

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE UNION TERRITORY ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESMENT AUTHORITY (UTEIAA) HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. M. R. G. REDDY, IFS, RETD. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ON 09/07/2021 AT 1600 HRS.

The following were present in the meeting

1. Dr. M. R. G. Reddy, IFS, Retd., - in Chair
2. Prof. Udaya Bhaskar Reddy, Professor, Andhra University - Member
3. Shri Prashant Rajagopal, IFS, CE, DNH & DD - Member Secretary

At the outset, the Member Secretary, UTEIAA welcomed the Chairman, Member and representatives of the project proponents to the meeting.

The following proposals were discussed in the meeting:

1. Proposed Capacity Expansion project for manufacturing of Manmade Fibre by M/s Bhilosa Industries Pvt Ltd.
2. Request for transfer of earlier granted EC in name of M/s. Polygel Industries Pvt. Ltd., in the name of M/s, Nerofix Private Limited.
3. Proposed construction project 'SWAGAT' by M/s. Silvassa Reality.

Sr. No.	File Number	Project Proponent	Name of the Project	Sector	Status
1.	SIA/DN/IND 2/35307/2010	M/s. Bhilosa Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Proposed Capacity Expansion project for manufacturing of Manmade Fibre.		Decision of issuance of EC.

1. The UTEAC (Union Territory Expert Appraisal Committee), DNH& DD, during the meeting held on 30th April, 2021, has recommended the proposal to UTEIAA.

2. The Project Proponents have applied with UTEIAA stating that the project falls under the 5(d) Category 'B' as per the EIA Notification, 2006 and the same was accepted and ToRs were issued on 20th December, 2019. The ToRs also mentioned the conditions under section 5(f) of the notification (i.e applicable to Synthetic organic chemicals industry) shall also be considered for preparation of EIA report.

After detailed discussion on the project proposal the following observations/directions were made by UTEAC:

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- i. Environmental clearance is subject to submission of green belt plan within three months with Year-wise plantation details, areas to be planted, name of species and expenditure involved. Only native and local species of plants should be planted by examining: the areas, existing industrial structures, and soil quality. Available Open area of 227455 m² inside the project may be converted to a "native forest sacred grove" as proposed for long term ecological benefit to ecosystem and area. More than 30% of total area must be under green belt/plantation.
- ii. The Project Proponent must meet thennual average standard of ambient air Quality and have its own ambient air quality monitoring team and setup. The predicted PM₁₀ concentration in ambient air as reported ranges from 67-91 ug/m³ which is much higher than annual average prescribed standard. Particle size analysis and source apportionment of particulate matters should be done in order to ascertain actual sources of the air pollution caused in the ambient air. The Pollution Control Committee, DD & DNH may carry out study on Source apportionment of particulate matter in the ambient air for one year funded by BIPL.
- iii. At present 67824 m³ roof rain water is being collected and further 44544 m³ will be collected after expansion is done. Therefore, BIPL is to utilize Harvested Roof-Rainwater and reducing dependency on ground water sources as also recommended by public hearing panel. No ground water will be used from June to September months for industrial purpose.
- iv. The Project Proponent must submit Water Balance Diagram showing the roof rainwater use and recycling to the SEIAA within one month of issue of EC. Zero discharge of industrial effluent be shown in the scheme and adopted as also recommended by public hearing panel.
- v. The Project Proponent should submit a copy of Public Liability Insurance Policy of existing unit and also for expansion as per the threshold storage criteria of some chemicals being stored and used in the plant.
- vi. The Project Proponent should submit details regarding management of various hazardous / non-hazardous wastes arising as part of the production process, authorized vendors engaged in disposal of certain types of hazardous wastes, packaging wastes, etc. BIPL to take initiatives to explore use of these materials as Alternative Fuel & Raw-material (AFR) and also ETP Sludge and other wastes of low-calorific value by cement plants.
- vii. Surface water bodies in study area have high BOD and Total Coliform and need conventional treatment with disinfection. Similarly TDS, total hardness and total alkalinity in ground water also crossed the desired limit. CSR schemes may be made to provide safe drinking water to villages. Help from specialized institutions like

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- CSIR etc. to train the village self-help groups to manufacture terracotta Filters may be taken to deal with deal with drinking water issues in the area.
- viii. EIA report indicated that one third of the population in study villages are illiterate and more that 85% people are below graduate, and < 7% are graduate. M/s BIPL should get associated with district authorities with CSR scheme to increase the level of education in these villages with specific villages wise annual plan implementation. Employability of the people be ensured to give them employment as recommended in Public hearing.
- ix. The WL conservation plan of EIA report is like a model plan which will not give the desired result. A Site specific Wildlife Conservation Plan for three sensitive faunal species as reported in EIA should be made with components of habitat improvement, increasing food and feed quality and protection measures. The fund may be provided to Wildlife department by BIPL and plan should be submitted to SEIAA within three months of issue of EC and implemented in one year.
- x. During discussion on the project the project proponent submitted that as per condition imposed by EAC Environmental clearance is subject to submission of green belt plan within three months with Year-wise plantation details, areas to be planted, name of species and expenditure involved. Only native and local species of plants should be planted by examining; the areas, existing industrial structures, and soil quality. Available Open area of 227455 m² inside the project may be converted to a "native forest sacred grove" as proposed for long term ecological benefit to ecosystem and area. More than 30% of total area must be under green belt/ plantation. However the project proponent stated that the area available for green belt was in fact 176049 sq m as against the 227455 m² mentioned in the UTEAC report. The further submitted that this constitutes more than 30% of the total area i.e 533424 m².

