



Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Impact Assessment Division)

To,

The Chief Executive Officer  
GRAINSPAN NUTIRENT PVT. LTD.  
Survey No 299/1-2-3, 303,,,Ahmedabad,Gujarat-382230

**Subject:** Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project Activity under the provision of EIA Notification 2006-regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Environmental Clearance (EC) in respect of project submitted to the Ministry vide proposal number IA/GJ/IND2/229772/2021 dated 11 Oct 2021. The particulars of the environmental clearance granted to the project are as below.

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| 1. EC Identification No.                   | EC21A060GJ171730  |
| 2. File No.                                | IA-J-11011/391/2021-IA-II(I)  |
| 3. Project Type                            | New   |
| 4. Category                                | A   |
| 5. Project/Activity including Schedule No. | 5g(a)-Grain Based distilleries for Ethanol Blended Petrol                             |
| 6. Name of Project                         | Proposed 100 KLPD Grain Based Distillery by M/s. Grain Span Nutrients Private Limited |
| 7. Name of Company/Organization            | GRAINSPAN NUTIRENT PVT. LTD.  |
| 8. Location of Project                     | Gujarat   |
| 9. TOR Date                                | N/A   |

The project details along with terms and conditions are appended herewith from page no 2 onwards.

Date: 24/11/2021

(e-signed)  
A.K Pateshwary  
Director  
IA - (Industrial Projects - 2 sector)

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This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/GJ/IND2/229772/2021, dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 for environmental clearance to the above mentioned project.

**2.** The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has examined the proposal for establishment of 100 KLPD Grain Based Distillery at Ahmedabad Gujarat by M/s. Grain Span Nutrients Private Limited.

**3.** All grain based distilleries producing ethanol, solely to be used for Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme of the Government of India are listed at S.N. 5(ga) of Schedule of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 amendment vide S.O 2339 dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 under category 'B-2' and are appraised at Central Level by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC).

**4.** The project proposal is exempted from obtaining ToR & conducting Public Hearing as per EIA notification, 2006 amendment vide S.O 2339 dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021. It was informed that no litigation is pending against the project.

**5. The details of products and capacity are as under: -**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Particulates</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
1.	Ethanol	100 KLPD
2.	Captive power plant	3.5MW

**6.** Proposed land area is 64,800 m<sup>2</sup>. Industry will develop greenbelt in an area of 34.3 % i.e., 22,200 m<sup>2</sup> out of total area of the project.

**7.** The estimated project cost is Rs 127.3 Cr. Total capital cost earmarked towards environmental pollution control measures is Rs. 4.21 Cr and the recurring cost (operation and maintenance) will be about Rs. 31.5 lakhs per annum. Total Employment will be 202 persons as direct & indirect. Industry proposes to allocate Rs 1.9 Cr. @ Greenfield project: 1.5% of total project cost (Rs. 127.3 Cr.) towards Corporate Environment Responsibility.

**8.** There are no national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Tiger / Elephant Reserves, Wildlife Corridors etc., within 10 km distance from the project site. There is no River within 5km radius of the proposed project. River Rodh is 8.8km towards NW of the project site.

**9.** AAQ modeling study for point source emissions indicates that the maximum incremental GLCs after the proposed project would be 0.066 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, 0.044 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, 3.15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 0.768 µg/m<sup>3</sup> with respect to PM<sub>10</sub>,

PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. Maximum ground level concentration occurred at a distance of 486 to 527 m in East direction. There were no village observed in downwind direction.

**10.** The total freshwater requirement for the proposed project is 556 CMD which will be sourced from groundwater. Total effluent generation from various units will be 1500 CMD. (Raw stillage will be 807 CMD, Condensate, spent lees and blow down will be 693 CMD) Raw stillage will be sent to decanter followed by MEE followed by dryer to produce DDGS. Rest all other effluent stream will be treated in 750 CMD CPU.

**11.** Power requirement will be 2.65 MW and will be met from own captive power plant. Proposed unit will have 500 kVA x1. DG set will be used only as standby during power failures. Stack height >11 m will be provided as per CPCB norms to the proposed DG set. Industry proposes to install boiler of capacity 30 TPH with 3.5 MW TG. Electrostatic precipitator with 56 m stack will be installed for proposed boiler.

