

F. No. IA-J-11011/329/2016-IA-II(I)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(IA- II Section)

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Dated: 8th January, 2019

To

M/s Agasti Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd
Agasti Nagar, Taluka Akole
District Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) – 422 601

Subj. Setting up Molasses based Distillery of capacity 30 KLPD by M/s Agasti Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd at Agasti Nagar, Taluka Akole, District Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) - Environmental Clearance - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your proposal No. IA/MH/IND2/59752/2016 dated 26th September, 2018 submitting the EIA/EMP report on the above subject matter.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has examined the proposal for environmental clearance to the project for setting up molasses based distillery of capacity 30 KLPD (Rectified Spirit/Extra Neutral Alcohol/Absolute Alcohol) by M/s Agasti Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd in a total area of 52.21 ha located at Agasti Nagar, Taluka Akole, District Ahmednagar (Maharashtra).

3. The land area available for the project is 52.21 ha, out of which greenbelt will be developed in an area of 17 ha, covering 33% of the total project area. The estimated project cost is Rs.49.98 crores. Total capital cost earmarked towards environmental pollution control measures is Rs.5 crores and the recurring cost (operation and maintenance) will be about Rs.2 crores per annum. Total employment opportunity will be for 64 persons.

4. There are no National parks, Wildlife sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, Tiger/Elephant reserves, Wildlife corridors etc. within 10 km from the project site. Pravara river is flowing at a distance of 4 km (N) from the project site.

5. Total water requirement is estimated to be 482 cum/day, including fresh water requirement of 282 cum/day proposed to be met from Pravara river, which will be reduced to 240 cum/day during off season. Permission for surface water withdrawal of 0.42 MCM from Pravara river has been obtained from the State Water Resource Department, Government of Maharashtra vide letter dated 23rd August, 2018.

Spent wash will be treated through bio-methanation, multi effect evaporators (MEE) followed by bio-composting. There will be no discharge of treated/untreated waste water from the unit, and thus ensuring Zero Liquid Discharge.

Power requirement of 1.2 MW will be met from 10 TPH boiler. DG sets of 500 KVA (2 no.) will be used as standby during power failure. Stack (height 60) will be provided as per CPCB norms to the proposed DG sets. ESP with a stack of height of 60 m will be installed for controlling the particulate emissions within the statutory limit for the proposed boilers.

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CO₂ emission from process will be recovered and bottled in a 20 T capacity plant. Bagasse will be used as fuel in boiler. Press mud will be used for compositing and as soil conditioner. ETP sludge will be used for landscaping.

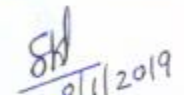
6. The project/activities are covered under category A of item 5 (g) 'Molasses based distilleries' of the Schedule to the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, and requires appraisal/approval at central level in the Ministry.

7. The terms of reference (ToR) for the project was granted on 31st May, 2017. Public hearing was conducted by the State Pollution Control Board on 8th September 2017.

8. The proposal for environmental clearance (EC) was placed before the EAC (Industry-2) in its meeting held on 29-31 October, 2018 in the Ministry. The project proponent and their consultant M/s Ultra Tech, Environment Consultancy and Laboratory presented the EIA/EMP report as per the ToR. The Committee found the EIA/EMP report satisfactory and in consonance with the ToR, and recommended the proposal for environmental clearance with certain conditions.


9. Based on the proposal submitted by the project proponent and recommendations of the EAC (Industry-2), the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords environmental clearance to the project for **Setting up Molasses based Distillery of capacity 30 KLPD by M/s Agasti Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd** at Agasti Nagar, Taluka Akole, District Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, read with subsequent amendments therein, subject to compliance of the terms and conditions as environmental safeguards, as per Annexure.

10. The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary at subsequent stages and the project proponent shall implement all the said conditions in a time bound manner. The Ministry may revoke or suspend the environmental clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not found satisfactory.


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2. The Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 32
3. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
4. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Sion Circle, Mumbai - 22
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Environmental clearance to the project for Setting up Molasses based Distillery of capacity 30 KLPD by M/s Agasti Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd at Agasti Nagar, Taluka Akole, District Ahmednagar (Maharashtra)

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Terms and Conditions

- (i) Prior approval shall be obtained from the Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) for the site and layout plan submitted to this Ministry along with the proposal for EC. In case of any change therein post PESO approval, the proposal shall require fresh appraisal by the sectoral EAC.
- (ii) Consent to Establish/Operate for the project shall be obtained from the State Pollution Control Board as required under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
- (iii) As already committed by the project proponent, Zero Liquid Discharge shall be ensured and no waste/treated water shall be discharged outside the premises.
- (iv) Necessary authorization required under the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Trans-Boundary Movement) Rules, 2016, Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 shall be obtained and the provisions contained in the Rules shall be strictly adhered to.
- (v) To control source and the fugitive emissions, suitable pollution control devices shall be installed to meet the prescribed norms and/or the NAAQS. The gaseous emissions shall be dispersed through stack of adequate height as per CPCB/SPCB guidelines.
- (vi) Total fresh water requirement shall not exceed 240 cum/day during off-season, proposed to be met from Pravara river. Prior permission shall be obtained from the concerned regulatory authority in this regard.
- (vii) The spent wash after bio-methanation shall be taken to multi effect evaporators (MEE) followed by bio-composting.
- (viii) Number of working/operating days for the distillery shall be 270 days as proposed. However, the same may be increased to 330 days/round the year subject to compliance of the Standard Operating Procedure for the bio-composting yard issued by the CPCB vide letter dated 9th August, 2018, and the same is ensured by the State Pollution Control Board while considering consent to operate.
- (ix) Hazardous chemicals shall be stored in tanks, tank farms, drums, carboys etc. Flame arresters shall be provided on tank farm and the solvent transfer through pumps.
- (x) Process organic residue and spent carbon, if any, shall be sent to cement industries. ETP sludge, process inorganic & evaporation salt shall be disposed off to the TSDF.
- (xi) The Company shall strictly comply with the rules and guidelines under Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals (MSIHC) Rules, 1989 as amended time to time. All transportation of Hazardous Chemicals shall be as per the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA), 1989.

