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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED FOR M/S SRI ANDAL PAPER MILLS PRIVATE LIMITED – 14.50 MW COAL BASED CAPTIVE POWER PLANT AT S.F. NO. 533/1, 534/4, 540/8 & 541/1, PUTHUPEERKADAVU VILLAGE, SATHYAMANGALAM TALUK & ERODE DISTRICT ON 15.12.2020 at 10.30 AM at SRI BANNARAIAMMAN THIRUMANAMANDAPAM, THOTTAMPALAYAM, SATHYAMANGALAM TALUK, ERODE DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

As per the Amendment in the EIA Notification, 2006 vide S.O No. 1599(E) dated: 25.06.2014, the proposed unit of M/s Sri Andal paper Mills Private Ltd., - 14.5 MW coal based captive power plant, S.F No. 533/1,534/4,540/8 &541/1, Puthupeerkadavu Village, Sathymangalam Taluk, Erode District comes under Category "A" as the proposed unit's site is located within 5 km from Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Erode District, Tamil Nadu and requires public hearing. Hence the public hearing was conducted on 15.12.2020 for this proposed unit following the mandatory procedures.

Present:

1.	Mr.C. Kathiravan, IAS	:	District Magistrate/ District Collector, Erode, Erode District, Tamil Nadu
2.	Mr.G. Udhayakumar	:	District Environmental Engineer (DEE), Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), Perundurai, Erode District.
3.	Dr. N. Rajkumar	:	Assistant Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Perundurai, Erode District.
4.	Mr.C. Muthuraj	:	Assistant Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Perundurai, Erode District.
5.	Mr.G.Chellamuthu	:	The General Manager M/s. Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Limited, Sathymangalam
6.	Mr. A.R. Thyagarajan	:	Power Plant Consultant, M/s. Mech Tech, Chennai.
7.	Mr. R. Vino	:	Administrative Manager, M/s Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Limited, Sathymangalam.
8.	Mr.C.S.Karthick, Manager	:	EIA Consultant, M/s. Cholamandalam MS Risk Services Limited, Chennai
9.	Mr.T.Balakrishnan, Manager	:	EIA Consultant, M/s. Cholamandalam MS Risk Services Limited, Chennai.
10.	Ms.Megha MerinJoy, Deputy Manager	:	EIA Consultant, M/s. Cholamandalam MS Risk Services Limited, Chennai.

Besides, the public hearing was attended by 111 persons (Copy of Attendance is enclosed).

- 1 The District Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Perundurai, Erode District welcomed the gathering. In his welcome address, the DEE, TNPCB, Perundurai has requested the public present to air their views regarding the environmental impact of the

proposed coal based 14.50 MW power plant. He has also informed the public that their views can also be furnished in written form in the meeting.

2. The District Magistrate/ District Collector, Erode District has explained the need for conducting the public hearing. He has also informed the public to speak about the expected environmental impact of the proposed project. He has informed that the Proceeding of the meeting and the views of the public will be recorded in the form of minutes and will be submitted to the Government.
3. The DEE, TNPCB, Perundurai has requested the M/s Cholamandalam MS Risk Services Ltd., the project consultant to make a detailed technical presentation on the proposed 14.5 MW power plant incorporating all the mandatory requirements.

Subsequently, the project consultant has given a detailed power point presentation in Tamil language.

4. At the end of the power point presentation, the DEE, TNPCB, Perundurai has requested the willing public to speak one by one.
5. Mr.N.Duraisamy, Retired Professor, Thottampalayam Village, residing in the close vicinity of the industry has expressed his happiness regarding the proposal of 14.5 MW coal based power plant by M/s Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Limited at Puthupeerkadavu Village, Sathyamangalam Taluk as the power requirement of the paper mills owned by M/s Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Ltd., will be met by the proposed captive power plant. Hence the proponent's units will not depend on the power supplied by the Government agencies such as TANGEDCO, so the requirement of power supply for domestic, irrigation and other industrial activities in that area will not be affected.
6. Mr.Rajendran, President, Pungar Village Panchayat, Sathyamangalam Taluk welcomed the District Collector, Erode, officials of TNPCB and other public. He has appreciated the management of M/s Andal Paper Mills Private Ltd., for completing the construction of a Government school building in Pungar Village during 2012. He has requested the project proponents and the District Collector, Erode to supply the excess electricity produced by the captive power plant at a subsidised price to the public of nearby village Panchayats (Pungar Panchayat, Kothamangalam Panchayat and Puthupeerkadavu Panchayat).

The District Collector, Erode has informed that he will discuss with the project proponents and TANGEDCO on the request of the Panchayat President. The General Manager, M/s Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Ltd., has informed that a suitable decision will be taken on the request of the Panchayat President in consultation with the top management of the unit.

7. Mr.Ravichandran, Kokkarakundi Village said that more than 10 paper industries are located in Sathyamangalam Taluk. He has informed that though all these industries have effluent treatment plants (ETP), some of the industries have not operated the ETP effectively until 2018. Subsequently, based on the public protest, complaints lodged with the District Administration, TNPCB, the industries have invested huge sum of money and rectified the defects in the ETP and are operating the same. He said that he is not against the industrial growth however emphasized the need to protect agriculture.
8. Mr.Murugan, President, Puhtupeerkadavu Village Panchayat, Sathyamangalam Taluk has requested the industry to give priority in employment for the qualified persons residing in the nearby villages.

9. Mr.Jesuraj, Member, Kothamangalam Village Panchayat has stated that the industries are giving employment opportunities for other state people rather than the local. He requested the industry management and District Collector, Erode to employ qualified people from nearby villages.
10. In consultation with the District Collector, the DEE, TNPCB, Perundurai has requested the unit authorities to reply to the demands of the public present in the public hearing.
11. Mr.Sellamuthu, General Manager, M/s Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Ltd., has informed top priority will be given for the local public in the recruitment. He has also informed that the 90% of the employment opportunities will be given to the local eligible public.
12. The District Collector, Erode has requested the General Manager, M/s Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Ltd., to enhance the fund utilised for the infrastructure development of the nearby areas under Corporate Social Responsibility activities as per norms.

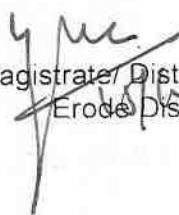
The Public hearing went off smoothly and came to an end with the vote of thanks of the
General Manager, M/s Sri Andal Paper Mills Private Ltd.,

Enclosures:

1. Copy of press release (Public Notice published in the daily News paper Tamil & English dated 03.11.2020) for notifying the public hearing meeting.
2. Copy of attendance sheet at the public hearing (Total 16 pages)
3. Copy of Audio & Video (DVD – Disc 1) of the public hearing proceedings.
4. Copy of photographs of the public hearing proceedings.
5. Soft and Hard copies of EIA Report, Executive Summary in English & Tamil, Project Report submitted by the Project Proponent.
6. 1 petition received through email on 15.12.2020.

 15/12/2020

District Environmental Engineer,
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board,
Perundurai, Erode District


District Magistrate/ District Collector,
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