil plant at Sy. No- 870/6, 870/1, 871/2, 870/7 and 874/3, Kokatnur Cross, Athani-Vijaypur Road, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District. In this regard Public Hearing is conducted on 24-06-2020 at 11.00AM.

Date : 24-06-2020.

Time : 11.00AM.

Venue : M/s. Savson Distil Private Limited., Sy. No- 870/6, 870/1, 871/2, 870/7 and 874/3, Kokatnur Cross, Athani-Vijaypur Road, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District.

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Name & Address of the Proposed Industry	:	M/s. Savson Distil Private Limited. Sy. No- 870/6, 870/1, 871/2, 870/7 and 874/3, Kokatnur Cross, Athani-Vijaypur Road, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District.
Name of the Officers Present	:	Annexure - 1
Representatives of the Proposed Industry Present	:	Annexure - 2
Details of Public Participated	:	Annexure - 3
Details of publication arranged in the News Papers for public hearing	:	Annexure - 4
Power Point Presentation made in the Public hearing	:	Annexure - 5
Written Views submitted by the public	:	Annexure - 6
Reply given by the industry representatives for the concerns expressed by the public.	:	Annexure - 7

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (amended to date), it is pre requisite for such project to conduct Environment public hearing prior to award of Environment Clearance certificate. Accordingly State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka No. SEIAA 26 IND 2019, has finalized the standard terms of Reference of the said project vide letter dated: 16-09-2019 and informed M/s. Savson

Distil Private Limited., Kokatnur Cross, Athani-Vijaypur Road, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District Karnataka State to request KSPCB to conduct Environment public hearing. The project proponent vide letter Dated 24-02-2020 requested KSPCB to conduct Environment public hearing. Hence the Environment Public Hearing was conducted at the project site by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi.

The project proponent has submitted the detailed draft EIA report and Executive Summary in Kannada and English to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution control Board gave the Notification 30 days in an advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in English daily news paper dated: 25-05-2020 "The Hindu" and "Vijay Karnataka" Kannada daily and Local news paper "Vijay Karnataka" dated: 28-05-2020. The suggestions/ views, comments and objections from the interested bona fide residents, environmental groups and others located at the project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited and project affected people could send their views either orally or in written or through email to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Deputy commissioner, Belagavi, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee.

The Environment public hearing was held on 24-06-2020 under the chairmanship Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi.

Sri Jagadeesh I H, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belgaum-2(Chikkodi) extended warm welcome to Sri Ashok Dudagante Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi, Sri. Vijaykumar T Kadakbhavi, KSPCB Zonal Senior Environmental Officer, Dharwad, Tahasildar Athani and he has also extended the warm welcome to all officials of the different Departments, representatives of the project, all surrounding villagers, public, media and environmentalists.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental clearance from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka and Environmental Public Hearing as per EIA Notification and explained the procedure of the Public hearing and about the project documents kept for the Public Hearing at seven different offices.

The Environmental Officer requested to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate and also the Presiding officer of the Environment Public Hearing meeting to start the proceedings. Later as per the instruction from the Additional Deputy Magistrate, informed industry representative and their consultants to make the presentation about the proposed industry i.e. M/s. Savson Distil Private Limited., Sy. No- 870/6, 870/1, 871/2, 870/7 and 874/3, Kokatnur Cross, Athani-Vijaypur Road, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District, to the public.



Industry representative and Environment Consultant of M/s Environmental Health & Safety Consultants Pvt. Ltd Bangalore for the project explained about the environment impacts and mitigation measures proposed by the industry M/s Savson Distil Private Limited., Sy. No- 870/6, 870/1, 871/2, 870/7 and 874/3, Kokatnur Cross, Athani-Vijaypur Road, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District. The copy of the power point presentation is also enclosed with the proceedings vide **Annexure-5**.

