



Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing held on 21/11/2025 at 11.00 am onwards
at M/s. Centreal Biofuels Limited Factory complex next to M/s. Mohit Ispat Engineering
Private Ltd., Navelim Industrial Area, Bicholim Taluka, North Goa District, Goa.

In respect of:

“Greenfield Project-2 x 300 KLPD Grain based Ethanol/ ENA Plant, 2 x 7.0 MW Co-generation Power plant to be implemented in two phases & Bottling plant of 870 Bottles/ Minute in Phase-1 [Phase -1:1 x 300 KLPD Ethanol/ENA & 1 x 7.0 MW Co-generation Power Plant, Phase-2:1 x 300 KLPD Ethanol/ENA & 1 x 7.0 MW Co-generation Power Plant] located at Navelim Industrial Area, Survey Nos.120 (P), 121 (P) and 177 (P), Navelim village, Bicholim Taluka, North Goa District Goa of M/s. Centreal Biofuels Limited.”

This Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) is conducted as per the revised EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006 (as amended) issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Shri.Gurudas S. T. Desai, , Add. Collector I, North Goa and Dr. Mohan R.Girap, Scientist 'C' of the Goa State Pollution Control Board presided over the hearing.

The hearing commenced at 11.00.A.M.

At the outset, Dr. Mohan R.Girap, Scientist 'C' of the Goa State Pollution Control Board, welcomed the public present for the Public Hearing and explained the procedure to be followed during the Environmental Public Hearing.

The public present was requested to express their views/objections/suggestions, if any, after the Project Proponent gave its presentation on the proposed project.

It was informed that the views/objections/suggestions made by the public during the hearing would be recorded and forwarded to the Concerned Authority for processing and requisite action on application regarding Environmental Clearance (EC) for the proposed project.

With regard to the Publicity of the Environmental Public Hearing, the Presiding Officer informed that the GSPCB has issued public notices in the newspapers namely; Herald (English), Lokmat(Marathi), BhangarBhuim (Konkani), The Hindu, Mumbai (English) informing the general public regarding the date, time, venue, submissions of objections, suggestions, views, placement of EIA reports for reference, etc. The GSPCB has also issued advertisements on local Television/radio channels continuously for 3 days informing general public of about the Public Hearing. The local Authorities such as Village Panchayats and Municipalities were requested to give wide publicity of the Public Hearing within their Jurisdictions. Poster/banners were pasted at prominent places and Public were informed through public address system. Thus, enough publicity was given.

The Representatives of the Project Proponent have thereafter made a Power Point presentation concerning the project by explaining the contents thereof in Konkani.

Thereafter, public present was requested to come forward and submit their views on the project.

Accordingly, the following individuals have presented their views/ objections/ suggestions, which are mentioned as under.

1.	<p>SHRI. PRATAP P. GAUNS, EX-MLA, NAVELIM</p> <p>He welcomed the officials on the Dais and all the other officials present for the hearing. He stated that notice was published on the newspaper , however there was no awareness about the said hearing in the villages. He stated that before this company, two other companies were operating in this area and are closed now. And there were 121 local workers employed by these companies. He stated that till date there is no settlement done of these employees by these two companies. He stated that the Project Proponent should either settle these employees or grant an assurance that they will be employed by them. He stated that there are three schools and one higher secondary in the vicinity however, there is no mention in the EIA report. There are 5 temples in Maina. There is no mention of the same in the EIA report as well. He stated that not even hundred villagers are present for today's hearing and hence there is no use of such a hearing where public is not involved. He stated that the Project Proponent should swear in an Affidavit stating that 80 % of employment will be granted to the local villagers. He stated that no non- Goans should be employed. He stated that the wages / salaries should be fair enough. He sought to know the source of water supply and also the disposal method of the water waste generated. He stated that there is no mention of springs present in the vicinity and he requested that the survey should be done to acknowledge the same. He stated that there will be use of agricultural products made by the Project Proponent. He sought to know the source of these raw material and disposal method of waste generated. He stated that the Project Proponent should comply with the pollution control measures. He stated that the safety and health of the workers and villagers should be given preference. He stated that the project proponent should grant skilled jobs for the villagers.</p>
2.	<p>SHRI. DIGAMBAR A. NAIK, MAINA-NAVELIM</p> <p>He states that he is an ex Dy Sarpanch and a resident of Maina. He states that the EIA report is total bogus. There is an archacological site nearby, there are lakes, temples, school around 300 mtrs away from the Project site which are not recorded in the EIA Report. There is a high-tension line totally opposite the Proposed Project. The earlier unit, employed other migrants and outsiders, hence we had to object to the same. However the said company shut down their unit. Thereafter one more unit had started but the employee's problems were not solved and settlement was not done and they closed down suddenly leaving all the</p>

