

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 40480 TPA FERRO-MANGANESE & 30636 TPA SILICO-MANGANESE PRODUCTIONS THROUGH 4X9 MVA UNITS, 291200 TPA SINTER ORE & 222950 TPA PIG IRON PRODUCTIONS THROUGH 250M³ MBF & 33M² SINTER PLANT, AND 100000 TPA CEMENT GRINDING UNIT AT BENAGARI, DURLOVPUR, DIST: BANKURA, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S C.P. METALIKS PVT. LTD. HELD ON 16.09.2008 AT 12:30 HRS IN THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PREMISES, G-GHATI, DEV. BLOCK, AMARKANAN, PO & PS: G-GHATI, DISTRICT: BANKURA, WEST BENGAL

M/s C.P. Metaliks Pvt. Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 40480 TPA Ferro-manganese & 30636 TPA Silico-manganese productions through 4x9 MVA units, 291200 TPA sinter ore & 222950 TPA pig iron productions through 250m³ MBF & 33m² Sinter plant, and 100000 TPA cement grinding unit at Benagari, Durlovpur, Dist: Bankura, 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, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities held the Public Hearing on 16.09.2008 at 12:30 hrs in the Block Development Office Premises, G-Ghati, Dev. Block, Amarkanana, PO & PS: G-Ghati, District: Bankura, 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 Sri S. Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB. He explained about the EIA notification. He also requested Sri Gourpada Sen, Additional District Magistrate, Bankura to preside over the hearing. Sri Gourpada Sen, Additional District Magistrate, Bankura 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.

The representative on behalf of the unit welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation. In the presentation, the project proponent covered the topics regarding the four-phase implementation of the project.

The ADM then requested the audience to raise their questions and to give their opinions, if any.

Sri Jadav Sarkar, Village: Jarmeria welcomed such activity and requested the Project Proponent to explain about their plans regarding pollution control measures.

Sri Ujjal Gorai, village Maliara welcomed such activity as this project will generate employment in the district of Bankura.

Sri Kalyan De, Vice president, Bankura Zilla TMC Krishi Association asked the project proponent that, most of the villagers are not aware enough of the public hearing through the newspaper advertisement.

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Sri Nimai Maji, a local resident said that a pond and a school are located very near to the proposed site and so he requested the project proponent to look after the possible pollution that may occur during operational phase.

Sri Mohan Roy, the ex-Pradhan of Benagari Panchayat told about the employment generation due to the setup of a Ferro alloy unit in this locality.

Sri Bimal Mondal, Village: Bankberia supported the industrialization and subsequent employment generation due to the reduction of chances of establishment in agriculture.

Sri Bikash Banerjee, village: Bengari informed that about 6000 no of tress have been planted at the proposed site.

Sri Jiten Garai of village Latiaboni also supported industrialization but the unit should run the APC devices.

Sri Salil Kr Singha, President, TMC Students Association informed about the pollution related problems in the localities, but also welcomed the industrialization.

Sri Santimoy Maji of village Barabaid told about his apprehension for the school adjacent to the proposed site due to pollution.

Sri Tarak Nath Mondal and his grandmother Smt. Alaka Mondal raised some questions on their land acquisition.

Sri Dhananjay Banerjee, village Latiaboni demanded that the unit should confirm about the operation of pollution control devices.

Sri Nabani Bowri, Ex-MLA welcomed the proposed project. He also informed the audience that pollution problem of the Ferro alloy plants are less than that of the sponge iron plants. He requested the Project Proponent to consider the local employment.

Sri Balaram Gayen, the opposition leader of Gangajalghati Panchayat Samity requested to arrange such public hearings near the proposed site and wide publication near the locality through announcements and distribution of leaflets of the event before the commencement of the same.

A letter from the end of TMC was submitted regarding their unawareness of the scheduled public hearing.

Sri P. K. Roy, Senior Environment Officer, Department of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal welcomed the project and requested the project proponent briefly informed the audience about the improvement of the pollution control technologies in the recent times.

Sri Somnath Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer described briefly about the action taken by the State Board against the non complying industries and the responsibility of the local people for the improvement of the environment and procedure for making complaints against the defaulting units.

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Sri Dilip Chawla, Director, M/s C.P. Metaliks Pvt. Ltd., 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 Gourpada Sen, Additional District Magistrate(G), Bankura appreciated the proposal presented by M/s C.P. Metaliks 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. In general as the public present in the hearing welcome the project incorporating all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally Sri Gourpada Sen, Additional District Magistrate (G), Bankura concluded the session with vote of thanks.

Sri Somnath Narayan
Senior Environmental Engineer, West
Bengal Pollution Control Board

Sri Gourpada Sen
Additional District Magistrate(G), Bankura,
Government of West Bengal