The views expressed by the public are as follows:

1. Sri.Dareppa Basappa Takkannavar: Resident of Savadi.

The Country will develop only if it compete with other countries. India should shine among all the countries. As per Mahatma Gandhiji, we should promote and develop cottage industries. The proposed industry should develop to increase the income and development of the nation. With this background, they are establishing this project in our area and certainly this will help for our better future. The farmer's crops are the raw material. The surrounding farmers can sell their maize to the industry so as the transportation cost can be minimized. Till today, we are getting only Rs.500 to Rs.600per quintal by selling the maize at Sangli, Maharashtra. Our children and next generation will get employment opportunity if this industry comes up in the proposed site. Farmers will get good price for their crops. I am proud of the development works proposed by the industry. The said public hearing is being conducted as per the MOEF Notification dated: 14-09-2006 and invited kind attention to the Section 6(4) of the said Notification. As per Section 6(4)—Persons present at the venue shall be granted the opportunity to seek information or clarification on the project from the applicant. The Summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting all the views and concerns expressed shall be recorded by the representative of the SPCB or UTPCC and read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in the local/vernacular language and the agreed minutes shall be signed by the District Magistrate/District Collector/Deputy Commissioner or his or her representative on the same day and forwarded to the SPCB/UTPCC concerned. Hence I request to prepare and sign the proceedings here itself.

2. Sri. Shekhar Sadashiv Kanakareddi:Resident of Kokatnur

I wish the proposed industry is established at the earliest as we will be benefited. I request all to cooperate as the industry helps to our development.

3.Sri. Shivakumar Aparaj:Resident of Buralatti

Now they have proposed to establish distillery near Kokatnur Village and I feel that the surrounding villages will be benefited. The technical persons of our area, working at Maharashtra and Bangalore came back to villages as they have lost their jobs due to Covid-19. During construction, 500 hundred persons and during productions 100 to



150 persons will be engaged in this project. More than 50 Percent jobs to be given to local youths and technical hands. In this regard, I request to explain Government guidelines to the farmers.

4. Appasab Basappa Jamakhandi: Resident of Kokatnur

The surrounding area farmers are small scale farmers and jobs to be given to their children. They should ensure that local agriculture lands should not be affected.

5. C. S. Nyamgoudar: Resident of Aigali

The Management Committee has proposed very good project to install ethanol and co- generation plant. This part of Athani is backward industrial area as very few industries were established. This eastern part of Athani will be benefited if this industry is established. I request to give priority to the local persons as they belong to farmer family. The good rate to be given to the maize crop to help farmers. All the local will be benefited if reservation is given to them in employment. They have explained about the proposed Pollution Control measures and I request them to adopt zero liquid pollution so as to avoid air and dust pollution to protect the environment.

6. Vishwanath Telsang: Resident of Badachi

The Proposed industry should adopt ZLD (Zero Liquid Discharge) Technology and to be strictly complied with the same. The same technology needs to be adopted by the forth coming projects.

7. Santosh Savadkar: Resident of Ramtirth

Five years ago surrounding lands of Athani Taluka had valued at lower rates. Since the construction of canal helped these lands to get good value of price up to around 10 lakhs per acre. By constructing large scale factories which helps the people of Adahalli, Kohalli, Kottalagi and Kakamari to get the job here itself and avoid the migration to the state of Maharashtra and Goa. They also get benefit of a good amount of value to their respective agriculture lands. So I request to kindly grant permission to such large scale industries at the earliest.

8. Appu Nyamangouda: Resident of Dabadabadi

They have already explained in detail about the Environmental pollution. The local people are facing huge unemployment problem and hence requested industry to give priority to the local in the employment opportunities, especially to the children of farmers. Farmers grow Maize in the large scale with the help of canal water and requested to grant permission to the industry at the earliest and action to be taken for the betterment of surrounding farmers.



9. Dundappa Dodamani: Resident of Aigali

In my opinion it is a good initiative of establishment of industry in this dry area and which helps for the betterment of all the farmers. In this area the main crops are Maize and sugarcane, there are already sugar factories under operation in the eastern part of Athani Taluk. If this factory starts its operation, then our farmers and youths of this area get employment. I request Administration Department to provide employment opportunity to the local youths of this area and in the same way provide work to goods vehicles for the transportation. The small Hotels, Shops will also be benefited. So I kindly request you to grant permission to start the industry.