	<p>villagers who were employed unemployed. He States that there were cashew nut plantations, and water bodies which were affected by the operations of the previous units in the area. He states that he is not objecting to the Project, however, they should provide employment to the local youth and villagers. He requests the Project Proponent to conduct CSR activities for the benefits of the locals and near by villagers.</p>
3.	<p>SHRI. PRADEEP NAIK, MAINA-NAVELIM</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of the Maina Navelim.</p> <p>He stated that for the public hearing no awareness was done , not even 100 people are there and he stated that public hearing should be reschedule.</p>
4.	<p>SHRI. SHIVAJI NAIK, MAINA</p> <p>He stated that he is the ex-Sarpanch of Mayem village. He stated that he is happy to know that the villagers will get employment through this company. He submitted that the hearing is wrongly done as there is no mention of the schools and other historical sites/water bodies, nallahs, springs present in the vicinity in the EIA report. He stated that after the mining stopped there was only one industry that is Mohit Ispat present in the area. However, now there are 7 plants present which have caused a vast destruction in the villages. He sought to know road to be used for transportation by the Project Proponent. He stated that there are a lot of non-Goans presently employed by the said companies. He raised a concern about the safety of the villagers due to this.</p>
5.	<p>SHRI. NILKHANT GAWAS, NAVELIM</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Maina Navelim</p> <p>He questioned as to how this Public hearing taken? There is no awareness to this public hearing ? Only government servants and employees of company villagers are present. Further he asked who will get benefit through this? Why was not awareness created of this public hearing.</p> <p>He stated that on these plot area , 3 units had operated earlier i.e.Kalyani Tech and MN Tech both got shut down and still, no compensation is given to employees. Whether the company M/s.Centreal Bio fuels will be doing the same?</p> <p>He stated that he is in favour of project</p> <p>He questioned as to the purpose of this public hearing since no people have come for the Public Hearing only few people present.</p> <p>He questioned as to how the project proponent /authorities will control the coal Pollution? which is going to be transported to this plant.</p> <p>He stated that the road from Sanquelim to Kotambi has no proper transport infrastructure how it will take heavy vehicles.</p> <p>He stated that EIA states the employment of 500 will be generated ?to whom who will it be provided? whether people of Navelim or outsiders ? 80% people of Navelim should get the job.</p>



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	He inquired as to how it will control pollution? The village people is already facing lot of health problem and pollution issues.
6.	SHRI. VIKAS KAMAT, SANQUELIM ABSENT
7.	<p>SHRI. RAJESH SAWAL, VIRDI SANKHALI</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Virdi</p> <p>He stated that the Ex Chairman Sanquelim Council and Government is taking initiative for new projects.</p> <p>Government has totally failed to control employment in private company.</p> <p>the company should give proper picture about the employment to be generated and who will be employed</p> <p>He stated that the Vedanta company last year advertised regarding recruitment in the Goa newspaper but held interview at Bagalkot.</p> <p>The Vedanta company was given comunidade land for meagre amount of 25 paisa by government. But no benefit is given to local people. He stated that many people are educated these people should be given jobs.</p> <p>He stated that transportation route is not clearly mentioned – 2 access usgao from Mumbai & Sanquelim cannot be used as transportation road by the company.</p> <p>He stated that the Dattawadi bridge 1962 Portuguese blast the bridge and reconstructed by government.</p> <p>He stated that the By pass road sanction Karapur to Sanquelim but till date not constructed. The Usgao road is used by ten wheeler heavy vehicles which is causing danger of accidents to 2 wheeler and 4 wheeler.</p> <p>He stated that there is no infrastructure development and transport is totally failure.</p> <p>He stated that the CSR percentages amount sanctioned is not used for village development. The funds should be for public benefit for making footpath / etc.</p> <p>He stated that not only Navelim people but all the Goans face the pollution and consider all areas and CSR funds for all.</p> <p>He stated that the schools are not mentioned in their EIA report, rivers are not shown. springs are not preserved and for this fully blame the Government.</p> <p>He stated that the all pollution , accidents , transport pollution, health problems we have to face.</p> <p>He stated that for pollution free govt said to use 10 wheel vehicles in their new rules He stated that why Government is not coming up with clear statement.</p> <p>He stated that Sesa Goa/Vedanta has permission to built pump house for drawing water from the river without any payment. He wanted to know how many contract basis employment and direct or regular employment will be generated .</p> <p>He stated to inspect the company, check their salaries locals are less paid compare to outsiders.</p> <p>He stated that 500 employees will be taken how many will be locals and how many will be outsiders are not mentioned.</p> <p>He stated that to clean air machinery has to be installed to know correct picture.</p>



