

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED PRODUCTIONS OF 78000 MTPA PIG IRON THROUGH 2X65M³ BLAST FURNACES, 60000 MTPA SPONGE IRON THROUGH 2X100 TPD KILNS, 96000 MTPA BILLETS THROUGH 2X25 MT INDUCTION FURNACES WITH BILLET CASTERS, 60000 MTPA PRODUCTS THROUGH ONE 200 TPD ROLLING MILL, 20000 MTPA FERRO ALLOY THROUGH ONE 9 MVA SEAF AND 10 MW CPP AT VILL: BARJORA, MOUZA: DEJURI, JL NO: 43, PO & PS: BARJORA, DIST: BANKURA, WEST BENGAL, PROPOSED BY M/S GOLDEN CASTINGS & ISPAT LTD. HELD ON 04.12.2008 AT 12:00 HRS IN THE COMMUNITY HALL OF BARJORA BLOCK DEV. OFFICE, VILL., PO & PS : BARJORA, DIST: BANKURA, WEST BENGAL

M/s Golden Castings & Ispat Ltd. submitted an application to West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting Public Hearing for the proposed productions of 78000 MTPA pig iron through 2x65m³ Blast Furnaces, 60000 MTPA sponge iron through 2x100 TPD Kilns, 96000 MTPA billets through 2x25 MT induction furnaces with billet casters, 60000 MTPA products through one 200 TPD rolling mill, 20000 MTPA Ferro alloy through one 9 MVA SEAF and 10 MW CPP at Vill: Barjora, Mouza: Dejuri, JL No: 43, PO & PS: 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 after observing all formalities held the Public Hearing on 04.12.2008 at 12:00 hrs in the Community Hall of Barjora Block Dev. Office, Vill., PO & PS: Barjora, Dist: 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 of Sri Gour Pada Sen, the Additional District Magistrate, Bankura 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 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 about the proposed plant setup and the choice of location for their proposed project. He mentioned that, the project would be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, installation of induction furnace & rolling mill would be done; in the second phase, sponge iron plant along with CPP would be installed. But, he did not mention about the air pollution control devices to be installed, the sources of water required for the projects, the air quality standards of the gas emitting from the stacks, the corporate social responsibility of the project proponent, etc.

Sri Gour Pada Sen, the Additional District Magistrate, Bankura then requested the audience to raise their questions and to give their opinions, if any.

Sri Alok Mukherjee, village: Barjora welcomed the project and requested the project proponent (PP) to take necessary pollution control measures during the setup and operation of the proposed unit.

Sri Ashok Ghosh and Sri Vivekanda Deora welcomed the project and expected that the project proponent should take all measures and mitigation plans for better environmental management. They expected the local roads development; arrangement of drinking water and provision of medical facilities to the local villagers would be a part of the corporate social responsibility program of the PP.

Sri Goutam Mondal, Pradhan, Sahajora Gram Panchayat, welcomed the industrialization with appropriate pollution control measures. He expected local employment generation and requested the PP for arrangement of industrial water supply by pipeline, instead of withdrawal of groundwater.

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Sri Kamakshya Maji from Notungram, Sri Souresh Maji from Deucha and Sri Goutam Mukherjee from Mouktatore welcomed the project and expected that adaptation of necessary pollution control measures and local employment generation will be considered by the PP.

Sri Jodunath Roy, Sabhapati, Borjora Panchayat Samity expected the efforts for the arrangement of drinking water and industrial water should be made from the end of PP.

Sri S. Narayan, Senior Environmental Engineer, WBPCB advised for the installation of efficient air pollution control system, adequate suction system for controlling the tap-hole emission of arc furnaces. He also insisted on the fact that, while finalizing the EIA and EMP, the PP should incorporate the following points-

- Details of APC devices with ESP & bag-filter specifications
- Specific sources & quantities of each raw material
- Ambient air quality data details for each of the eight monitoring stations
- Specific sources of water with water balance diagram complying the consumption limit as mentioned in ToR
- Implementation of adequate pollution control measures complying new emission standard of particulate matter in case of setting up new sponge iron & ferro-alloy plant
- Dolochar utilization and Proper solid waste management & its disposal details
- Calculation of stack heights as per SO₂ emission
- Calculation of capacities of 2x25 MT induction furnaces as mentioned in ToR

Sri Ghanashyam Prasad, 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. He also assured the medical facilities and road development along with local employment generation. They have also assured that they would address all the issues mentioned above and incorporate the same while finalizing the EIA and EMP.

Sri Gour Pada Sen, the Additional District Magistrate, Bankura appreciated the proposal presented by M/s Golden Castings & Ispat 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 Gour Pada Sen, the Additional District Magistrate, Bankura concluded the session with vote of thanks.

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The Additional District Magistrate, Bankura
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