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To,

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Subject: Expansion of Sugar Unit (from 3500 TCD to 5500 TCD) Molasses based Distillery (30 KLPD to 45 KLPD) and Cogeneration Power Plant (from 14 MW to 30 MW) at Post Sonai, Taluka Newasa, District Ahmednagar, Maharashtra by M/s Mula SSK Ltd.- Environmental Clearance reg.

Ref.: Your online proposal no. IA/MH/IND2/28959/2014 dated 3rd July, 2015.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal no IA/MH/IND2/28959/2014 dated 3rd July, 2015 alongwith project documents including Form I, Terms of References, Pre-feasibility Report, EIA/EMP Report alongwith Public Hearing Report regarding above mentioned project.

2.0 The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has examined the application. It is noted that proposal is for expansion of Sugar Unit (from 3500 TCD to 5500 TCD) Molasses based Distillery (30 KLPD to 45 KLPD) and Cogeneration Power Plant (from 14 MW to 30 MW) at Post Sonai, Taluka Newasa, District Ahmednagar, Maharashtra by M/s Mula SSK Ltd. Plot area is 280.14 acres of which area earmarked for greenbelt is 110 acres. It is reported that no national park/ wildlife sanctuary/ coral formation reserve is located within 10 km distance. River Mula is flowing at a distance of 17 Km. Cost of project is Rs. 283.57 Crore. Out of which, Rs. 22 Crore and Rs. 7.9 Crore per annum are earmarked towards capital cost and recurring cost per annum for implementation of EMP. Following is the configuration of the unit:

S.N.	Unit	Existing	Additional	Total after Expansion
1	Distillery	30 KLD	15 KLD	45 KLD
2	Sugar	3500 TCD	2000 TCD	5500 TCD
3	Co-generation Power Plant	14	14	30 MW

Distillery, Co-generation power plant and sugar unit will be operated for 270 days, 210 days and 180 days in a year respectively.

3.0 Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) alongwith adequate stack height will be provided to additional bagasse fired boiler (85 TPH) to control particulate emissions. Total fresh water requirement from irrigation Department, Govt. of Maharashtra in the distillery, sugar unit and co-generation plant will be 309 m³/day.

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555 m³/day and 308 m³/day respectively after expansion. Spent wash generation will be 360 m³/day. Spent wash will be treated in bio-digester followed by MEE. Concentrated treated spentwash will be bio-composted with press mud. Effluent from sugar unit, Co-generation and condensate will be treated in the effluent treatment plant (ETP) comprising biological treatment followed by tertiary treatment viz. reverse osmosis (RO). Treated effluent will be recycled/reused for cooling tower make up, boiler feed water, process water etc. Sewage will be treated in the sewage treatment plant (STP). No effluent will be discharged outside the plant premises and 'Zero effluent discharge concept will be followed. Spent wash holding tank capacity will be for 30 days. Tank shall be made with RCC. Ash from bagasse will be used for composting making.

4.0 Public Hearing / Public Consultation meeting was conducted on 10th March, 2015.

5.0 All molasses based distilleries are listed at S.N. 5(g) (i) under category 'A' and appraised at Central level.

6.0 The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) in its meetings held during 30th July, 2015-1st August, 2014 and 30th November, 2015-1st December, 2015 respectively. Project Proponent and the EIA Consultant namely M/s Ultra Tech., have presented EIA / EMP report as per the TOR. EAC has found the EIA / EMP Report and additional information to be satisfactory and in full consonance with the presented TORs. The Committee recommended the proposal for environmental clearance.

7.0 Based on the information submitted by the project proponent, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to above project under the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14th September 2006, subject to the compliance of the following Specific and General Conditions:

A. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- i) Environment clearance accorded is for molasses based distillery unit (45 KLPD) only and no grain based distillery unit shall be operated without prior permission from the Ministry.
- ii) As proposed, Electrostatic precipitator (ESP) alongwith stack of adequate height should be provided to bagasse/biogas fired boiler to control particulate emissions within 50 mg/Nm³. At no time, the emission levels shall go beyond the prescribed standards. In the event of failure of any pollution control system adopted by the unit, the respective unit shall not be restarted until the control measures are rectified to achieve the desired efficiency.
- iii) In plant, control measures for checking fugitive emissions from all the vulnerable sources shall be provided. Fugitive emissions shall be controlled by providing closed storage, closed handling & conveyance of chemicals/materials, multi cyclone separator and water sprinkling system. Dust suppression system including water sprinkling system shall be provided at loading and unloading areas to control dust emissions. Fugitive emissions in the work zone environment, product, raw materials storage area etc. shall be regularly monitored and records shall be maintained. The emissions shall conform to the limits prescribed by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB).
- iv) The gaseous emissions from DG set shall be dispersed through adequate stack height as per CPCB guidelines. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to the DG sets to mitigate the noise pollution.
- v) The company shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on its website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional office of MOEF, the respective Zonal office of CPCB and the MPCB. The levels of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, NO_x, CO and HC (Methane) in ambient air shall be

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monitored and displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company and at important public places.

