

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 26.11.2008

AT DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, KRISHNAGIRI, KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

Present : District Collector, Krishnagiri
Participants : List enclosed vide Annexure-I

The District Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Hosur welcomed the gathering and apprised the need for Public Hearing. The District Collector presided the Public Hearing Meeting and requested the entrepreneur to present the case. The Managing Director presented his case as below.

M/s. Veera Chemicals India (P) Limited has identified a land of 0.67 Acre in S.F. No. 187, Kattinayanapalli village, Krishnagiri Taluk & District to set up formaldehyde manufacturing plant. The project cost is Rs. 46.5 lakhs. The unit is proposed to manufacture formaldehyde - 22KLD from Methanol - 11KLD using Silver as catalyst. The reaction is simple oxidation process and it is exothermic reaction. Oxygen for oxidation is taken from Atmospheric air.

In the manufacturing process, no air emission, liquid effluent and the solid waste generation are involved. The total workers required will be 20 numbers.

Then, the District Environmental Engineer informed the public participated that they can ask clarifications, information or raise objection if any. The issues raised by the participants / public and the reply of the applicant are as below.

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| 1. Thiru. P.S. Srinivasan,
Vidhya Nidhi Trust
Hosur. | - | Whether any effluent will be generated in the manufacturing process? |
| Entrepreneur's Reply | | There will not be effluent generation. Also, there will be no solid waste generation from the manufacturing process. |
| 2. Thiru. P. Samikannu, President
Kattinayanapalli village Panchayat
Krishnagiri Tk. | - | Whether public will be affected due to the Project? |
| Entrepreneur's Reply | | The unit is having additional 2 acre land adjacent to the plant. There will be no liquid, solid waste generation in the process. If at all anything generated it will be handled by the industry safely. Also, sensors will be provided to check the leakages if any. Only small quantity of emission will be let through the vent and this will not pose problem to the surroundings. |
| 3. Thiru. P. Samikannu, President | - | How many workers will be employed? |

Kattinayanapalli village Panchayat Krishnagiri Tk.	Whether preference shall be given to the locals in employment?
Entrepreneur's Reply	20 will be engaged and they will be employed based on their qualification. Preference will be given to the locals.
4. Thiru. P. Samikannu, President Kattinayanapalli village Panchayat Krishnagiri Tk.	- In what way, the project would benefit the Panchayat?
Entrepreneur's Reply	It will pay necessary taxes to the Panchayat. There is possibility of setting up of ancillary units giving employment opportunity to the local public.
5. Thiru. C. Thavamani Selvan Melkardiguri, Krishnagiri Tk.	- If the unit disposes liquid & solid waste in the 2 acres of land, is there possibility of damage to the adjacent land?
Entrepreneur's Reply	There is no effluent and solid waste generation in the process and hence the possibility of damage does not arise.
6. Thiru. N. Jayapal, General Manager, DIC, Krishnagiri	- In the Executive Summary, the possibility of air emission from the process is mentioned. What type of emission & what are the precautionary measures proposed?
Entrepreneur's Reply	Formaldehyde leakage is the only possibility. Adequate sensors to assess the leakages will be provided. The process is interlocked and if the leakage in excess than the permissible limit is detected, the process will be automatically stopped.
7. Thiru. N. Jayapal, General Manager, DIC, Krishnagiri	Is there any tie up with Medical Agency to take care of any accident?
Entrepreneur's Reply	Yes, necessary arrangement will be made.

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| <p>8. Thiru. N.V. Sampath Kumar
Makalachinnampalli,
Krishnagiri Tk.</p> <p>Entrepreneur's Reply</p> | <p>- Any explosive material will be used in the manufacturing process?</p> <p>Use of Explosive material is not involved. The Methanol will be stored and handled as per the guidelines issued by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), Nagpur.</p> |
| <p>9. Thiru. C. Chendrayan,
Priest, Anjaneya Temple
Kattinayanapalli,
Krishnagiri Tk.</p> <p>Entrepreneur's Reply</p> | <p>- Any possibility of damage to the nearby Anjaneya Temple?</p> <p>No possibility of damage to the temple.</p> |
| <p>10. Thiru. J.S. Hemanth Kumar
Krishnagiri.</p> <p>Entrepreneur's Reply</p> | <p>- Any possibility of Noise Pollution?</p> <p>No possibility of Noise Pollution</p> |
| <p>11. Thiru. Chokkan, Thasildar,
Krishnagiri Tk.</p> <p>Entrepreneur's Reply</p> | <p>- Any similar industries located in the vicinity and any possibility of air Pollution?</p> <p>Similar Industries are not located in the nearby vicinity. This is the first of its kind in this District and there is no possibility of air pollution due to this industry.</p> |

No written complaint / representation / suggestion received prior to Public Hearing.

The entrepreneur has been requested to include the following points in the revised Environmental Impact Assessment.

1. The entrepreneur shall under take risk assessment for the Methanol storage.
2. The Number and type of sensor and location of sensor proposed to be installed need to be specified.
3. The material balance and water balance shall be included in the revised Environmental Impact Assessment.

The Meeting came to end with the conclusion of the public participated that they have no objection in setting up the Industry without causing Environmental Damage.

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DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
KRISHNAGIRI.