

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED FERRO ALLOY PLANT BY SETTING UP OF 2X9 MVA SUBMERGED ARC FURNACES WITH INSTALLED CAPACITY OF FERRO SILICON 11585 MTPA OR SILICO MANGANESE 23450 MTPA OR FERRO MANGANESE 35175 MTPA AT WBIDC PLASTO STEEL PARK, J.L NO.:24, MOUZA: GHUTGORIA, VILL: BARJORA, DIST: BANKURA, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S. DIMENSION STEEL & ALLOYS PVT. LTD. HELD ON 05.05.2010 AT 11:30 HRS IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF BARJORA PANCHAYAT SAMITY, PS - BARJORA, DIST - BANKURA, WEST BENGAL.

M/s. Dimension Steel & Alloys Pvt. Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed Ferro alloy plant by setting up of 2x9 MVA Submerged Arc Furnace with installed capacity of ferro silicon 11585 MTPA or silico manganese 23450 MTPA or ferro manganese 35175 MTPA at WBIDC plasto steel park, Plot Nos.2147-2149,2151(part),2146(part), J.L. no.:24, Mouza: Ghutgoria, Vill : Barjora, 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 conducted the Public Hearing on 05.05.2010 at 11:30 hrs in the Community Hall of Barjora Panchayat Samity, PS – Barjora, Dist – Bankura, 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 from Sri Sudip Bhattacharya, Environmental Engineer, WBPCB. He briefly explained the EIA notification and requested Smt. Antara Acharraya, Additional District Magistrate(G), Bankura to preside over the hearing. Then Sri Sudip Bhattacharya, Environmental Engineer, WBPCB requested the project proponent to deliver their presentation.

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 Power Point presentation. The project proponent, during his presentation, covered the topics about the project details, land & site details, plant layout, raw materials requirement, manufacturing process flow chart, control measures for emission like bag filters & also adequate separate suction system for arresting tap hole emission and solid wastes, water quantity and sources of water, stack emission characteristics, EMP, occupational health services, corporate social responsibility, etc.

Sri Sudip Bhattacharya, Environmental Engineer, WBPCB requested the audience to raise their questions and/or opinions, if any.

Sri Mahdev Singh, Sri Subrata Karmakar, Sri. Monaj Mukherjee, Sri Bappa Bandopadhyaya of village-Barjora thanked the project proponent for their upcoming project, which they expected, will help in overall development of the area at large. They requested the project proponent to ensure that their commitments regarding air pollution control and development activities in the locality should come into reality as soon as the project materializes and strong and consistent environmental vigil must be ensured by the concerned authorities. They requested the project proponent to initiate developmental work and implement Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) proposals so that the Barjora block as a whole can be benefited from the same. They expressed deep concern regarding the air pollution and water crisis in the Barjora block generated from existing industries and strongly recommended for maximal local employment generation, implementation of minimum wages for workers, protection of occupational health and safety of workers. They demanded for sufficient water supply in the area and health services in the area including hospital and

ambulance for local people. They further proposed that pollution cost realized from the local industries should be utilized in the development of the concerned area and water supply projects from river Damodar should be undertaken immediately to meet the severe water crisis in the area.

Sri S.S Tiwari, Ex-MLA of Barjora mentioned that adequate infrastructure should be developed for industrial growth in the area. He also requested the project proponent to arrange for technical training institute for the local youth so as to generate maximum local skilled employment for the upcoming project. He further proposed that pollution cost realized from the local industries should be utilized in the development of the concerned area. He also mentioned that the proposal for supply of water through tanker for industrial purposes may not be feasible and the project proponent should consider the matter in consultation with local panchayet.

Sri Tarun Raj of Barjora welcomed the proposed project but expressed concern regarding insufficient local employment generation. He emphasized the need for health services including ambulance and hospital in the area.

Smt. Tinku Mondal of Barjora emphasized the need for continuous vigilance and post project monitoring. She also requested the Project Proponent for proper implementation of CSR. She further proposed that pollution cost realized from the local industries should be utilized in the development of the concerned area and water supply projects from river Damodar should be undertaken immediately to meet the severe water crisis in the area.

Sri Fatik Daw of Ghutgoria and Sri Swapan Chatterjee of Barjora welcomed the project and requested for implementation of the commitments made by the industry. They requested the industries to ensure proper implementation of CSR commitments regarding compliance of environmental norms. He also proposed that pollution cost realized from the local industries should be utilized in the development of the concerned block.

The project proponent 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.

Smt. Antara Acharya, Additional District Magistrate(G), Bankura appreciated the proposal taken by Dimension Steel & Alloys Pvt. Ltd. during the public hearing and expressed her 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. She also emphasized that the pollution cost realized from the industries of the concerned district should be utilized for environmental up gradation of the same area after consultation with all the concerned authorities.

In general, the public present in the hearing welcomed the project provided the Project Proponent incorporates all the pollution control measures proposed by the Project Proponent. Finally, Smt. Antara Acharya Additional District Magistrate(G), Bankura concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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Sri Sudip Bhattacharya
Environmental Engineer
West Bengal Pollution Control Board

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Smt. Antara Acharya
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