- vi) Pucca approach road to project site shall be constructed prior to commencing construction activity of the main distillery to avoid fugitive emissions.
- vii) Total fresh water requirement from irrigation Department, Govt. of Maharashtra shall not exceed 309 m³/day for distillery (Molasses), 308 m³/day for sugar unit and 555 m³/day for cogeneration unit after expansion. No ground water shall be used without permission. Effort shall be made to use recycled water from sugar and condensate of MEE for the co-generation power unit.
- viii) Spent wash generation from molasses based distillery shall not exceed 8 KI/KI of alcohol. The spent wash from molasses based distillery shall be treated in bio-methanation reactor. Treated spent wash will be evaporated in MEE and concentrated spent wash will be bio-composted by mixing with press mud generated from sugar unit to achieve 'Zero' discharge. Effluent from sugar, spentlees, utilities effluent and evaporator Condensate shall be treated in effluent treatment plant and recycled/reused in process. No effluent shall be discharged outside the premises and 'Zero' discharge shall be maintained.
- ix) Wastewater generation from the sugar unit shall not exceed 100 litres per tonne of cane crushed. Effluent from sugar unit shall be treated in the effluent treatment plant.
- x) Spent wash shall be stored in impervious pucca lagoons (RCC) with proper lining with HDPE and shall be kept in proper condition to prevent ground water pollution. The storage of spent wash shall not exceed 30 days capacity.
- xi) Adequate numbers of ground water quality monitoring stations by providing piezometers around the project area shall be set up. Sampling and trend analysis monitoring must be made on monthly a basis and report submitted to SPCB and this Ministry. The ground water quality monitoring for pH, BOD, COD, Chloride, Sulphate and total dissolved solids shall be monitored. Sampling and trend analysis monitoring must be made on monthly basis and report submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhopal and MPCB.
- xii) Process effluent/any wastewater shall not be allowed to mix with storm water. Storm water drain shall be passed through guard pond.
- xiii) Company shall ensure the quality and marketability of bio-compost produced by distilleries by standard labelling such as 'AGMARK'.
- xiv) As proposed, no effluent from distillery and co-generation power plant shall be discharged outside the plant premises and Zero discharge shall be adopted.
- xv) Continuous online (24 x7) monitoring to be installed for flow measurement and measurement of pollutants within the treatment unit. Data to be uploaded on company's website and provided to the respective RO of MEF&CC and SPCB.
- xvi) Boiler ash shall be stored separately as per CPCB guidelines so that it shall not adversely affect the air quality, becoming air borne by wind or water regime during rainy season by flowing alongwith the storm water. Direct exposure of workers to fly ash & dust shall be avoided. Bagasse ash and coal ash shall be stored separately.

- xvii) Bagasse/rice husk storage should be done in such a way that it does not get air borne or fly around due to wind.
- xviii) Fire fighting system shall be as per the norms and cover all areas where alcohol is produced, handled and stored. Provision of foam system for fire fighting shall be made to control fire from the alcohol storage tank.
- xix) Risk Assessment should be carried to assess the fire and explosion risk due to storage of alcohol and report submitted to the Ministry and its Regional Office at Bhopal within six months.
- xx) Occupational health surveillance programme should be undertaken as regular exercise for all the employees. The first aid facilities in the occupational health centre should be strengthened and the regular medical test records of each employee should be maintained separately.
- xxi) Dedicated parking facility for loading and unloading of material shall be provided in the factory premises. Unit shall develop and implement good traffic management system for their incoming and outgoing vehicles to avoid congestion on the public road.
- xxii) All the issues raised during the public hearing/consultation meeting held on 10th March, 2015 should be satisfactorily implemented.
- xxiii) As proposed, green belt over 110 acres of land shall be developed within plant premises with at least 10 meter wide green belt on all sides along the periphery of the project area, in downward direction, and along road sides etc. Selection of plant species shall be as per the CPCB guidelines in consultation with the DFO.
- xxiv) At least 5 % of the total cost of the project should be earmarked towards the Enterprise Social Commitment (ESC) based on local needs and action plan with financial and physical breakup/details should be prepared and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office at Bhopal. Implementation of such program should be ensured accordingly in a time bound manner.
- xxv) Provision shall be made for the housing for the construction labour within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile sewage treatment plant, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structure to be removed after the completion of the project. All the construction wastes shall be managed so that there is no impact on the surrounding environment.

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- i. The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), 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 and Forests. 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 MPCB and it shall be ensured that at least one station is installed in the upwind and downwind direction as well as where maximum ground level concentrations are anticipated.

- iv. 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).
- v. The Company shall harvest rainwater from the roof-tops of the buildings and storm water drains to recharge the ground water and use the same water for the process activities of the project to conserve fresh water.
- vi. During transfer of materials, spillages shall be avoided and garland drains be constructed to avoid mixing of accidental spillages with domestic wastewater and storm water drains.
- vii. Usage of Personnel Protection Equipments by all employees/ workers shall be ensured.
- viii. 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.
- ix. The company shall also comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the project report submitted to the Ministry. All the recommendations made in the EIA/EMP in respect of environmental management, risk mitigation measures and public hearing relating to the project shall be implemented.
- x. The company shall undertake CSR activities and all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area.
- xi. The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.
- xii. A separate Environmental Management Cell equipped with full fledged laboratory facilities shall be set up to carry out the Environmental Management and Monitoring functions.
- xiii. The company shall earmark sufficient funds for recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests 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.
- xiv. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, ZilaParisad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local Body and the local NGO, if any, from who suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.
- xv. 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, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.
- xvi. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated shall be submitted to the UP Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment

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(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 Bhopal Regional Offices of MoEF by e-mail.

xvii. 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://envfor.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.

xviii. 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.

8.0 The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.

9.0 The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary. The company in a time bound manner will implement these conditions.

10.0 The above conditions will be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Water Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules.


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2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan, Link Road No.3, Bhopal-462016.
3. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi - 110 032.
4. The Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Sion Circle, Mumbai-400 022.
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