**12. Details of Process emissions generation and its management:**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Anticipated pollutant</b>	<b>Management</b>
Process emissions	CO <sub>2</sub> and Negligible VOCs.	CO <sub>2</sub> shall not be release in the air. Industry will provide CO <sub>2</sub> scrubber to scrub CO <sub>2</sub> and bottle it.
Stack, Fugitive emissions, material handling.	PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> ,	Electrostatic precipitator with 56 m stack.

**13. Details of Solid waste/Hazardous waste generation and its management:**

<b>Sr.No.</b>	<b>Type of waste</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Final Disposal</b>
1.	Coal ash	52 TPD	Sold to brick manufacturers
2.	Agri waste and husk ash	22.5 TPD	Ash will be used as manure
3.	CPU Sludge	25 TPD	Used as manure.
4.	Spent oil	0.6 KLA	Authorized recycler
5.	DDGS	70 TPD	Sold to cattle feed

**14.** As per OM dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, PP has submitted self-certification in the form of affidavit declaring that the proposed capacity of 100 KLPD will be for manufacturing of fuel ethanol only.

**15.** During the deliberations EAC desired the following information/commitments:

- Proposed parking area shall be increased to 15 %.
- PP shall allocate Rs. 25 Lakhs Fund for occupational health and safety.
- For Ethanol production fresh water requirement should not exceed 4.0 kL/kL.
- Industry shall construct rain water storage facility of capacity from which it can meet at least 60 days fresh water requirement.
- The proposed budget on CER i.e Rs 2.0 crores shall be spent on installation of solar power & improving infrastructure of schools within villages nearby. It was also suggested that the proposed activities under CER shall be completed before the commissioning of the plant.

PP has submitted the desired information.

**16.** The proposal was considered by the EAC in its 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting held during 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021 in the Ministry, wherein the project proponent and their consultant M/s. MITCON Consultancy & Engineering Services Ltd presented the EMP report as per the PFR. The Committee found the EMP report complying with the PFR and recommended the project for grant of environmental clearance.

**17.** The EAC, constituted under the provision of the EIA Notification, 2006 and comprising of Experts Members/domain experts in various fields, have examined the proposal submitted by the Project Proponent in desired form along with EIA/EMP report prepared and submitted by the Consultant accredited by the QCI/ NABET on behalf of the Project Proponent. The EAC noted that the Project Proponent has given undertaking that the data and information given in the application and enclosures are true to the best of his knowledge and belief and no information has been suppressed in the EIA/EMP report. If any part of data/information submitted is found to be false/ misleading at any stage, the project will be rejected and Environmental Clearance given, if any, will be revoked at the risk and cost of the project proponent.

**18.** The Committee has also deliberated on the CER plan and found to be addressing the issues in the study area. The EAC has deliberated the proposal and has made due diligence in the process as notified under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, as amended from time to time and accordingly made the recommendations to the proposal. The Experts

Members of the EAC have found the proposal in order and have **recommended** for grant of environmental clearance.

**19.** The environmental clearance granted to the project/activity is strictly under the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 and its amendments. It does not tantamount/construe to approvals/consent/ permissions etc. required to be obtained or standards/conditions to be followed under any other Acts/ Rules/ Subordinate legislations, etc., as may be applicable to the project. The project proponent shall obtain necessary permission as mandated under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, as applicable from time to time, from the State Pollution Control Board, prior to construction & operation of the project.

**20.** Based on the proposal submitted by the project proponent and recommendations of the EAC (Industry-2), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby **accords** environmental clearance for establishment of 100 KLPD Grain Based Distillery at Ahmedabad Gujarat by M/s. Grain Span Nutrients Private Limited, under the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, and the amendments therein, subject to compliance of the terms and conditions as under: -

**A. Specific Conditions:**

(i) As per OM dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, project falls in category B2 and the proposed additional capacity of 100 KLPD shall be only for fuel ethanol manufacturing as per self-certification in form of an affidavit by the Project Proponent. Provided that subsequently if it is found that the ethanol, produced based on the EC granted as per this dispensation, is not being used completely for EBP Programme, or if ethanol is not being produced, or if the said distillery is not fulfilling the requirements based on which the project has been appraised as category B2 project, the EC shall stand cancelled.

(ii) The company shall comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the documents submitted to the Ministry. All the recommendations made in the EIA/EMP in respect of environmental management, and risk mitigation measures relating to the project shall be implemented.

(iii) The project proponent will treat and reuse the treated water within the factory and no waste or treated water shall be discharged outside the premises.

