

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2X95 TPD KILNS FOR PRODUCTION OF 57000 TPA SPONGE IRON, 103680 TPA COAL FINES FROM COAL SLURRY FLOTATION UNIT, 200000 TPA COAL FINES FROM COAL WASHERY UNIT, 174251 TPA LOW ASH METALLURGICAL COKE AND 12446 TPA COKE FINES & CPP (7.5 MW) AT VILLAGE: JAMDOBA, PO: BANKATI, PS: KANKSA, DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S DURGAPUR FERRO ALLOYS (P) LTD HELD ON 30.07.2009 AT 13:00 HRS IN THE MEETING HALL OF KANKSA PANCHAYAT SAMITY, DIST: BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL

M/s Durgapur Ferro Alloys (P) Ltd submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed 2x95 TPD kilns for production of 57000 TPA Sponge Iron, 103680 TPA Coal Fines from Coal Slurry floatation unit, 200000 TPA Coal fines from Coal Washery unit, 174251 TPA Low Ash Metallurgical Coke and 12446 TPA Coke fines & CPP (7.5 MW) at village: Jamdoba, PO: Bankati, PS: Kanksa, Dist: 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 after conducting Public Hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board conducted the Public Hearing on 30.07.2009 at 13:00 hrs in the Meeting Hall of Kanksa Panchayat Samity, Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal, after observing all formalities. 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 of Sri Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol who also presided over the hearing. 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 welcomed the audience on behalf of the project proponent and explained the activity of the proposed unit through PowerPoint presentation. The project proponent, during his presentation, covered the topics about the project details, raw materials, 48 acres of total project area, 1350 KLD of groundwater abstraction, process flow diagrams for coke oven plant and power plant, ambient air quality, control measures taken for sponge iron plant, pug mill, AFBC boiler, coke oven plant & coal washery plant, fugitive emission control, separate effluent treatment plants for coke oven plant & coal washery plant, solid waste management, environment management plant, plant layout, rain water harvesting, etc.

Sri Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol requested the audience to raise their questions and/or opinions, if any.

Smt Monorama Chaterjee, Pradhan, Bankati Gram Panchyat and Sri Ramprasad Chaterjee of village Ayodhya welcomed the proposed project and expected employment generation.

Sri Kaliprasad Banerjee of village Bankati submitted that he has observed the improvement of economic conditions of the local people due to the setup of some industries in the region.

Sri S. Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB advised for the installation of efficient air pollution control system for controlling the emissions from the kilns. He also advised for the installation of WHRB in the coke oven plant for the efficient use of the waste heat. He insisted on the fact that, while finalizing the EIA and EMP, the PP should incorporate the outcomes of the opinions of the attendants of this public hearing and the following points--

- Prior permission from competent authority for withdrawal of 1350 KLD groundwater is required
- Copies of MOU for utilization of fly ash & bottom ash with local entrepreneur is required
- Utilization of the 48 acres of land in JL no 40 & 41 acquired, with plant layout & elaboration on specifications of proposed usage with present acquisition status should be shown.
- Ash handling, char transport & char storage process details are required
- 100% utilization of char for power generation in CPP should be targeted
- Wet scrubber should be installed before the ESP
- Green belt development should be done in consultation with the State Forest Department over 33% of the project area
- 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.
- Covered storage for raw material storage area should be made in coke oven plant.

Sri P. K. Roy, Senior Environmental Officer, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal insisted on the proper occupational health policy.

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Sri Janardan Chaterjee, Sabhapati, Kanksa Panchayat Samity welcomed the audience and explained the need of industrialization for the growth of the locality. He expected that the industry should be set up with all necessary pollution control measures. He explained the need of plantation program and apprehended that the scarcity of ground water may occur in future, if proper measures are not taken in time.

On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Pradip Kedia appreciated the issues 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. He stated that the installation of power plant utilizing waste heat of the coke oven is not feasible, since the production capacity of proposed coke oven is very less.

Sri Soresh Akude, MLA of Kanksa welcomed the project expected the growth of ancillary industries due to the setup of the proposed project.

Sri Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol appreciated the proposal presented by M/s Durgapur Ferro Alloys (P) 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 advised for the proper training program for the local people to prepare them as the skilled laborer for the project. He also advised that the PP should encourage the entrepreneurship of the local people utilizing the by-products & wastes generated from the proposed project.

In general, the public present in the hearing welcomed the project provided the PP incorporates all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally, Sri Biswajit Datta, Additional District Magistrate, Asansol concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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Sri S. Narayan,
Senior Environmental Engineer
West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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Sri Biswajit Datta,
Additional District Magistrate, Asansol
Government of West Bengal