

Terms of Reference

Aarav Fragrances & Flavors Pvt. Ltd. is proposing to establish synthetic organic chemicals manufacturing facility at Village: Jamghar- Lakhmapur, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra.

The proposed activity falls under Schedule 5(f) category (A) as per EIA notification of September 2006 and will require prior Environment clearance.

TOR for the proposal has been granted vide letter no. **J-11011/68/2015-IA II I) dated 22nd June 2015.**

The TOR letter, directed PP to obtain Clearance from National Board for Wildlife (NBWL), since the project is located within 10 km boundary of Tansa Wild life Sanctuary.

Application for grant of NBWL clearance was submitted to Wildlife Department, Thane on 17th Dec 2015. This application was processed through Thane office followed by scrutiny from Borivali Forest Office and later through PCCF (Wild life), Nagpur. In the meanwhile, Draft ESZ for Tansa Wildlife sanctuary was notified vide SO 2566 (E) on 10th August 2017 on MoEF & CC portal. This listed village Lakhmapur (where part of our site is located) in the 'List of Revenue Village falling within Eco Sensitive Zone of Tansa WLS'. Since our village was listed in the draft notification, we put our project on hold.

However, we have obtained map from Thane DCF which indicates that our project is located 5.8 km from Protected area boundary (that is from the boundary of Tansa WLS) & 1.46 km from proposed Eco sensitive zone boundary.

Since, our project is outside the proposed Eco sensitive Zone, we now propose to take up the project in earnest.

We are also pleased to inform you that our proposal was considered by 14th State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) committee on 5th December 2018, wherein the Board has positively considered our proposal.

In the above process, TOR granted for the project has lapsed. We are now planning to proceed ahead with our Environment Clearance process.

Based on proposed TOR, we have carried out Baseline monitoring on Winter 2015-16 (Dec-15, Jan & Feb- 16). Also, we have successfully conducted Public hearing on 26th July 2017 & our Final EIA is completely ready for submission.

In view of above, we request EAC committee to consider our baseline monitoring season of 2015-16.