

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 4X9 MVA FERRO ALLOYS PLANT AND 2X300 TPD SINTER PLANT AT MOUZA – DWARIKA & DEULI, PS – BISHNUPUR, DIST – BANKURA, WEST BENGAL PROPOSED BY M/S IMPEX METAL & FERRO ALLOYS LIMITED, HELD ON 14.10.2011 AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE OF DWARIKA-GOSSAINPUR GRAM PANCHAYAT, DIST – BANKURA, WEST BENGAL**

M/S Impex Metal & Ferro Alloys Limited submitted an application to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board for conducting a Public Hearing for the proposed 4X9 MVA Ferro Alloy Plant and 2X300 TPD Sinter Plant at Mouza- Dwarika & Deuli, PS – Bishnupur, 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 from the MoEF, Govt. of India after conducting the Public Hearing.

Accordingly, West Bengal Pollution Control Board after observing all formalities, held the Public Hearing on 14.10.2011 at 11.00 A.M. at the Gram Panchayat Office of Dwarika-Gossainpur Gram Panchayat, Dist – Bankura, West Bengal. All the panel members were present in the hearing, Sri Amit Dutta, Additional District Magistrate, Bankura & Addl. Executive Officer, Bankura Zilla Parishad presided over the hearing. List of the panel members and the others present in the public hearing is enclosed.

The hearing started with a welcome note from Sri Sudip Bhattacharyya, Environmental Engineer, Durgapur Regional Office, WBPCB. He explained about the provisions of the above stated MoEF notification and also informed the audience about the draft proposal of M/S Impex Metal & Ferro Alloys Limited for the proposed 4X9 MVA Ferro Alloys Plant and 2x300 TPD Sinter Plant at Mouza- Dwarika & Deuli, Dist. – Bankkura.

Sri Amit Dutta, Additional District Magistrate, Bankura & Addl. Executive Officer, Bankura Zilla Parishad then requested the Project Proponent to explain in details about the proposed project for discussion among the panel members and others present in the hearing.

Sri Somdeep Ghosh, on behalf of M/S Impex Metal & Ferro Alloys Limited, narrated about the project details and the proposed pollution control devices through Power Point presentation emphasizing on the likely environmental impacts arising out of the same as well as the proposed pollution abatement measures to be taken by them. He has pointed out that a brief description has already been circulated among the people present at hearing. He has mentioned about their emission control proposal for each unit. He has also confirmed that the local people shall be consulted in each stage of the project and the industry is planning for initiating Corporate Social Responsibility programmes like development of local village roads and local areas, setting up of health checking camp, recreational activity including sports & games, development of local schools, plantation etc. He has also mentioned that they would generate employment for local people and take neighboring villagers into confidence in each stage of project.

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

Sri Pratap Chandra Bir of village Deuli welcomed the proposed project with all the commitments made by the PP during their presentation. He informed that they want the industry along with infrastructural support and employment for local people. He requested the PP to take initiative for development of local village roads and to arrange for sprinkling of water on the roads for dust suppression and also requested the PP to arrange for supply of drinking water for the local villagers.

Sk. Najrul of village Dwarika welcomed the upcoming project and supported the views expressed by Sri Pratap Chandra Bir. He also stressed upon regular operation of the Pollution control equipments and transportation of raw materials by covered trucks/ dumpers. He requested the PP to consider the local people for employment.

Sri Debdeep Basu and Sk. Rajat of Dwarika village welcomed the proposed project with implementation of all pollution control measures.

Sri Ajoy Roy, Dwarika village welcomed the proposed project, maintaining all Government rules, as it would benefit the socio-economic growth of this undeveloped locality by creating direct/indirect employment.

Sk. Rejaul of village Shyamsundarpur welcomed the upcoming project maintaining all Government rules and gave stress on local employment. He also requested the project proponent to initiate serious effort regarding extensive plantation in and around their unit

Sk. Sajahan and Sk. Rajiuddin of village Dwarika welcomed the project as it would benefit the socio-economic growth of the locality. They also emphasised on installation of proper pollution control equipments and their continuous operation

Sri Arun of Dwarika village welcomed the upcoming project. He, on behalf of the local villagers, also assured the PP to extend all necessary help and co-operation.

Sri Rahul Bari of Deuli village pointed out that the local agricultural fields and ponds/ water bodies are affected due to dust generated from other industries located nearby their village. He, however, welcomed the proposed project and requested the project proponent to ensure implementation of appropriate pollution control measures.

Sri Amit Dutta, ADM, Bankura & Addl. Executive Officer, Bankura Zilla Parishad requested officials of Impex Metal & Ferro Alloys Ltd. to respond to the different issues raised by the audience present in the public hearing.

Sri S. Bhattacharyya, Environmental Engineer Durgapur Regional Office, WBPCB described the potential of pollution from such industries and emphasized the need for installation of appropriate pollution control technologies.

Sri Binit Jain, Director of M/S Impex Metal & Ferro Alloys Ltd. appreciated the various issues expressed by different participants and welcomed their valued suggestions. He stated that the PP will address all the issues raised in the public hearing during finalizing the environmental management plan. He confirmed that their source of water would be River Dwarakeswar/ Rain water harvesting and they will not abstract ground water without prior permission from the competent authority. He further told that they will take all necessary measures to comply with the suggestions made in this public hearing. He also committed that the Corporate Social Responsibility program shall be taken up in consultation with the local administration.

Sri Amit Dutta, ADM, Bankura & Addl. Executive Officer, Bankura Zilla Parishad emphasized that all possible measures should be ensured by the PP towards the mitigation of all environmental problems and various issues raised by the people present in the hearing. He also pointed out that only Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) is not practical in the draught area like Bankura as the source of total quantity of water required for the project. He further requested the PP to incorporate proposal for extensive plantation programme, rain water harvesting and generation of new surface water storage facilities in the locality, in the final EIA report. He also mentioned that industry is required for the socio-economic development of the area and told that the project is welcomed only after incorporation of all the pollution control measures and corporate social responsibility programmes proposed by the PP. He assured the audience that the proceedings of this public hearing shall be duly forwarded to the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and further expressed his gratitude to the audience for their active participation in this public hearing procedure.

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Environmental Engineer,  
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