	<p>Govt should inspect the village and see the pollution.</p> <p>He stated the contract outsourced should be given by local authorities.</p>
8.	<p>SHRI. LAKHAN GAWAS, NAVELIM</p> <p>He stated that the Pollution Control Board is present here, however it does not take any measures to control the pollution. He stated that the AQI is 82 in Navelim village. He stated that there is no improvement in the air quality. He stated that there is a heritage temple built in 1934 in the village which is fully covered with dust all the time. He stated that there is no proper health care facility provided to the villagers. The villagers have to go to Government hospital in case of medical emergency. M/s. Vedanta has set up a health care clinic in the area, however only basic facilities are available. He stated that there is mention of skilled and semi-skilled employment in the EIA. He sought to know if any survey is conducted to verify the same. He sought to know the source of raw material which will be used by the Project Proponent. He stated that heat in summer is unbearable and there are so many health problems to the villagers. He stated that there should be proper health care facilities provided to the villagers. He stated that there is no awareness among the villagers about this public hearing and only a handful of villagers are present. He stated that there is no yield of coconuts. He stated that the water bodies are spoiled and there is no fish in the water. He alleged that nobody is concerned about the villagers that why should the villagers take the dust generated by these companies.</p>
9.	<p>SHRI. DEVANAND SINARI, AMONA</p> <p>He States that they have not received the notice and he was inquisitive why the people have not turned up for the Public Hearing. He states that for the last Public Hearing regarding the oxygen plant, there were 700 to 800 objections against Vedanta, however, it was noticed that they changed the whole situation from black to white and it was proven that going for a public hearing was a waste of time. He states that the Ethanol plant will emit a lot of toxic gases which will cause blood cancer and throat cancers. He states that he has been following up complaint of pollution from 2018 regarding Vedanta, however no action is been taken in the matter. In 2024 the village panchayat has passed a Gram Sabha resolution that there is a lot pollution being cause in the area. He states that he met the SEE, GSPCB regarding the complaint on air pollution but he replied to a complaint saying the pollution is cause by the traffic in the area. He was informed by the GSPCB official to take action at the village panchayat level. He states that Mr. Pravir Fadte has approached the High Court in the matter as the GSPCB is not giving justice. He states that the children playing in the area are affected by the pollution in the area. He states that he also approached the Scientist 'D' for inspection of a complaint regarding graphite particles. He states that he met the Ex</p>

	<p>Member Secretary GSPCB, however she said that it's the NEERI who will look into the matter. He states that the villagers and locals have been affected by the pollution and the graphite as they pose lung infections, the youth and children are affected and even carry on the same disease when they get married. He states that when the authorities are given the authority to stop the pollution the concerned authorities have to look into the matter and give justice to the people who are affected. He states that if the toxic gases are let out at night all will be affected without knowing about it. He requests the authorities to study the matter and provide justice. He questions when he files the RTI why he is required to make a huge payment for the document requested as he states that he is fighting for justice for the people.</p> <p>He questions why all this is happening since 2008 till date and why are they suffering all this and why justice is not being given till date. He states that the GSPCB has to be scrapped for not controlling the pollution. He states that the people would have welcomed a non-polluting unit which would not create any pollution in the area. He requests the Chairman GSPCB to look into the complaint filed regarding pollution in the area regarding high levels of carbon content in the air. He states that he objects to the operation of the Greenfield Project-2 x 300 TPD Grain based Ethanol/ ENA Plant, 2 x 7.0 MW Co-generation Power plant. He states that in Bihar a similar unit has plant has been operating and people have been adversely affected by the pollution caused by it, hence due to this reason he too opposes this project.</p>
10.	<p>SHRI VITHAL SHIVA GAWAS, NAVELIM</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Navelim</p> <p>He stated that the factory in Navelim Thankful to the Government</p> <p>He stated that the textile Kalyani and MN Tech created Job Opportunities both got shut down .</p> <p>He stated that for this Public Hearing no awareness is generated and not mentioned any benefit to the people, side business to the people has people would have come to take the benefit. Only newspaper have published the advertisement.</p> <p>He stated that whether the agents from outside will be brought and employed and how many Direct and Indirect should be clear and given proper statement to be taken employment for fixed planned.</p> <p>He stated that the gates should be opened to take public grievances if company opens and appoint PRO.</p> <p>He welcomed the factory and maximum people should get the benefit from it.</p>
11.	<p>SHRI. ROHIDAS KANSEKAR, NAVELIM</p> <p>He stated that he is the Sarpanch of Village Panchayat Navelim. He stated that the Hon'ble Chief Minister was requested for establishment of plant/company in the</p>