Sri Vijaykumar T Kadakabhavi, Zonal Senior Environmental Officer expressed that today public hearing is being conducted as per EIA notification dated 14-09-2006 under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner regarding the proposed project of M/s. Savson distil Private Limited., for the Production of 100 KLPD Ethanol, 3 MW Co-generation and 5 TPD corn oil. In the hearing Environmental issues were discussed. They explained to the public about the proposed pollution control measures to mitigate the pollution and the opportunity was given to the public to get the additional information and to express their views. Nine people have expressed their views. Sri Takkannavar, Advocate, Kokatanur has invited attention of the gathered persons to the particular Section of the Notification. The Proceedings will be recorded in the faired manner along with the recorded video and the same will be submitted to the Government. Anyone can obtain the copy of recorded video and nothing can be altered in the proceedings. The audio and video is being recorded simultaneously and I assured that nothing can be altered. Other eight members expressed that approval to be given to the proposed industry at the earliest and economic status of the local will be improved due to employment opportunity. They have opined about getting good prices for their lands and also requested to give more jobs to the local.

Sri Vishwanth Telsang has suggested about following the ZLD technology. As per ZLD technology the entire effluent to be recycled completely by the proposed industry. Our district Environmental Officer will ensure the same by frequent inspection. The environmental consultant has already explained about the pollution control measures to be adopted by the industry to meet the standards. The said details were mentioned in the REIA and executive summaries which were kept in the different offices for Public reference as informed by Sri Jagadeesh Environmental Officer. As per EIA notification, the final report will be prepared by collecting the views and opinion of the local people. I request environmental consultant or Chairman of the proposed industry to give clarification/ Reply for the concerns expressed by the public.



The Chairman, M/s. Savson Distil Private Limited expressed that Ethanol Unit is proposed in the area of Kokatnur and east side of the Athani, with the main object to help the farmers by the way of production of Ethanol from Maize, along with animal food as byproduct, Co-generation plant and extracting the oil from Maize. The employment opportunity will be given to 500 persons and local people will be given first preference based on their educational qualification. Recently we had seen huge crises in employment due to Covid-19, there are many people who are educated lost their jobs, experienced many problems and returned to their respective native from different district, State and Countries. The same problem should not be repeated. The students of our taluka will be engaged in the proposed industry so as to make them independent so that they cannot go to work anywhere else. Some people expressed about avoiding damage to the environment. We also belong to the same environment and care will be taken to protect the environment. In this situation we will follow hundred percent guidelines issued by the Central Government and State Government. Our Farmers used to send their maize crops to the Maharashtra market, for that they used to pay the transportation charges. A farmer for sending one quintal of crops from Athani to Sangli-Maharashtra used to pay 50 to 60 Rupees and by this they used to incur loss of 50 to 60 Rupees. I prefer to purchase grown crops from our Taluka and fare price will be given to reduce the burden of transportation. So I request everyone to join your hands with us and be with us. We altogether build this industry to create employment, help farmers to get good price for their crops. I assure that Ethanol will be produced from maize, Co-generation of power and corn oil and cattle feed will be produced and there will not be any harm to the public, environment at all.

Sri. Ashok Dudagunti, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi expressed that the public hearing of M/s. Savson Distil Private Limited for the Production of Ethanol/Extra Neutral Alcohol of capacity 100 KLPD (grain based), Co-generation Power plant of 3 MW/Hr & 5 TPD corn oil plant conducted. The public, farmers and project proponent have expressed their views. Our Zonal Senior Environmental Officer has given the clarification to the views expressed by the 8 to 9 people and proceeding of the hearing is video recorded. The proceedings recorded in the fair manner will be sent to Head Office at the earliest.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.



(Sri. Ashok Dudagunti, K.A.S.)
Additional Deputy Commissioner &
Additional District Magistrate &
Environmental Public Hearing President