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- (xii) The company shall undertake waste minimization measures as below:-
- (a) Metering and control of quantities of active ingredients to minimize waste.
 - (b) Reuse of by-products from the process as raw materials or as raw material substitutes in other processes.
 - (c) Use of automated filling to minimize spillage.
 - (d) Use of Close Feed system into batch reactors.
 - (e) Venting equipment through vapour recovery system.
 - (f) Use of high pressure hoses for equipment cleaning to reduce wastewater generation.
- (xiii) The green belt of 5-10 m width shall be developed in more than 33% of the total project area, mainly along the plant periphery, in downward wind direction, and along road sides etc. Selection of plant species shall be as per the CPCB guidelines in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- (xiv) All the commitments made regarding issues raised during the public hearing/consultation meeting shall be satisfactorily implemented.
- (xv) At least 2% of the total project cost shall be allocated for Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) and item-wise details along with time bound action plan shall be prepared and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office.
- (xvi) For the DG sets, emission limits and the stack height shall be in conformity with the extant regulations and the CPCB guidelines. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to DG set for controlling the noise pollution.
- (xvii) The unit shall make the arrangement for protection of possible fire hazards during manufacturing process in material handling. Fire fighting system shall be as per the norms.
- (xviii) Occupational health surveillance of the workers shall be done on a regular basis and records maintained as per the Factories Act.
- (xix) There shall be adequate space inside the plant premises earmarked for parking of vehicles for raw materials and finished products, and no parking to be allowed outside on public places.
- (xx) Storage of raw materials shall be either stored in silos or in covered areas to prevent dust pollution and other fugitive emissions.
- (xxi) Continuous online (24x7) monitoring system for stack emissions shall be installed for measurement of flue gas discharge and the pollutants concentration, and the data to be transmitted to the CPCB and SPCB server. For online continuous monitoring of effluent, the unit shall install web camera with night vision capability and flow meters in the channel/drain carrying effluent within the premises.
- (xxii) CO₂ generated from the process shall be bottled/made solid ice and sold to authorized vendors.
- (xxiii) There shall be adequate space inside the plant premises earmarked for parking of vehicles for raw materials and finished products, and no parking to be allowed outside on public places.
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General Conditions

- (i) The project authorities shall adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board, Central Pollution Control Board, State Government and any other statutory authority.
- (ii) No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. In case of deviations or alterations in the project proposal from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry to assess the adequacy of conditions imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
- (iii) The locations of ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be decided in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and it shall be ensured that at least one station each is installed in the upwind and downwind direction as well as where maximum ground level concentrations are anticipated.
- (iv) The National Ambient Air Quality Emission Standards issued by the Ministry vide G.S.R. No. 826(E) dated 16th November, 2009 shall be followed.
- (v) The overall noise levels in and around the plant area shall be kept well within the standards by providing noise control measures including acoustic hoods, silencers, enclosures etc. on all sources of noise generation. The ambient noise levels shall conform to the standards prescribed under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (day time) and 70 dBA (night time).
- (vi) The Company shall harvest rainwater from the roof tops of the buildings and storm water drains to recharge the ground water and to utilize the same for process requirements.
- (vii) Training shall be imparted to all employees on safety and health aspects of chemicals handling. Pre-employment and routine periodical medical examinations for all employees shall be undertaken on regular basis. Training to all employees on handling of chemicals shall be imparted.
- (viii) The company shall also comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the documents submitted to the Ministry. All the recommendations made in the EIA/EMP in respect of environmental management, and risk mitigation measures relating to the project shall be implemented.
- (ix) The company shall undertake all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area. CER activities shall be undertaken by involving local villages and administration.
- (x) The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.
- (xi) A separate Environmental Management Cell equipped with full fledged laboratory facilities shall be set up to carry out the Environmental Management and Monitoring functions.

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- (xii) The company shall earmark sufficient funds towards capital cost and recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as well as the State Government along with the implementation schedule for all the conditions stipulated herein. The funds so earmarked for environment management/ pollution control measures shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
- (xiii) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local Body and the local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.
- (xiv) The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated Environmental Clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the respective Regional Office of MoEF&CC, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and SPCB. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.
- (xv) The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated shall be submitted to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of MoEF&CC by e-mail.
- (xvi) The project proponent shall inform the public that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry and copies of the clearance letter are available with the SPCB/Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry at <http://moef.nic.in>. This shall be advertised within seven days from the date of issue of the clearance letter, at least in two local newspapers that are widely circulated in the region of which one shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.
- (xvii) The project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of the project.

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