	<p>village which will help in the development of the villages, that is when he came to know about this project and he is happy about it. He stated that the notices were displayed on the Panchayats notice board about the Public Hearing. He stated that the report was studied and a meeting was held to know about the project. He stated that grains which we use to produce ethanol which will help the farmers to sell their yield. He stated that the employment will be generated to the locals. He stated that he is happy that such a greenfield project is coming up in this village. He only requested the Project Proponent that it should abide by the IDC norms and grant 80% jobs to the locals. He fully supports the project of M/s. Centreal Biofuels Limited.</p>
12.	<p>SMT. KALPANA GAWAS, NAVELIM</p> <p>She states she is the Dy.Sarpanch of Navelim Panchayat. She states that this project will provide employment opportunities to the locals and villagers. She states that she fully supports the operation of the Greenfield Project-2 x 300 KLPD Grain based Ethanol/ ENA Plant, 2 x 7.0 MW Co-generation Power plant. She requests the Project Proponent to conduct CSR facilities to the local villages. She request the Project Proponent to take precautions and to see that the Ethanol project will not be create any pollution in the area due to the its operation.</p>
13.	<p>SHRI. NARAYAN GAWAS, NAVELIM</p> <p>He stated that he is the resident of Navelim.</p> <p>He is Panch Member of Navelim. A plant is in Navelim has come , in favours but pollution should be controlled by Goa State Pollution Control Board.</p> <p>He stated that the 2 or 3 plants are there is Navelim and many people face problem.</p> <p>He stated that the CM Sawant and other politician talked about bio fuels</p> <p>He stated that about 500 employees will be employed is mentioned in the EIA report. It should be properly mentioned whether employment is for skilled or unskilled and benefit should given to locals.</p> <p>He stated that just like today the Panch Authorities are considered same will be seen for future and Goa State Pollution Control Board should control pollution.</p>
14.	<p>SHRI. PRASAD NAIK, NAVELIM</p> <p>He stated that he fully supports the project of M/s. Centreal Biofuels Limited.</p>
15.	<p>ANSHI NAIK, NAVELIM</p> <p>She states she is the Panch Member of Navelim Panchayat. She states that she fully supports the operation of the Greenfield Project-2 x 300 KLPD Grain based Ethanol/ ENA Plant, 2 x 7.0 MW Co-generation Power plant.</p>
16.	<p>RUTIKA GAWADE, NAVELIM</p> <p>She is the resident of Navelim, Panch Member she is in support of the Company. She stated that locals should given employment and same like Sesa Goa and control for dust pollution.</p>



17.	<p>SHRI. VIRAJ NAIK, NAVELIM.</p> <p>He stated that he is a resident of Navelim. He submits that there are many companies operating in the surroundings. He stated M/s. Vedanta was already generating a lot of pollution and no measures were taken. He stated that locals approached the Hon'ble High Court and based on the submissions made before the Court had directed the company to install pollution control measures. He stated that the present project is worth 100 crores. He requested the Project Proponent that in case of any pollution is caused by its operation then it should be ready to install well equipped measures to control such pollution. He stated that agricultural product is used as raw material and he assumed that the farmers will be benefitting from this. He stated that employment and business opportunities given to the locals. He stated he supports and welcomes this project.</p>
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The people present were requested that if they so desire they may file their written objection/suggestion/views within 7 days from today to the GSPCB. The same will be part of the hearing and accordingly it would be forwarded to the concerned Regulatory Authority.

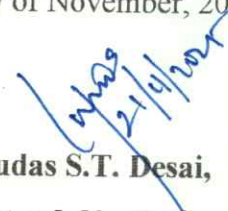
The recorded minutes were accordingly read out/explained to the public in Konkani and subsequently after receiving suggestions and as agreed were signed by Shri. Gurudas S.T. Desai, Add. Collector I, North Goa and Dr. Mohan R. Girap, Scientist 'C' of Goa State Pollution Control Board


A total of 33 numbers of persons present for the public hearing and have signed the enclosed attendance sheet. 16 people spoke.

A total of 12 written submissions received supporting the project.

The hearing ended at 4:00 p.m.

On this 21st day of November, 2025.


 Shri. Gurudas S.T. Desai,
 Add. Collector I, North Goa


 Dr. Mohan R. Girap, 21/11/2025
 Scientist 'C'

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