Decision:

The Chairman and the Members directed the project proponent to provide details of the green belt being maintained and also to plant native fruit bearing species, in addition to other plants/trees being taken up in the creation of the "native forest sacred grove". The Authority further examined the recommendations of UTEAC in detail and accepted the proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance with the conditions as recommended by UTEAC save for the extent of the 'native forest sacred grove' area, alongwith the general and specific conditions as stipulated for projects of this nature to be mandatorily complied with.

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Sr. No.	File Number	Project Proponent	Name of the Project Sector	Status
2.	SIA/DN/IND2 /171323/2020	M/s. Nerofix Private Limited.	Request for transfer of earlier granted EC in name of M/s. Polygel Industries Pvt. Ltd., in the name of M/s. Nerofix Private Limited.	Submission for Transfer of earlier granted EC.

1. The project proponent had submitted the proposal through online. After scrutiny; the proposal was forwarded to Chairman of UTEIAA for appraisal.

2. It is observed that the EC was granted earlier vide letter No. J-11011/294/2011-IA-II (1) dated: 27/05/2013. The proposal before the Authority (UTEIAA) was to decide transfer of EC granted earlier in name of M/s. Polygel Industries Pvt. Ltd., to the name of M/s. Nerofix Private Limited.

3. Vide notification F.No J-11013/12/2013-IA-II (I)(part) dated 29/04/2015 para ii (a) the words "five years in case of all other projects and activities" the words " and seven years in the case of all other projects and activities" were substituted. Thus the EC granted was valid upto 26/05/2020. Further the consent to renewal to the original Firm M/s Polygel issued on 08/08/2019 by Pollution Control Committee, DD&DNH provided for period upto 31/05/2021.

4. The project proponent had applied online for transfer of EC on 04/09/2020. The representative of the project proponent stated that application was filed in April, 2020 for transfer of EC i.e within the validity period of EC. However as per the *parivesh* portal the application was filed on 4th September, 2020. The records were rechecked and it is found that application was indeed made on 4th September, 2020. The Authority also sought clarification on the operations being carried out and it was informed that non EC operations only are being carried out.

5. The Authority observed that M/o EF&CC vide notification ^{S.O. 4254(E)} dated 27th November, 2020 considering the Covid -19 outbreak had, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government, after having dispensed with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the said rules in public interest, made the following further amendments in the notification of Government of India, in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests, vide

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number S.O. 1533 (E), dated the 14th September, 2006, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (II), i.e - In the said notification, after paragraph 9 and before paragraph 10, the following was inserted, namely:- "9A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this notification, the validity of prior environmental clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in respect of the projects or activities whose validity is expiring in the Financial Year 2020-2021 shall deemed to be extended till the 31st March, 2021 or six months from the date of expiry of validity, whichever is later. Such extension is subject to same terms and conditions of the prior environmental clearance in the respective clearance letters, to ensure uninterrupted operations of such projects or activities which have been stalled due to the outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control".

Decision:

As per the above notification the EC issued to M/s Polygel Industries Pvt Ltd continued to be valid upto 31st March, 2021. The Authority deemed that application was made within stipulated time and approved the proposal for transfer of Environmental Clearance (Letter No. J-11011/294/2011-IA-II (1) on dated: 27/05/2013) in name of M/s. Polygel Industries Pvt. Ltd., in the name of M/s Nerofix Private Limited on the same terms and conditions under which prior environmental clearance was initially granted.

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3.	SIA/DN/MIS /208031/2021	M/s. Silvassa reality.	Proposed construction project 'SWAGAT' by M/s. Silvassa Reality at Sur. No. 859/1, Silvassa, D&NH - 396230	Decision of issuance of EC.

1. The UTEAC (Union Territory Expert Appraisal Committee), DNH& DD, during the meeting held on 30th April, 2021, considered the "Proposed construction project 'SWAGAT' by M/s. Silvassa Reality". The committee (UTEAC) raised several other queries in relation to the construction project.

2. The, UTEAC had advised the project proponent to give all necessary clarifications in writing on for further deliberation and the project proponent was directed to provide the information early for further discussion and deliberation by UTEAC members and disposal of the matter. (Refer minutes of UTEAC meeting held on 30th April, 2021)

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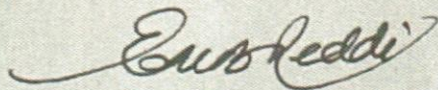
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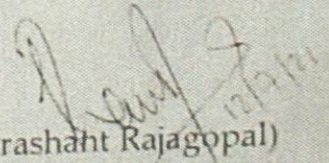
The Authority observed that the project proponent has prepared response and addressed it to the UTEIAA. Therefore the authority deems it appropriate that matter be referred to UTEAC for their consideration as project has not been cleared by UTEAC yet.

Other issues

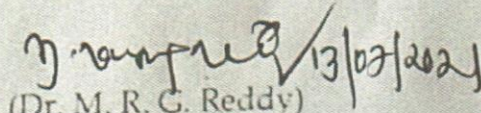
The Chairman and Members agreed to hold the meeting of the UTEIAA on 2nd Friday of every month normally and in case of it being a holiday, on the next working day. However in case exigencies demanded meeting may be held fortnightly or as and when required subject to availability of all Members. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



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