

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 4X100 TPD DRI KILNS FOR PRODUCTION OF 1,20,000 TPA SPONGE IRON, 2X15T INDUCTION FURNACES & 2X15T LRF FOR PRODUCTION OF 1, 25,000 TPA LIQUID STEEL, CONTINUOUS BILLET CASTING MACHINES FOR PRODUCTION OF 1,20,000 TPA BILLETS AND 12 MW CPP AT VILLAGE BENIPUR, DISTRICT PURULIA, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S AIC IRON INDUSTRIES PVT. LTD. HELD ON 16.07.2009 AT 10:30 HRS IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE OFFICE OF THE NETURIA PANCHAYAT SAMITY/DEV. BLOCK, DISTRICT: PURULIA, WEST BENGAL

M/s AIC Iron Industries Pvt. Ltd submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 4x100 TPD DRI kilns for production of 1,20,000 TPA sponge Iron, 2x15T Induction Furnaces & 2x15T LRF for production of 1, 25,000 TPA Liquid Steel, Continuous Billet casting Machines for production of 1,20,000 TPA billets and 12 MW CPP at Village Benipur, District Purulia, West Bengal. As per the EIA notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September 2006 of the MoEF, Govt. of India, Environmental Clearance of the said project is required to be obtained after conducting Public Hearing.

Accordingly, after observing all formalities, West Bengal Pollution Control Board conducted the Public Hearing on 16.07.2009 at 10:30 hrs in the Community Hall of the office of the Neturia Panchayat Samity/Dev. Block, District: Purulia, West Bengal. Panel members were present in the hearing. A considerable gathering was also present in the hearing. List of the panel members and the others present in the public hearing are enclosed.

The hearing started with a welcome note from Dr. T. K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB. He explained about the EIA notification. He also requested Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia to preside over the hearing. Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia welcomed the audience & presided over the hearing. Then he requested the project proponent to deliver their presentation and requested the audience to raise their queries after the presentation is over.

The technical representative of the project proponent (PP) welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation. The project proponent covered the topics about the project details including location of the site, plant layout, production details, captive power plant, quantity and source of water required, rainwater harvesting system, baseline environmental data & wind rose diagram, incremental GLC values by air quality modeling, zero discharge of wastewater, green belt development, air pollution control measures & environmental management plan, and corporate social responsibility.

Dr. T. K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB advised for the following points and requested the project proponent to obtain necessary clearances from concerned authorities—

- Prior permission from competent authority for 4735 m³ of water abstraction from Damodar river is required
- Copies of MOU with other entrepreneurs for utilization of fly ash
- The project proponent should take necessary action to take the total 50 acres of land in their possession.
- Ash handling, char transport & char storage process details are required
- 100% utilization of char for power generation in CPP should be targeted
- Permission from State Forest Department regarding the impact of the project in surrounding Panchet RF, Bheti RF & Muktipur RF should be obtained.
- The specifications of the Air pollution control systems , e.g. ESP & Bag filter in detail should be added
- Standby arrangement for waste gas cooling (GCT or Recuperator) for rotary kilns should be made.

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Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia requested the audience to raise their questions and/or opinions, if any.

Sri Ashesh Mukherjee & Sri Amal Mukherjee of village Benipur supported the setup of the proposed project with continuous operation of proper pollution control system and expected employment generation for the land losers. They also insisted for adequate plantation in the surrounding area.

Sri Nirmal Mondal of village Benipur informed that the name of the village has not been included in the PowerPoint presentation. He also demanded the proposed project should not affect the village and also to ensure the continuous operation of proper pollution control system. He also insisted that the project proponent should strictly comply with all the provisions of environment management plan of the PowerPoint presentation.

Sri Babul Mondal of village Benipur has expressed his concern about a water body, which is located adjacent to the project site and is being used by the local community. He, on behalf of the villagers requested the project proponent to raise the boundary wall surrounding the pond up to 20ft. and to keep a 10 ft wide approach road for the use of villagers.

Sri Ramesh Bouri of village Benipur has demanded that project proponent should strictly adhere to the CSR activities, especially on health & education.

Sri Dinesh Adukia, Director, on behalf of the project proponent appreciated the questions raised during hearing mentioned above and assured that they would take all possible measures for maintaining the Environmental Norms. They have also assured that they would address all the issues mentioned above and incorporate the same while finalizing the EIA and EMP.

Sri Debasis Mondal, Joint BDO, Neturia expected the implementation of the commitments of the project proponent, of the advices given by Chief Engineer, WBPCB, and the outcomes of the public opinion.

Dr. T. K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB requested the project proponent to develop a local environmental monitoring group in consultation with local authorities.

Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia appreciated the proposal presented by M/s AIC Iron Industries Pvt. Ltd. during the public hearing and expressed his hope that the project would be implemented as per the commitment made by the proponent and would be maintained in such a manner that the unit would comply with the environmental norms. He emphasized that the commitment made by the Project Proponent was to be kept in letter & spirit, and the welfare of the local people was primary. In general, the public present in the hearing appreciated the need of more industrial activity incorporating all the pollution control measures. Finally, Sri Narayan Chandra Samanta, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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Dr. T. K. Gupta,
Chief Engineer,
West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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Narayan Chandra Samanta
Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Purulia
Government of West Bengal