

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED FERRO-ALLOY PLANT (12650 Metric Ton Per Annum) AT VILLAGE NAKRAJORIA, P.O. SALANPUR, DISTRICT: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S ASANSOL ALLOYS PVT. LTD. HELD ON 05.08.2008 AT THE MEETING HALL OF SALANPUR PANCHAYAT SAMITY AT SALANPUR PANCHAYAT SAMITY AT SALANPUR BLOCK, DISTRICT: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL.

M/s. Asansol Alloy Private Limited submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed Ferro-Alloy Plant (12650 MTPA) at village Nakrajoria, P.O. Salanpur, District: Burdwan, 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 from the MoEF, Govt. of India after conducting Public Hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities held the Public Hearing on 5th August, 2008 at 12:00 hrs at the Meeting Hall of Salanpur Panchayat Samity at Salanpur Panchayat Samity at Salanpur Block, District: Burdwan, West Bengal. The 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 also requested the ADM, Asansol to preside over the hearing. Dr. Archana, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol, welcomed the audience & presided over the hearing. She requested the project proponent to deliver their presentation.

Sri Pankaj Dey, Director welcomed the audience. Sri Niranjan Lal Agarwalla, on behalf of the project proponent, explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation. The project proponent submitted that they would install two Submerged Electric Arc Furnaces having capacities of 3MVA and 5 MVA for production of Silico-manganese and ferro-manganese. Initially they would install only 3 MVA SEAF. For abatement of air pollution they proposed bag-filter as the APC devices. The unit proposed that they would explore the possibility for the utilization of the waste heat as far as practicable. Ground water would be abstracted for their industrial uses. However, the industry proposed Rain Water Harvesting for maximizing the utilization of rain water and to minimize the groundwater consumption. Solid waste would be reused in the process as much as possible. The industry also proposed that they would extend services to three identified villages such as development of education & health for the local people as a part of their corporate responsibility.

Sri Amar Mukherjee , Village: Barira asked the following questions-

- 1) Whether the pollution control system proposed by the unit would be properly operated?
- 2) Whether there would be groundwater depletion or not?
- 3) How the destruction of greeneries could be prevented?

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Sri Sardul Das, village: Nakrajoria requested the proponent to explain the details about the proposal for facilitating the education system in three villages.

The project proponent assured that they will install efficient pollution control system and will have proper operation and maintenance scheme in place so that the emission performance will be satisfactory. The proponent also agreed to install regular air quality monitoring systems.

The proponent informed that they have approached the competent authority for obtaining permission for abstraction of ground water. The proponent has mentioned that they would develop 33% of their plant area for afforestation.

In response to the second question, the proponent explained that they will distribute books & other stationeries, clothes for the needy students in consultation with the local Panchayat. They will also extend their services on health, habitats & education at the three villages, namely Nakrajoria, Debipur and Barira as a part of their social responsibility.

Sri Shyamal Majumder, Saha-Sabhapati, Salanpur Panchayat Samity appreciated the proposal of M/s Asansol Alloys Pvt. Ltd. and conveyed his best wishes for successful implementation of the project. However he also reminded the proponent that the emission control system should be operated properly, so that the local people have confidence on their activity.

Sri Somnath Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer asked the unit about the efficiency of the fume extraction system of the proposed for the charging section and tapping hole. He also asked the proponent about their proposal for running emission control devices, even during a power trip.

The proponent assured that they would provide separate emission control systems for the charging and the tapping hole. They will provide adequate backup power system for continuous operation of the emission control system, in case of power failure.

Dr. T. K. Gupta, Chief Engineer, WBPCB informed the audience about provisions of the Ground Water Act, 2005 and also informed that, as per the present State Government policy, recharging of ground water is not permitted by the industries in the state of West Bengal.

Dr. Archana, ADM, Asansol appreciated the proposal presented by M/s Asansol Alloys Pvt. Ltd. during the public hearing and expressed her hope that the project will be implemented as per the commitment made by the proponent and will be maintained in such a manner that the unit will comply with the environmental norms. In general as the public present in the hearing welcome the project incorporating all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally Dr. Archana, ADM 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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Dr. Archana
The Additional District Magistrate,
Asansol, Government of West Bengal