(iv) Total fresh water requirement shall not exceed 4kL fresh water consumed/kL production of Ethanol and it will be met from ground water. Extraction of ground water shall not be done without obtaining prior

permission of CGWA/concerned authority. No ground water recharge shall be permitted within the premises. Industry shall construct rain water storage facility of capacity from which it can meet at least 60 days fresh water requirement.

(v) The spent wash shall be concentrated and dried to form DDGS to be used as cattle feed.

(vi) CO<sub>2</sub> generated from the process shall be bottled/made solid ice and utilized/sold to authorized vendors.

(vii) Occupational Health Centre for surveillance of the worker's health shall be set up. The health data shall be used in deploying the duties of the workers. All workers & employees shall be provided with required safety kits/mask for personal protection.

(viii) Training shall be imparted to all employees on safety and health aspects of chemicals handling. Safety and visual reality training shall be provided to employees.

(ix) The unit shall make the arrangement for protection of possible fire hazards during manufacturing process in material handling. Firefighting system shall be as per the norms.

(x) Process organic residue and spent carbon, if any, shall be sent to Cement other suitable industries for its incinerations. ETP sludge, process inorganic & evaporation salt shall be disposed of to the TSDF.

(xi) The company shall undertake waste minimization measures as below  
(a) Metering and control of quantities of active ingredients to minimize waste; (b) Reuse of by-products from the process as raw materials or as raw material substitutes in other processes. (c) Use of automated filling to minimize spillage. (d) Use of Close Feed system into batch reactors. (e) Venting equipment through vapour recovery system. (f) Use of high pressure hoses for equipment clearing to reduce wastewater generation.

(xii) The green belt of 5 m width shall be developed in nearly 33% of the total project area, mainly along the plant periphery. Selection of plant species shall be as per the CPCB guidelines in consultation with the State Forest Department. Records of tree canopy shall be monitored through remote sensing map. Development of greenbelt shall be completed along with commissioning of the project.

(xiii) PP proposed to allocate Rs. 2.00 Crores for CER and it shall be spent on shall be spent on installation of solar power & improving infrastructure of schools within villages nearby. All the proposed activities under CER shall be completed before the commissioning of the plant.

(xiv) There shall be 15% space inside the plant premises earmarked for parking of vehicles for raw materials and finished products as per CPCB norms and no parking to be allowed outside on public places.

(xv) Storage of raw materials shall be either stored in silos or in covered areas to prevent dust pollution and other fugitive emissions.

(xvi) Continuous online (24x7) monitoring system for stack emissions shall be installed for measurement of flue gas discharge and the pollutants concentration, and the data to be transmitted to the CPCB and SPCB server. For online continuous monitoring of effluent, the unit shall install web camera with night vision capability and flow meters in the channel/drain carrying effluent within the premises.

(xvii) A separate Environmental Management Cell (having qualified person with Environmental Science/Environmental Engineering/specialization in the project area) equipped with full-fledged laboratory facilities shall be set up to carry out the Environmental Management and Monitoring functions.

**B. General Conditions:**

(i) No further expansion or modifications in the plant, other than mentioned in the EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments, shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/SEIAA, as applicable. 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/SEIAA, as applicable, to assess the adequacy of conditions imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.

(ii) The energy source for lighting purpose shall be preferably LED based, or advanced having preference in energy conservation and environment betterment.

(iii) 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 the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (day time) and 70 dBA (night time).

(iv) The company shall undertake all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area. CER activities shall be undertaken by involving local villages and administration and shall be implemented. The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures

including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.

(v) The company shall earmark sufficient funds towards capital cost and recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change 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.

(vi) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local Body and the local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.

(vii) 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&CC, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and SPCB. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.

(viii) The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March in Form-V as is mandated shall be submitted to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (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 respective Regional Offices of MoEF&CC by e-mail.

(ix) 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 and at <https://parivesh.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.

(x) 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.

(xi) This Environmental clearance is granted subject to final outcome of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, Hon'ble NGT and any other Court of Law, if any, as may be applicable to this project.



**21.** The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary at subsequent stages and the project proponent shall implement all the said conditions in a time bound manner. The Ministry may revoke or suspend the environmental clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not found satisfactory.

**22.** Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

**23.** Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

**24.** The above conditions will be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 read with subsequent amendments therein.

**25.** This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

**(Ashok Kumar Pateshwary)**  
**Director**

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