

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UNDERTAKE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUGAR CANE JUICE/ SYRUP/ B-HEAVY MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY UNIT FOR MANUFACTURING OF ETHANOL/ENA OF CAPACITY 180 KLD AND 8 MW/Hr CO-GEN UNIT AT SURVEY NO.349/3,350/3,370,385/2 & OTHERS, KAMBAGI VILLAGE, BABLESHWARA TALUK, VIJAYAPURA-586125, KARNATAKA STATE, BY M/S.SOMESHWARA SUGARS LIMITED.**

DATE: 10-11-2021.

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. Ramesh Kalsad, K.A.S Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur.	<b>Chairman</b>
2	Sri. M A Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapur.	<b>Member</b>

<b><u>Representatives of the project</u></b>	
1.	Shri. G.N.Joshi
2.	Shri. H.N.Mohanendra Murthy
3.	Shri. M.R. Malleshappa
4.	Shri. Subhash Biradar
5.	Shri. Suresh Sarawad
6.	Shri. Dr.T.M.Santhosh Kumar, EHSC

<b>Names of the public participated</b>	<b>Copy enclosed</b>
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**PREAMBLE:**

M/s. Someshwara Sugars Limited has proposed for establishment of 180 KLPD Distillery unit, and 8 MW Co-generation power plant” at Sy. No. 349/3, 350/3, 370, 385/2 & others of kambagi village, Bableshwara Taluk, Vijayapura, with a total are of 36 Acres.

M/s. Someshwara Sugars limited obtained CFE from KSPCB for Establishment of 2500 TCD Sugar Cane Crushing & 15MW Co-gen power plant. Further this unit has obtained Environmental clearance from KSEIAA to increase Sugar Cane Crushing capacity from 2500 TCD to 15000 TCD and co-generation plant capacity from 15 MW to 70 MW on 29-07-2016 and CFE from the KSPCB vide no.CTE 304499, Dated 07-12-2017. The EC & CFE for Sugar Unit & the Co-gen power obtained is yet to be implemented at site.

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 has 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 has issued Paper Notification in State level leading Kannada daily newspaper **Samyukta Karnataka** and leading English daily newspaper **The Times of India** on 09-10-2021 and also issued Paper Notification in District level local newspaper **Satya Kranthi** on 11-10-2021 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 10-11-2021 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