

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. KARTIK AGRO INDUSTRIES PVT LTD., HOOLAGERI VILLAGE, BADAMI TALUKA, BAGALKOT DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DISTILLERY (MOLASSES/ GRAIN BASED) FROM 65KLD TO 180KLD AND CO-GENERATION OF 1.4MW TO 5.4MW HELD ON 21/09/2021 AT 10.00AM AT SAID INDUSTRY PREMISES.**

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	<b>Shri. Mahadev A. Muragi</b> Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District.	Chairman
2	<b>Shri. Vijaykumar T. Kadakbhavi,</b> Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad.	Member
3	<b>Shri.Rajshekhar Puranik,</b> Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Bagalkote.	Member
<u>Consultants &amp; Industry representatives present</u>		
1.	Shri. Kartik Mashyal	Vice-President
2.	Shri. Gopi Burli	Vice-President Marketing
3.	Shri M K Patil	Representatives of Environmental Consultant - M/s. Equinox Environments (I) Pvt Ltd., Kolhapur, Maharashtra
4.	Smt. Sulakshana Ayarekar	
5.	Smt. Indira Laykar	
6.	Shri. Sangram S Patil	

Shri Rajshekhar. Puranik., Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkote extended a warm welcome to the Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkote District, the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Dharwad and all the participating villagers from surrounding area & public, elected representatives who were present in the public hearing. Further, he briefly explained the need for obtaining Environmental Clearance and conducting public hearing for the said project as follows:

M/s. Kartik Agro Industries Pvt Ltd has proposes to undertake Expansion of existing Distillery (Molasses/ Grain based) from 65KLD to 180KLD and Co-generation of 1.4MW to 5.4MW at existing industry premises at Hoolageri village, Badami Taluka, Bagalkot District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GOI and hence, Conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project is mandatory under said notification.

As per the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (IA Division), GOI, the project proponent has made application for Environmental Clearance and got the Terms of Reference from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GOI vide Letter dated: 22-01-2021 and accordingly the draft EIA report is prepared. The project proponent has submitted the request letter to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore for conducting the public hearing. Accordingly, with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkote District the Public Hearing is scheduled on 21-09-2021 at industry premises of M/s. Kartik Agro Industries Pvt Ltd, Hoolageri village, Badami Taluka, Bagalkot District.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Paper Notification 30 days in advance in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Vijay Vani" and English Daily Newspaper "The New Indian Express" dated: 21-08-2021 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshan" on 23-08-2021. In the said Notification, the suggestions / views/ comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located near the project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed project were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. in 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.

The copy of the draft EIA report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Office of the Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Navanagar, Bagalkote.
- Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, E&F Wings, 17<sup>th</sup> main road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Block, Koramangal, Bengaluru.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bengaluru.
- Office of the Secretary/Panchayat Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Hoolageri village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot-District.
- Web site of KSPCB "<http://kspcb.gov.in>"