

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED 0.5 MTPA INTEGRATED STEEL PLANT, 2x 0.6 MTPA COKE OVEN PLANT AND 140 MW POWER PLANT BY M/S BENGAL ENERGY LIMITED, AT: DAUKA, P.O . TENTULMURI, P.S. NARAYANGARH, DIST: PASCHIM MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL HELD ON 02-09-08 AT MAKRAMPUR GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE , UNDER NARAYANGARH BLOCK, DIST: WEST MEDINIPUR, WEST BENGAL

M/S BENGAL ENERGY LIMITED submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conduct of a public hearing in connection with the proposed 0.5 MTPA integrated steel plant, 2x 0.6 MTPA coke oven plant and 140 MW power plant by M/S Bengal Energy Limited, At: Dauka, p.o . Tentulmuri, P.S. Narayangarh, Dist: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal. As per the EIA Notification S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 of the MoEF, Government of India, Environmental Clearance of the said project is required to be obtained from the MoEF, Government of India after conduct of the public hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities, held the public hearing on 02-09-08 At: Dauka, P.O . Tentulmuri, P.S. Narayangarh, Dist: Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal at Makrampur Gram Panchayat Office , under Narayangarh block, West Bengal. All the panel members were present in the hearing. Shri N C Haldar, Additional District Magistrate (Dev), Paschim Medinipur presided over the hearing. A list of the panel members and others present in the public hearing is enclosed.

The hearing started with a welcome note from Mr. S K Mandal, Environmental Engineer, WBPCB. He explained the provisions of the above stated MoEF Notification and also informed the audience of the draft proposal of M/s Bengal Energy Limited. The Project Proponent was then asked by the ADM (Dev), Paschim Medinipur, to explain the details about the proposed project for discussion among the panel members and others present in the hearing.

Sri Navin Maheswari, Director BEL, narrated the project details and the proposed pollution control measures emphasizing on the likely environmental impacts arising out of the same as well as the proposed pollution abatement measures to be considered by them.

During the discussion the panel members and others present in the public hearing made queries / suggestions with respect to the proposed project, which are noted below:-

1. Mr. Sankar Gorai , Village: Makrampur appreciated and welcome the project and wished the project all success on maintaining the environmental norms.
2. Mr. Gopal Tudu , a local villager, suggested installing adequate environmental pollution control equipment for the benefit of environment.
3. Mr. Gopal Singh of Village: Rampura and Mr. P Tripathy of Village : Govindapur, appreciated the proposed efforts to be taken by M/s BEL towards the welfare of the

local villages, such as : medical camp, flood relief measures and distribution of school bags among the local school children.

4. Mr. Subash Khara of village Belda welcomed the project and asked the authority concerned to look after the environmental parameters regularly during operation of the project.
5. Mr. S D Bhattacharya, Mr. Satya Brata Bhunia, Dharmendar Seal : All of them welcomed the project and appreciated the benefits coming to the local people. The pollution control system as proposed by the project proponent has to be installed and operated satisfactorily. Plantation has to be ensured as per norms.
6. Mr. Ranjit Dalui of village : Rangbonia , Mr. Manas Nanda Goswami of village Govindapore, Mr. Dulal Rout of village: Makrampur: All of them welcomed the project and requested that the appropriate authority should monitor the environmental parameters strictly.
7. Mrs. Arati Singh of village: Rampura : She welcomed the project and appreciated the fact that the local people will be benefited through this project.

Sri. P. K. Roy, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal, welcomes the project and requested the project proponent to provide proper safety devices to the employees as per norms, interlocking of the control system may be considered .

Mr. Navin Maheswari, Director M/s BEL, appreciated the various issues expressed by different participants and welcomed the suggestions. He indicated that the P.P. will address all the above stated issues while finalizing the environmental management plan. He also committed that the social responsibility program shall be taken up in consultation with local administration.

Mr. N C Haldar, ADM, Paschim Medinipur, emphasized that all possible measures should be ensured by the Project Proponent towards the mitigation of all environmental problems and various other problems raised by the public present in the hearing.

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