

Minutes of the Public Hearing held at 4.00 Pm at the District Development Council Hall, District Collectorate, Villupuram for the Proposed 100 KLD Distillery Plant of M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Unit – III, Kalayanallur Village, Sankarapuram Taluk, Villupuram District.

Present:

(A) Public Hearing Panel:

1. Dr.R.Palaniswamy,
District Collector,
Villupuram.
2. Thiru.M.Murugan,
Assistant Environmental Engineer,
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board,
Villupuram.

(B) Government Officials:

1. Thiru.A.Raja,
Assistant Environmental Engineer,
TNPC Board, Villupuram.
2. Thiru.P.Damodaran,
O/o.District Industries Center,
Villupuram.

(C) Project Proponent:

1. Thiru.V.Santhanam,
President,
M/s..Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,
Klayanallur Village,
Sankarapuram Taluk.
2. Thiru.R.Perumalsamy,
Deputy General Manager (P),
M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,
Klayanallur Village,
Sankarapuram Taluk.
3. Thiru.P.Sathyanarayanan,
Deputy General Manager(F),
M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,
Klayanallur Village,
Sankarapuram Taluk.
4. Thiru.S.Thiyagarajan,
Manager (Accounts),
M/S.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,
Klayanallur Village,
Sankarapuram Taluk.
5. Thiru.S.Ravikumar,
Assistant Manager (P&A),
M/S.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,
Klayanallur Village,
Sankarapuram Taluk.

6. ThiruS.Binodkumar,
Assistant Manager (Production),
M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,
Kalayanallur Village,
Sankarapuram Taluk.
7. Thiru.M.Tamilmani,
Manager (CA),
M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,
Kalayanallur Village,
Sankarapuram Taluk.

(D) List of Public:

Xerox copy of the attendance register

The Assistant Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Villupuarm has welcomed the gathering, requested the District Collector to preside over the proceedings, and also requested the Project Proponent to describe briefly about the activities of the proposed distillery project and invited the opinion of the public assembled.

The District Collector has requested the project proponent to describe in detail about the activities of the proposed distillery project, environmental issues, control measures proposed to mitigate the environmental issues.

Thiru.V.Santhanam, President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., has described about the activities of the proposed distillery plant, environmental issues such as water pollution, air pollution and land pollution and the proposed control measures for mitigating the environmental issues and highlighted the importance of achieving zero discharge of trade effluent proposed by the unit. The activities of proposed distillery project was presented by power point presentation.

Subsequently, the opinion of the public was obtained and submitted as follows.

- 1) **Thiru.R.M.Masilamani, Rishivandhiyam** has requested the District Administration to take necessary action to release the shares of the farmers from the unit of M/s.Kallakurichi Co-Operative Sugars Mills Ltd, Moongilthuraipattu so as to join in this unit of M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., **The District Collector** has replied that necessary action will be taken after discussed with The Administrator of M/s.Kallakurichi Co-Operative Sugars Mills Ltd, Moongilthuraipattu.

Further he has requested the President of the unit to increase the amount of cane price more than Government Cane price, and also to release the cane price amount within 15 Days from the date of receipt of the cane to the mill, to provide a hospital and insurance facility to the cane growing farmers and cane cutters for their life if they faced the problems of snake/insecticide bites and requested to issue fertilizers to the cane growing farmers in a time without any delay. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.** has replied that the company cane price to be announced will be more than the Government cane price and assured that cane price amount will be released within 15 days. There will be hospital facility inside the mill area for the immediate first aid treatment

and insurance scheme for the farmers if they faced snake/insecticide bites before commissioning of the unit.

- 2) **Thiru.K.Shankar, Pudupallagchery** has asked about the difference between a co- operative sugar mill and a private co-operative sugar mill and benefits of the private sugar mill. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that there will regular monitoring by the officers of private sugar mill in developing cane crop, issue of cutting orders and release of payment to the farmers.
- 3) **Thiru.P.V.Raja, Peelamedu** has raised doubts about whether the release of cane price amount will be delayed if the sugar price goes down and there is low demand of sugar in the market. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that the sugar will be double refined and exported to foreign countries regularly and thereby there will not be delay in the payment of cane price amount to the farmers.
- 4) **Thiru R.Ravichandran, Vadathorasalur** has asked whether the electricity produced by the unit will be supplied to the nearby farmers. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that the electricity produced will be supplied to the Thiyagadurgam Sub Station and the distribution of electricity power supply will be done by Tamilnadu Electricity Board.
- 5) **Thiru.C.Periyasamy, Prithivimangalam** has asked what is rectified spirit and its uses. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that rectified spirit is alcohol, easily flammable and containing 95% alcohol and 5% water. It is used for medicinal formulations. Extra Neutral Alcohol can be produced from the rectified spirit and used for the manufacture of Liquors and the Ethanol can be utilized as fuel.
- 6) **Thiru.Gnanasekaran, Sankarapuram** has asked whether the rectified spirit will be sold by the unit itself. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that the sale of rectified spirit will be done by the Government only.
- 7) **Thiru.C.Kodhandapani, Pudupallagchery** has asked about the the proposed source of water to be used in the process. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that the water will be taken from the bore/open wells located inside the complex only and about 60-70% of water will be recycled in the in the process itself after treatment and also informed that necessary permission from PDW Department, Ground Water Division has obtained to draw water.
- 8) **Thiru.Velu, Pallagachery** has asked that whether employment will be given to the local area public. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that the company will give employment opportunity about 150-200 Nos directly and 300 - 400 Nos indirectly based on the qualifications.
- 9) **Thiru.P.Dhanasekaran, Veeracholapuram** has asked about the details of control measures to mitigate the Boiler emissions. **The President, M/s.Dharani**

Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., has replied that the unit has proposed to provide Electro Static Precipitators and stack for 150 T/Hr Boiler and Bag filters and stack for 40 T/Hr. Boiler as Air Pollution Control measures to control the Boiler emissions.

- 10) **Thiru.L.Elumalai, Pudupallagachery** has asked about the commencing of crushing season. **The President, M/s.Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.,** has replied that the crushing will be commenced during July' 2009.

Finally, the District Collector has stated that there was healthy discussions during the proceeding and the project proponent has clearly replied for all the questions and doubts raised by the public. The District Collector has requested the Project Proponent to help the welfare of the public living nearby.

In general, the public welcomed the establishing of this proposed distillery project and there is no objection in coming up of this project.

Finally, the meeting came to an end with vote of thanks.

Assistant Environmental Engineer,
TNPC Board, Villupuram.

The District Collector,
Villupuram.